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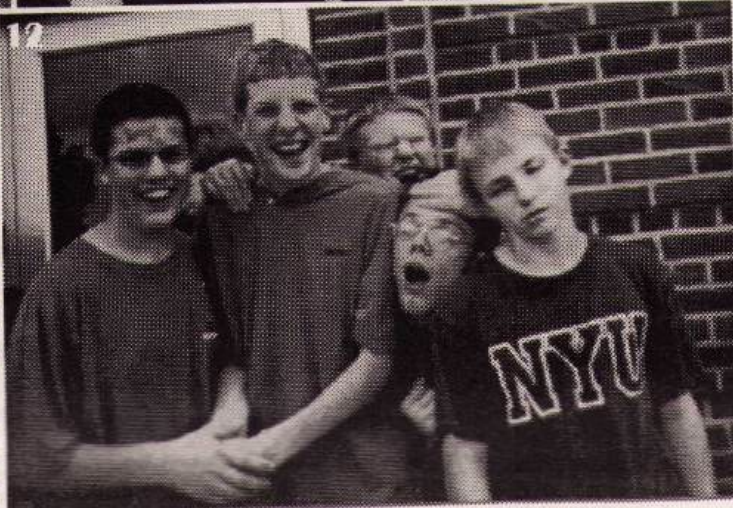
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Marion High School

OUT THE DOOR IN 2004



1) Josh Samuelson, John Likens, Ben Warren, Perry Clouse, Cameron Thomas, and Mark Stalnaker pose for a picture at their friend Seth Walter's 11th birthday party. 2) A large number of the eighth grade girls get together for a picture taken by Mr. Hoyt after the awards assembly. The girls got together and made white beaters for their last day of middle school. 3) Mrs. Ogelsby's kindergarden class, at Emerson, stares in awe at the volcano being made during a science experiment. 4) One of Mrs. Beahm's sixth grade classes bunch together for a group picture on one of their last days of school. 5) Many members in the class of 2004 will remember Emerson's third grade musical, "The Color Factory." Here are some of them during one of their large group songs. 6) On the last day of eighth grade, Mrs. Dodge's class gets together for a large group picture. The eighth graders were very excited to finally end their five long years at VMS. 7) Eric Steffes and Alex Sjulín smile for the camera on the eighth grade trip to Des Moines. 8) 2nd graders Melissa Albee, Amber Dull, Seth Walters, and Cameron Thomas prepare to line dance at halftime of one of the basketball games. 9) As a part of Living History Day, a group of students show off their characters from history in Mr. Thompkins class. 10) Mike McCue portrays Mary Lou Patterson during the eighth grade Living History Day. 11) A group of eighth graders get together for a picture at their last dance at Vernon Middle School. 12) Cameron Thomas, Zach Labs, Nathan Barkley, Perry Clouse, and Ben Shinrock goof off on the playground at VMS.



Face-Off Public vs Private Colleges



We've all been told that apart from choosing your future spouse, choosing a college is the most important decision you will make in your life. In Iowa, there are many choices of schools, ranging from small private colleges, to large state universities. Below are the opinions of two editors on the staff, stating their opinions.

By: Jenny Fager, Editor

Choosing a college is one of the biggest decisions you will make in your life. There are a variety of factors that influence your decision. Deciding between a state university and a private college really comes down to a matter of preference. Just because I am attending a state university doesn't mean I think they are better than private schools. Most people choose a college based on the field they want to enter, and certain colleges specialize in certain fields, public and private both. Therefore, I do not believe this topic is really debatable, but I will give you some of the pros to public schools. Just keep in mind that both kinds of schools can give you a great experience and education, but it all comes down to personal preference.

The main difference between state and private schools is how they are funded. State schools are government funded, keeping tuition and other costs a lot lower than those of private schools, which rely on the high tuition costs to keep them running. It is true that private schools can give out a lot of financial aid, but it isn't always a guarantee. Many of the big scholarships require competition, and for someone that may not have the highest ACT score or grades, there may not be that much financial aid. Many of those types of scholarships require you to keep a certain grade point average while you are in college, if you drop below that requirement, think of how much money you will end up paying.

While some people prefer the small class sizes of private schools, the larger sizes of public schools can actually be beneficial. If you go to a private school first, and then want to enter a graduate school, you will more than likely have to attend a public school. That new and different environment can be a real shock to people that have had the smaller learning environment of a private school. If you are planning on going to a graduate school of some sort, it may be a better option to start out at a public school so you can get used to that environment right away. With a larger school I think there are more opportunities to meet a lot of different people and have a lot of different opportunities. I think there is more school spirit and unity with the sports and activities.

At the larger state schools, I think you have to learn how to be more independent. With larger class sizes and campuses, you have to learn how to be more on your own. In the real world there won't be someone holding your hand all the time, and I think a public school helps you learn how to fend for yourself. In any kind of college setting you have to be really self-motivated, and I think public schools help you learn how to be more than private schools.

Whether you attend a community college, state or private school, there will be pros and cons. The main thing is to find a place that will make you happy, and help you form your future after college. There are many good state and private schools you can attend, so there isn't one that can be considered better than the other.

By: Sara McGrew, Editor

The time is coming. College is just on the horizon. Now you're faced with a big decision. Not only do you face the decision of choosing a major, but you also need to choose a school. My advice to you prospective college students is to choose the college that best suits you. Don't worry about money, because with the loans and grants that are available nowadays, college can be cheap. But for the sake of a debate, I'm going to argue about private colleges, and why I believe more students should attend them.

Okay, okay. I know what you're thinking. Why in the world would someone want to pay over \$20,000 a year to go to a private university? With a tuition like that, your debts would accumulate to over \$80,000 within four years! Well, let me give you a few of the pluses.

First off, the money issue. Private colleges are privately funded, which means they get next to nothing from the state. Which also means they are sitting on a ton of money from alumni and private benefactors. Nearly a hundred percent of all students that attend private colleges receive financial aid, in the form of academic, sports, and music scholarships, generous grants, and low-interest loans. When a student at a state university could get an academic scholarship for \$2500 a year, a student with the same grade point average, class rank, and ACT score could get an academic scholarship of about \$11,000 a year. Some argue that keeping an academic scholarship is difficult. But really, most of them require you to maintain 2.5 or 3.0 grade point average, which isn't very difficult. Obviously, if you're attending college, you know that classes are going to be harder.

Most private school students graduate in four years, while five or even six years is becoming the norm for students at many public/state universities. By graduating in four years, you'll save the cost of an additional year in college. If you enter the workforce, you will also benefit from an extra year of income.

Nextly, the classes. At many of the public/state universities, classes are taught by TA's (teacher assistants), not by the actual professors. You don't get one on one classtime with them. At private universities, the professors teach the classes, and the student to teacher ratio is way lower. Also, if you're the type of person who likes to ask questions, likes it when the teacher actually knows your name, and likes smaller class sizes, then private colleges are for you.

Whether you go to a private or state college, there will be school spirit, unity, and billions of activities to join. You'll learn to be independent while you live on your own or live in the dorms. No matter what you choose, your life is going to be changed forever by which college you attend. Whether its large or small, make sure you find the one that suits you. Just choose the place that best fits your needs, your learning abilities, and your future plans.

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All My Favorite Entertainment Stuff

By: Blake Hacker
Movies:

Back to the Future

Summary: First of all, I love this movie more than any other movie that will ever be. If you haven't already seen this movie, you are missing out and need to go see it. Marty McFly is the coolest kid in all of Hill Valley. One night, his friend Doc, a scientist, calls him up and tells him to get down to the Twin Pines Mall to do some TIME TRAVELING! Marty is accidentally sent back to the year 1955. All this stuff happens, making it the best movie of all time. Micheal J. Fox and Christopher Lloyd star in Back to the Future.

Did you know?: Micheal J. Fox wasn't the original Marty McFly. Eric Stoltz was filmed for a month as Marty, but it didn't work out and Micheal J. was hired.

I like: Every single thing in all three movies, especially the DeLorean.

I don't like: How long it took for these movies to make it to DVD format.

What to look for: The changes in 1985 that are made when Marty changes things in 1955.



Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas

Summary: Johnny Depp and Benicio del Toro star in one of the greatest movies of all time. It is based off of a Hunter S. Thompson article for Rolling Stone in the 70's about a trip to Las Vegas to find the "American Dream." Johnny Depp plays Duke, a journalist that is sent to write an article about a motor bike race, but instead indulges in about every up with

psychedelic drug there is. It is insane, funny, scary, and awesome.

Did you know?: Bill Murray starred in the first version of this film, it was called "Where the Buf-



falo Roam." for: There is a documentary on the special edition DVD that is pretty cool.

Flatliners



Summary: Kevin Bacon ruled the 80's. In this movie, Kevin Bacon, Keifer Sutherland, Oliver Platt, William Baldwin, and Julia Roberts all kill each other and then bring them selves back from the dead, just to see what happens. They start to notice that their sins are coming back to haunt them, and it gets freaky.

It is a scary movie with a lot of good actors that you should see.

Did you know?: Paige still hasn't seen this movie.

I like: The scary parts with the little scary boy.

I don't like: Watching this movie alone with no lights on.

What to look for: The dreams and what happens when they die.

Music: Tenacious D

Summary: This is the greatest album ever, ever. Jack Black and Kyle Gass are Tenacious D, this is their only full length studio album to date, and it is timeless. Dave Grohl backs them his outrageous drumming powers, making



falo Roam."

I like: Johnny Depp's straight on performance of Hunter S., it is perfect.

I don't like: When it is scary during the bad trips, Benicio freaks me out at some points.

What to look

them rock so hard. Songs like "Double Team," "Wonder Boy," and "Tribute," make me smile.

Did you know?: The D movie is on its way, written by the D and Liam Lynch.

I like: All of it, all of it.

I don't like: That it ends.

What to look for: The DVD called "The Complete Masterworks."

John Frusciante - Shadows Collide with People

Summary: This is my favorite recording of music of all time, so

you will see some biased statments in the following review. John

Frusciante may be better known as the guitar player for the Red Hot Chili Peppers, but he is also a song writer, and writes about 60% of



the Chili Peppers music. This is his newest album and his best, with Chad Smith on drums. It is much more clear and well produced than any of his other stuff. He shines as a songwriter and a solo singer.

Did you know?: There are 4 John Frusciante solo albums, the first one was realeased in the early 90's.

I like: Every song, especially the songs "Song to Sing When I'm Lonely," "Regret," "Carvel," and "This Cold."

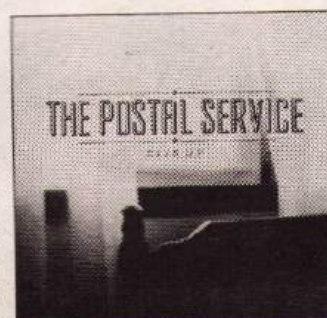
I don't like: That it gets over.

What to look for: Frusciante's other 3 solo albums, his most recent, To Record only Water for Ten Days, is probably the best of his three previous efforts.

The Postal Service - Give Up

Summary: The Postal Service is not a band made up of middle aged men in blue short shorts,

it is one of the best new bands from Seattle. This is their debut album and it is pretty cool. Mellow and lyrically awesome, from the first chorus in the first



song to the last, you can just kick back and listen to the great guitar work and melodies.

Did you know?: The Postal Service is under Sub Pop Records, which other bands like Nirvana started off on.

I like: The catchy first song called "The District Sleeps Alone."

I don't like: That this is only the debut, I want more.

What to listen for: The whole album kind of runs together, so just sit and take the whole things in at once.

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Shakespeare Would Be Proud

By: Seth Walters

Last summer, a group of MHS students went on a trip to London, England. During that trip they went to a play called *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare [abridged]*. One of the students viewing the play was senior Cameron Thomas. While viewing the production, Cameron was inspired and wanted to someday direct a play of such comedic proportion. Little did he know that that day would come quicker than he thought.

Cameron was chosen to direct the student run play this year, and it was none other than *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare [abridged]*. The casting situation wasn't too difficult since the play calls for three male actors and only three males auditioned. Ben Shinrock, Seth Walters, and Zach Labs were casted for the parts of Daniel Singer, Adam Long, and Jess Winfield. The

thing is, they wouldn't be calling themselves by their names in the script. On stage they were Ben, Seth and Zach.

The play was written to appear that the whole thing was being made up on the spot, or improvised for you smart people. The goal is to somehow act out all of Shakespeare's plays in one short evening. Sounds hard doesn't it? The first play performed in the production was *Romeo and Juliet*. You're probably wondering how you can perform *Romeo and Juliet* with only three actors? Well, they don't. They do it with two. Then they

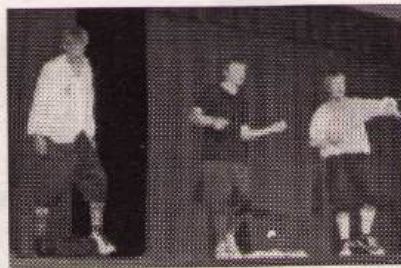
go on to perform the rest of the plays in various crazy ways.

When rehearsals started, the three actors were afraid that they weren't going to be able to handle it. After all, it is a play with only three parts. Ben was the only one of the three that had ever memo-



Ben and Seth performed all of the major roles in *Romeo and Juliet*. Ben played *Romeo* and Seth played *Juliet* just to name a few.

Zach, Ben, and Seth perform the "Othello" rap, in which they portrayed the story of *Othello* gangsta style.



rized lines before. Zach and Seth had no previous experience in theater. "I was sure that we were screwed," says Seth. Needless to say, lines were not memorized by the time set by the director, but they had it down in time for the show. "Seth didn't get his lines memorized until the week of the performance," says Ben. If you had the pleasure to sit in on one of the rehearsals, you would have laughed when Seth had to fetch his script for a line, and then you heard Cam yelling from the light booth.

When that Friday came along, the cast was ready. Everyone was in the auditorium at 5:30, except for Ben. "The only time Ben was on time for anything was when rehearsal was at his house," says Seth. Ben showed up at about 6:30, a half hour before the performance. People started taking their seats at about that time. There was only about 50 people both nights. The first night the crowd was very lively. They were laughing almost the whole time. The second night they were louder, but they didn't laugh as much. "This crowd was better than

last night but they don't understand all of the jokes," said Zach in response to the crowd on Saturday.

This play was one of the few plays that has audience participation. On Friday, Zach and Ben brought up senior Ben Remington on to the stage to act out a scene where he played Ophelia. Saturday they dragged former MHS student Taryn Hyduk, kicking and screaming, to play the same part that Remington did the night before. There was a little audience participation added to the show on Saturday when Seth threw a pie in DJ Engle's face. "That was the worst



The cast had a little more fun with the audience on Saturday. Seth through a pie in senior DJ Engle's face. DJ's response was, "You're dead Seth!"

tasting pie I have ever had," says DJ.

Overall, both nights were a success. The Thespians raised about \$120 to use for next years performances and equipment. It's a shame that there wasn't a bigger turnout. Hopefully with the success of this play, the reputation of the student run play will no longer be a bad one. It just goes to show that all you need for a good play is three funny guys and a crazy director.

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SEASON FOR SUCCESS

By: Perry Clouse

When describing this year's individual speech teams' accomplishments, outstanding would be an understatement. After three months, 900 miles, and numerous achievements, the 2004 speech season is finally over.

The teams' overall ratings consisted of 21 ratings of II, 44 ratings of I, 4 WaMaC Conference medals, and four All-State Speech medals. Junior Alisabeth Caraway was the single Marion High School student chosen to perform at this year's annual All-State Individual Speech Festival. Going to All-State is the single greatest honor a speech participant can receive, and Alisabeth went for both of her pieces. The two events she performed were: Acting piece "Was That Okay?" (which she and Coach Wake wrote one hour before her performance), and the Storytelling piece, "Mr. Fine, Porcupine." Although this is her first year of Individual Speech, she had additional dramatic and public speaking experience from Group Individual Speech, high school musicals, and working with the lo-

cal "Theater Cedar Rapids."

Alisabeth feels proud of her achievements saying "My All-State Individual Speech experience was one of the neatest and most fulfilling achievements in my lifetime." She continues stating "I would like to thank my speech coaches, Wake and Nekvinda, Ben Shinrock, and actor, Jim Carrey for teaching me everything I know about acting."

All the accomplishments and victories that the Marion speech team have seen this year, have labeled this season a success, and left everyone with something to be proud of.



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Honors Night at Marion High School was held on Thursday, May 20, 2004 at 7:00 PM. Congratulations to the following award winners.

US Army Scholar Athlete Awards	Tess Putnam, Ben Remington
US Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete & Scholastic Excellence Awards	Tess Putnam, Daniel Rhodes
Kiwanis Club Scholarship	Sarah Whited, Daniel Rhodes
10 Terrific Teens of Linn County	Chaz Beck
Medal of Merit	Tess Putnam, Amanda Smith, Heather Rowe
Iowa Bar Assoc Better American Citizenship Award	Tess Putnam
Mentzer Scholarships	Zach Labs, Jenny Fager
Justin Turner Memorial Scholarship	Kristina McCusker, Jessica Sauer
Citizens for Crowley Scholarship	Tess Putnam
Senninger Memorial Scholarship	
American Legion Post	Jessica Sauer
Trojan Lodge	Perry Clouse
American Legion Auxiliary	Bethany Godar
Sr Pauls Church Leola Clark Scholarship	Kristina McCusker
Marion Lodge #6 Scholarship	Perry Clouse, Ashley Spear
Marion Jaycees Scholarship	Chaz Beck
Marion Foundation Scholarships	
Kelly Grishaber Memorial Scholarship	Tess Putnam
Jeff Rehnstrom Memorial Scholarship	Perry Clouse
Mike McGrew Memorial Scholarship	Krysta Olinger
Ratliff-Ames Memorial Scholarships	Emily Gerald, Ben Shinrock, Tess Putnam, Sarah Whited
Jay White Memorial Scholarship	Jenny Fager
Todd Little Memorial Scholarship	Daniel Rhodes
Marion/East CR Rotary Scholarship	Daniel Rhodes
Fulbright Medallions for Achievement in Foreign Language	Danny Hocken, Joshua Samuelson, Jessica Sauer
MEA Rosa Rowen Memorial Scholarship	Jessica Sauer, Amanda Pflughaupt, Jill Wittkop, Jenny Fager
FBLA State Leadership Conference	Alisabeth Caraway, Tiffany Fangman, Heather Rowe, Laura Stulken, Clancy Quinn
Silver Cords for Volunteerism	Kristina Abbott, Melissa Albee, Moria Carson, Lydia Chadek, Perry Clouse, Crickett Coons, Amber Dull, Valerie Ellison, Zach Fuller, Shaina Gardner, Bethany Godar, Ashley Hanna, Rachel Hass, Nicole Ivers, Alicia Keiller, Nick Kelly, Jaclyn Klopfenstein, Jenny Kruk, Zach Labs, Philip Lala, Jennifer Lamphier, April Lewis, Liz Lnenicka, Sara McGrew, Hilary Meeks, Brittany Mohling, Krysta Olinger, Chris Page, Amand Pflughaupt, Megan Preston, Tess Putnam, Amanda Rheuport, Lindsay Reinhardt, Daniel Rhodes, Jessica Sauer, Amanda Smith, Ashley Spear, Melissa Steen, Cam Thomas, Heather Thomas, Samantha VanFossen, Amanda Van Meigham, Seth Walters, Sarah Whited, Justine Wignall, Jill Wittkop
Volunteer Award for Exemplary Service	Daniel Rhodes
Youth Leadership for 5 Seasons	Alisabeth Caraway, Jaimie DeLong, Jessica Knapp, Whitney Perkins, Nathan Young
National Council on Youth Leadership Participants	Chaz Beck, Angela Cannavo, Shaina Gardner, Jenny Fager, Keenan Gehman, Emily Gerald, Bethany Godar, Jena Hugg, Amber Jordan, Jaclyn Klopfenstein, Kristina McCusker, Megan Preston, Tess Putnam, Ben Remington, Sara Reynolds, Jessica Sauer, Amanda Smith, Sarah Whited, Jill Wittkop
National Council on Youth Leadership Scholarship	Daniel Hocken
Bausch & Lomb Science Awards	Ashley Cudworth, Ben Remington

Science and Math Awards	Chaz Beck, Angela Cannavo, Keenan Gehman, Bethany Godar, Danny Hocken, Amber Jordan, Thomas Murray, Tess Putnam, Ben Remington, Sarah Whited
WAMAC Art Competition Awards	Jacqueline Bannister, Kasey Bellach, Jodi Moore, Bryan Clark, Jenny Kruk
Career Academy Medalists	Melissa Steen, Krysta Olinger, Shelley Osborn, Nick Ehr, Josh Boots, Matthew Peiper, Tyson King
Mt Mercy College Art Scholarship	John Likens
Journalism Awards	Ashley Berry, Danny Hocken, Amanda Smith, Brock Holub, Kristina McCusker, Jenny Fager, Sara McGrew
Humanities/Social Sciences Award	Holly Grieder
Toyota Community Scholar	Daniel Rhodes
Drug Free Schools Awards	Chaz Beck, Lydia Chadek, Emily Gerald, Amber Jordan, Cari Laue, Tess Putnam, Jessica Sauer
Daughters of the American Revolution "Good Citizenship Award"	Tess Putnam
Des Moines Register Academic All State, MHS nominee	Tess Putnam
Governor's Scholar Recognition	Tess Putnam
Better Business Bureau Student of Integrity	Tess Putnam
Luther College Regents Scholarships	Angela Cannavo
Senninger Scholarship-Marion Lions Club	Krysta Olinger
Charles Coyle Scholarship	Jacob Corell
Miller Scholarship	Melissa Ellis
West CR Rotary Club Scholarship	Amanda Smith
Coe College Presidential Scholarship	Amanda Smith
Spellman Business Scholarship	Kirk Stout, Kara Hunter, Blake Long
VITAL Kirkwood Scholarship	Perry Clouse
Kirkwood College Leaders for Tomorrow Scholarship	Jonathan Chervek, Bruce Cox
IT Career Edge Scholarship	Sara Reynolds, Mary Soldner
Mt Mercy College Scholarships	Keenan Gehman, Amber Jordan
Iowa State University Scholarships	Christopher Page
University of Dubuque Honors Scholarship	Christopher Page
National Presbyterian Scholarship	Zach Fuller, Jennifer Lamphier
Central College Scholarships	Ben Remington
Weyerhaeuser Foundation Scholarship	Ben Remington
Grinnell College Honor Scholarship	Jessica Milbach
Sandy Kramer Scholarship	Alyssa Clark, Ashley Cudworth
Hills Bank and Trust Leadership Grants	Ben Remington
All USA High School Academic Team	Sarah Whited
Drake University Carpenter Scholarship	Megan Preston
Briar Cliff University Academic Scholarship	DJ Engle
Concordia College Leadership Award	Jessica Sauer
Czech Republic Homestay Program	Jill Wittkop
University of Northern Iowa Achievement Scholarships	Ben Shinrock, Jessica Sauer, Dan Rhodes, Krysta Olinger, Jenny Fager, Sheila Lehrman
Butler University Academic Scholarship	Bethany Godar
Outstanding Student Leader	Sarah Whited
Academic Honors Program	Chaz Beck, Angela Cannavo, Perry Clouse, Jenny Fager, Keenan Gehman, Emily Gerald, Bethany Godar, Danny Hocken, Amber Jordan, Jennifer Kruk, Zachary Labs, Sara McGrew, Tess Putnam, Sara Reynolds, Jessica Sauer, Ben Shinrock, Amanda Smith, Sarah Whited
Bernie Saggau Award	Kristina McCusker
Wendy's Heisman Award	Ben Remington, Tess Putnam
Iowa American Legion Girls State	Alisabeth Caraway
Iowa American Legion Boys State	Nathan Young
State of Iowa Scholars	Keenan Gehman, Bethany Godar, Amber Jordan, Jessica Sauer, Sarah Whited
Senior Class Top 10	Angela Cannavo, Keenan Gehman, Emily Gerald, Bethany Godar, Amber Jordan, Tess Putnam, Ben Remington, Jessica Sauer, Ben Shinrock, Sarah Whited, Jill Wittkop
KWWL - Best of the Class	Sarah Whited
NHS Initiates	Megan Anderson, Andrew Barnd, Perry Clouse, Nicole Cox, Eric Dhooge, Ashley Evans, Emily Gerald, Anna Hauskins, Amber Howe, Tara Huber, Kailee Jordan, Ben Koppendryer, Zach Labs, Bill Law, Katie Lawson, Shawna Leonard, Drew Martin, Ben Messerli, Andrea Podoll, Brady Quinn, Clancy Quinn, Dan Rhodes, Krisanne Ryther, Bailey Schindler, Ashley Sperry, Laura Stulken, Cassie Sweeney, K'lissa Tope, Sarah Young
National Honor Society Scholarships	Tess Putnam, Ben Remington, Sara Reynolds, and Sarah Whited.



Amanda Smith, Heather Rowe, and Tess Putnam were recognized as 3 of the area's 10 Terrific Teens.



One of Bethany Godar's awards was a scholarship for the American Legion Auxiliary.



Mrs. Thilges congratulates Melissa Steen and Shelley Osborn as two of the first graduates of the Graphic Arts Career Academy.



With Mr. Hobbs presenting, Ben Shinrock receives his medal for being a part of the Senior Top 10.



During NHS practice before Honors Night, current members watch as Megan Anderson practices receiving her membership pin from Keenan Gehman.

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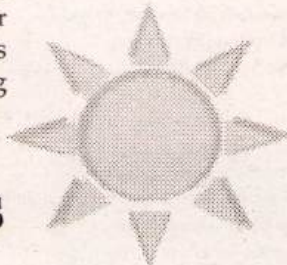
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FUN IN THE SUN

By: Ashley Evans and Nicole Cox

What comes to mind when you think of summer? The beach, friends, or a summer job? Even though it's not quite here yet, students at MHS are making some big plans for the best and longest break of the year. Most are taking trips, from Africa to Florida or the Wisconsin Dells. Others are finding time to get a job to make extra money over vacation. Some are just planning on hanging out with friends or family. Here's what some Marion students are planning on doing this summer:



Cash, Money, Dollars

By: Dane Anderson

Summer vacation is a time that most students associate with kicking back at the beach and relaxing with your friends. At the same time, however, kids also need to make a little bit of money to fund their summertime activities or to save for college.

Students like Andrew Barnd and Nicole Cox work the traditional student jobs, such as their's at Fareway. At the same time, there are a lot of students at our school that work jobs over the summer considered somewhat out of the ordinary. For example, Bryan Clark roofs houses alongside Mr. Weisinger, Mr. Bates, Mr. Bailey, and his dad, Mr. Clark. Bryan relishes the opportunity to work with these distinguished men over the summer. "They each have a lot of wisdom they can share, especially Mr. Bailey with his story of the 100 dollar hot dog," says Bryan. Holly Grieder works at Linn Mar painting the walls of the school, and Jamie Offerman works for the Marion Water Department. He does everything from painting fire hydrants to mowing lawns.

Some students work two jobs over the summer to make extra cash. Jill Wittkop works at Tastee Freeze and Michael's to save up money for college. Seth Walters gets up early every morning of his summer to deliver the Gazette to readers on four routes around the Marion/Cedar Rapids area. He also works as a lifeguard. Val Crutchley works at John Wilson's Sports and does random lawn mowing jobs.

From none to many jobs, what students do for spending money over the summer has one point: to have fun, with making money coming second.

Straight Out of the Garage

By: Seth Walters

American Idol is currently the most watched TV show in America. It's a show where thousands of Americans with dreams of being famous try out for a chance to be a big star. In the end, only one person walks away with a record deal. Everyone else walks home with tears in their eyes and a frown on their face. If these people ever want a chance at stardom, they're going to have to work for it. Not everyone is lucky enough to "win" a record deal.

Other people have more than just the talent to sing. These people are in what we like to call "garage bands." Bands that are not popular or don't even have a record deal are "garage bands." Back in the 80's, if you were in a heavy metal "garage band" and had a singer that could

sing well in falsetto, you could get a record deal. But it isn't the 80's any more. Record deals are getting harder and harder to get. "Garage bands" are stuck in their garages or basements playing mostly other people's music and maybe some of their own "original" tunes.

Marion High School doesn't have a lot a "garage bands," but we do have a few. "His Leading Lady" is a "garage band" that consists of sophomores Keely Carson, Eric D'Hooge, Patrick Doubet, and Brian Heath. You could say that they are an alternative rock/punk "garage band." They have been together for 5 months and try to practice once a week in Eric's basement.

They got together when they were all sitting around and Keely proposed the idea of starting a band. They all thought it was a good idea. Keeley plays lead guitar,



Brian plays bass guitar, Patrick plays rhythm guitar, and Eric plays drums. They don't really sing at this point; they are focusing on the music first. They have two original songs and play covers from bands like Green Day, Nirvana, and Tenacious D. Keely would like to leave us with a bit of advice to any one who wants to start a band: "Starting a band isn't always as fun or as easy as most people think it would be. It's a lot of hard work, and you just have to keep trying your hardest to pull everything together. It's always fun to say you're in a band."



Matt Horine- "Go to South Carolina for a month by myself, play golf, and hang out with the wife."

John Likens- "Going to Philly with Dane to see Finch."

Eric D'Hooge- "Work at the YMCA as a lifeguard, and I think I'm going to detassle."

Ashley Cory- "Working, going to Florida, and hanging out with my boy."

Anna Hauskins- "Go on lots of trips."

Jaimie DeLong- "Going to a Cub's game, Florida, Wisconsin Dells, and a bunch of cheerleading."

Heather Mock- "Going to Texas with the fam."

Bryan Clark- "Football, and I'm roofing houses."

B.J. Goldsberry- "Go to Derek's house and eat food."

Brittany Ivey- "Going to the beach a lot."

Brittany Weisinger and Leslie Coffman- "Lots of softball."

Ashley Brown- "Going to Six Flags so I can scare the crap out of myself on all the roller coasters."

Amy Baul- "Work at Maurices all summer."

Emily Beadle- "Dance and volleyball camp. I'm also detassling."

Alysha Cornelius- "I really am going to Africa."

Joe Samuelson- "I'm getting a job at Tan World."

Bill Law- "Working out and going to Michigan."

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Against All Odds

By: Drew Martin

For most wrestlers the season ended after State, but for two Marion wrestlers, the season kept going. On April 7, Joey Swanson and Jon Trumpold participated in the Cadet/Senior Freestyle Wrestling Tournament in Las Vegas to have different competition and get more experience. This wrestling tournament is one of the top tournaments in the nation for wrestlers.

The wrestling tournament was three days long. Joey won his first two matches from tech falls. In freestyle,

a technical fall means that you have won by 10 points. The first match he won 12-0 and the second 13-3, but he lost his last two matches. "It was a fun experience, and it was nice to have new competition from different states,"



Joey said. Jon ended up winning one of his matches and losing two. The first match Jon won 14-10. The last two matches Jon lost from technical falls. "Even though I didn't win the tournament, I still

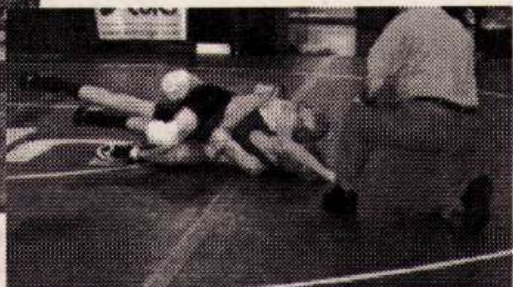
had fun watching all the big named wrestlers, like Cael Sanderson, get beat."

So what is the difference between freestyle wrestling and high school wrestling? The main difference is the number of points earned per move. For example, in free style wrestling, a take down is worth one point, but in high school wrestling it is worth two. In freestyle you are allowed to pick up your opponent and throw them on their head for five points, whereas in any other match you would get disqualified for doing so.

In Las Vegas, these students tried their hardest while getting new competition and more experience to further improve their wrestling skills.



Joey Swanson wrestles his opponent while in Las Vegas.



Teacher of the Year

By: Hilary Meeks

When Mrs. Gaffney Paige walked in to the teachers lounge Tuesday, May 5. She was expecting to be part of a faculty picture. Instead, she found out that she had been nominated for Sam's/Wal-Mart teacher of the year for the Linn County area. Not only was she nominated for this award, but she won, unanimously chosen by the Sam's store staff. This award included a \$1000 check to be used for text books, reading books, or anything else for her classroom that is English related. Mrs. Gaffney-Paige learned that she was nominated by an anonymous student at the Sam's store location in Cedar Rapids. This just confirmed what all of us

already know- that she is a caring, outstanding teacher and coach that has touched everyone around her.

"I was completely humbled and honored to be recognized as an outstanding teacher. It really touched my heart. I feel blessed to be surrounded by such great faculty, administration, and students."



Mrs. Gaffney Paige reacts to receiving a check for \$1000.

Leading and Achieving

By: Nicole Cox and Ashley Evans

Lead, Achieve, Succeed. To the average student, these words mean nothing, but to the Future Business Leaders of America, these are words that take you through to the end.

On April 2, 27 FBLA members attended the annual State Conference. They competed against different chapters from across the state. All attendees participated in sessions that included taking tests, speaking or debating,

and even drawing. This earned their school points and gave them the chance to be state champions. This was the first year Marion placed first in any event. Alisabeth Caraway received a first place trophy for her speaking skills while partners Heather Rowe and Tiffany Fangmann took home the gold in Business Graphics. Laura Stulken placed fourth in Business Calculations. Clancy Quinn placed fifth in

Intro to Business.

After a long day of testing, FBLA members attended a formal banquet. Following was a hypnotist and a dance. The next day, tests continued leading up to the awards ceremony.

All the participation payed off when they received third place in the Total Chapter Member category.

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Sophomore FBLA member Ashley Evans sings "I Will Always Love you" while hypnotized.



Hypnotized, Heather Rowe plays the piano upside down at the FBLA conference.



FBLA president Alisabeth Caraway gives her first place trophy for public speaking to advisors Mr. Fruehling and Mr. Laube.

CONGRATS

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Dane Anderson	University of Northern Iowa
Robert Bannister.....	Working
Nathan Barkley	Kirkwood Community College
Audrey Beadle	Kirkwood Community College
Chaz Beck.....	Iowa State University
Ashley Berry.....	University of Northern Iowa
Brett Blofield.....	Coe College
Jamie Bolsinger	West Brooke College (Texas)
Sarah Bolyard	Kirkwood Community College
Derek Buitron	Navy
Zach Busenbark.....	Kirkwood Community College
Angela Cannavo.....	Iowa State University
Nick Carr.....	Navy
Moria Carson.....	Kirkwood Community College
Meggan Carter.....	University of Northern Iowa
Quinn Casey.....	Working
Lydia Chadek.....	Mount Mercy College
Jon Chervek.....	Undecided
Perry Clouse	Kirkwood Community College
Crickett Coons.....	Central College
Jake Corell.....	Iowa Wesleyan College
Bruce Cox.....	Kirkwood Community College
Adam Crowell.....	Kirkwood Community College
Joe Derby	Kirkwood Community College
Amber Dull.....	Cornerstone University (Michigan)
Nick Ehr	Kirkwood Community College
Melissa Ellis	Kirkwood Community College
Valerie Ellison.....	Kirkwood Community College
DJ Engle	Concordia University (Nebraska)
Jennifer Fager	University of Northern Iowa
Michael Finch	Undecided
Brian Eiben.....	Navy
Shannon Fox.....	Kirkwood Community College
Zachary Fuller	Central College
Shaina Gardner	University of Iowa
Keenan Gehman.....	Iowa State University
Emily Gerald.....	Iowa State University
Bethany Godar	Butler University
Cory Hagen.....	Iowa State University
Jennifer Hamlett.....	Kirkwood Community College
Ashley Hanna.....	University of Iowa
Rachel Hass	Kirkwood Community College
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Jessica Hennessey.....	Kirkwood Community College
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Brock Holub.....	Kirkwood Community College
Andrew Huffman.....	Mount Mercy College
Jena Hugg	Mount Mercy College
Kara Hunter.....	Kirkwood Community College
Nicole Ivers.....	University of Northern Iowa
Mitchell James.....	Iowa State University
Sarah Jarmon	Coe College
Amber Jordan	Iowa State University
Janina Jung.....	Home
Brett Kane.....	Kirkwood Community College/working
Alicia Keiller	University of Northern Iowa
Nick Kelly.....	Kirkwood Community College
Matthew Klingler.....	Kirkwood Community College
Jaclyn Klopfenstein.....	Iowa State University
Jennifer Kruk	Iowa State University
Zachary Labs.....	Kirkwood Community College
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Jennifer Lamphier.....	Central College
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Sheila Lehrman	Kirkwood Community College

April Lewis.....	Brooks Institute for Photography
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Jonathan Matias.....	Kirkwood Community College
Michael McCue.....	Kirkwood Community College
Kristina McCusker.....	Clarke College
Sara McGrew.....	Wartburg College
Matt McVeigh.....	Saint Ambrose University
Hilary Meeks.....	University of Northern Iowa
Jessica Milbach.....	Kirkwood Community College
Mindy Mitchell.....	Undecided
Brittany Mohling.....	Mount Mercy College
Maxwell Molidor.....	Kirkwood Community College
Thomas Murray.....	Wartburg College
Jefford Ng.....	Home
James Offerman.....	Kirkwood Community College
Krysta Olinger.....	University of Northern Iowa
Shelley Osborn.....	Iowa State University
Heather Ottaway.....	Undecided
Christopher Page.....	University of Dubuque
Adrianna Pategas.....	Indian Hills Community College
Amanda Pflughaupt.....	University of Northern Iowa
Jessie Philip.....	Kirkwood Community College
Megan Preston.....	Briar Cliff University
Tess Putnam.....	Luther College
Lindsey Reinhardt.....	Loras College
Benjamin Remington.....	Grinnell College
Leo Rey.....	Home
Sara Reynolds.....	Mount Mercy College
Amanda Rheuport.....	Warner Southern College (Florida)
Daniel Rhodes.....	University of Northern Iowa
Ivan Sablin.....	Home
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Jessica Sauer.....	University of Northern Iowa
Nikki Schaul.....	Kirkwood Community College
Anna Servey.....	Kirkwood Community College
Benjamin Shinrock.....	University of Northern Iowa
Alex Sjulín.....	Kirkwood Community College
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Ashley Smith.....	Undecided
Shawn Smith.....	Working
Mary Soldner.....	Mount Mercy College
Ashley Spear.....	Luther College
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Melissa Steen.....	Kirkwood Community College
Eric Steffes.....	Simpson College/Apprenticeship
Kirk Stout.....	Kirkwood Community College
Holly Swierk.....	Kirkwood Community College
Cameron Thomas.....	Kirkwood Community College
Heather Thomas.....	Waldorf College
Shawn Thomas.....	Luther College
David Thomsen.....	Air Force
Kara Toms.....	Kirkwood Community College
K'issa Tope.....	University of Northern Iowa
Chad Turner.....	University of Dubuque
Samantha Van Fossen.....	Kirkwood Community College
Amanda Van Meighem.....	Iowa State University
Miles Wahe.....	Kirkwood Community College/Mount Mercy College
Seth Walters.....	Iowa State University
Amelia Warner.....	Kirkwood Community College
Dex Wehrle.....	Working
Sarah Whited.....	Drake University
Justine Wignall.....	Kirkwood Community College
Jill Wittkop.....	University of Northern Iowa
Brandon Young.....	Kirkwood Community College

CALLS OF 04

A Tribute to Friends

By: Kristina McCusker

You know them as Rachel Green, Monica Geller-Bing, Phoebe Buffay, Joey Tribbiani, Chandler Bing, and Ross Geller. They have always been there when you turned on the T.V. *Friends* focuses on the friendship of three men and three women who frequently gather together at each other's apartments along with sharing sofa space at Greenwich Village's "Central Perk" coffeehouse in New York City. Monica Geller-Bing (Cox-Arquette) is a chef with an obsession for neatness and order in her life. She is also married to Chandler Bing (Perry), a dry wit who is never at a loss for words. Chandler's longtime roommate Joey Tribbiani (LeBlanc), a womanizing actor currently on the soap opera "Days of Our Lives," and Rachel Green (Aniston), Monica's best friend from high school.

Across the alley from Monica and Chandler is Monica's hapless brother Ross Geller (Schwimmer), a paleontology professor who has been divorced three times including once from Rachel. Although Rachel is no longer romantically involved with Ross, they still share the responsibility of raising their newborn daughter, Emma. And rounding off the circle of friends is Monica's ex-roommate, Phoebe Buffay (Kudrow), an offbeat, eternally optimistic folk singer and massage therapist.

The final season finale for Season 10 of *Friends* was aired on May 6th, 2004. These six friends are going to be missed dearly by everyone.

Previous Season Finales

- Season 1: "The One Where Rachel Finds Out"
- Season 2: "The One With Barry and Mindy's Wedding"
- Season 3: "The One at the Beach"
- Season 4: "The One with Ross's Wedding, Parts I and II"
- Season 5: "The One in Vegas, Parts I and II"
- Season 6: "The One with the Proposal, Parts I and II"
- Season 7: "The One with Monica and Chandler's Wedding, Parts I and II"
- Season 8: "The One Where Rachel Has A Baby"
- Season 9: "The One in Barbados, Parts I and II"

Random Facts About the Show:

1. None of the main characters on *Friends*, tried out for their original part in the series, except Lisa Kudrow who actually did try out for Phoebe Buffay. Also nobody tried out for the part of Ross Gellar.
2. In the first couple of episodes, Chandler and Joey's apartment was #4, and Monica and Rachel's #5. However, in later episodes, they are 19 and 20.
3. The artwork in Central Perk is changed every three episodes.
4. Paul Swain, the Electrical Best Boy, draws the art on the Magna-doodle board hanging on the back of Joey and Chandler's front door. Sometimes he does drawings at the writers request or that relates to the episode, otherwise, the doodle is usually an inside joke with the crew.
5. The show goes through 32 pots of coffee on show day and over 100 cases of water.
6. Phoebe has performed over 25 original songs on the show since the first season.
7. 30,000 feet of film is used to tape one episode of *Friends*.
8. Phoebe's pregnancy became a plot line in the show because Lisa Kudrow was actually pregnant at the time.
9. *Friends* has received more Emmy and Golden Globe nominations than any show currently on air today since their official air date on September 22, 1994.



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So Where Are They Now?

Jennifer Aniston: Today, you can usually find her watching old taped episodes of *Friends* in her Beverly Hills Mansion. *Friends* has been a show that she has worked on for ten years as she joked around with the costars and eventually grew to know and love them. They have become what some people might think of as a second family. Just thinking or even seeing an episode of the TV show, Aniston breaks down crying. "I didn't think it would be this heart wrenching and sad," commented Aniston. "I loved *Friends* so much, I don't know how you follow that act."



David Schwimmer: At 37, Schwimmer has been in two three-year relationships and even rumored to have been engaged twice, the star recently split up with the latest long-time girlfriend, Playboy model Carla Alapont.



Courtney Cox: Despite many miscarriages, Cox is determined to become a mother. Her wish has finally come true to her and her husband, David Arquette, 32. The glowing actress, 39, is due in the summer. Cox is not only anxious for the new addition, but she is also having fun with *Mix It Up* - the home-improvement show she's producing with David.

Matthew Perry: The 34-year old actor admitted, "*Friends* has been 10 years of my life, and these people are family." Even though he is sad that he's leaving *Friends* behind, he is continuing with life by making publicity rounds for his new movie "The Whole Ten Yards" and staying clean of drugs and alcohol.



Lisa Kudrow: Lisa has said that her experience with *Friends* has been the greatest years of her life. But she has to come to the understanding that it's done with, it's over. So she has moved on and today is producing a new sitcom starring Aisha Tyler, the girl who played a girlfriend of two of the guys on *Friends*. Kudrow has been staying busy with her husband, Michel, and her 5-year old son Julian, along with starting a novel that she's been waiting to write for a while now.

Matt LeBlanc: Life has been very busy for Matt LeBlanc. He's preparing to launch his new sitcom, to lose weight and he's just become a dad. *Joey*, the name of his new sitcom is scheduled to debut in August during the convened *Friends* spot.



DANCE DANCE REVOLUTION

By: DJ Engle

For most people video games are usually played sitting down in a chair. For four seniors at our school, video games have a brand new meaning. The four seniors are Brett Blofield, Bruce Cox, Chris Page, and Josh Samuelson. The game that changed their ways is called Dance Dance Revolution. DDR is a very simple game that appeared in Japan in October 1998 and since then there have been seven different copies of the game.

"The game is very addicting and it gets me into shape," says Chris Page. It was brought to the states as an arcade game. Brett Blofield saw



the game at a video game store and knew the game was a hit in Japan, so he went and bought it. Bruce, Chris, and Josh played at Brett's house and liked it. They found out that Planet-X in Cedar Rapids had the game and they started playing it there. "Most people are too ignorant to try and play, but if they tried they would like it and be addicted as well," said Bruce Cox.

The player stands on a pad in front of a main unit or screen. There are four arrows that have cardinal directions on which the player can step. Af-



Josh and Chris wait for the dancing to begin at Planet-X.

Senior Chris Page plays DDR against Josh Samuelson.

Josh performs a basic dance move to receive a rating of either "GREAT" or "PERFECT."

Chris steps on the lighted arrow to do one of the dance steps necessary to beat the game.



ter the end of the song you are given an evaluation of your performance. The accuracy of your steps which is graded from best to worst. The rating are as follows "E" for worst, all the way up "AAA" which is perfect. While you are dancing the screen will say how you are doing as a "MISS," "BOO," "GOOD," "GREAT," or "PERFECT."

The game and accessories can be very costly. The game itself costs fifty dollars if you buy it new. The game is played with a pad that has the direction you need to dance. There are two different kinds of pads. Soft pads costs anywhere from twenty dollars to forty dollars. The



metal pads are more expensive ranging anywhere from one hundred to three hundred dollars. If you know that you're going to play a lot you should invest in a hard pad but you should first buy a soft one.

Brett Blofield was quoted saying "It's DDRlicious." You not only have to have the money to pay for the game you also need some self-confidence. So if you are ever bored and are trying to find something new to do, you can always go out and play Dance Dance Revolution!

Paintball Phenomenon

By: Clancy Quinn

The fun, the excitement, the thrills of shooting your opponent. No, it's not hunting or the army: it's paintball. "I paintball because it's fun and exciting," says sophomore Zach Blazek. These are just some of the reasons people paintball.

In the past few months the "paintball bug" has hit the students of Marion High School. It is the latest craze. A group of students meet in a wooded area that they use as a paintball obstacle course. They decide which team each person is going to be on. After the teams are decided, one team goes out into the wilderness to hide. The people hiding yell "GAME ON!" to tell the hunters they are ready. After the game is called, war begins with the hunters chasing down and shooting the people hiding. If you get shot, you are out of the game until the next round. Eric Hanna likes the

part of paintballing where you get to shoot your opponent. "I like it because I

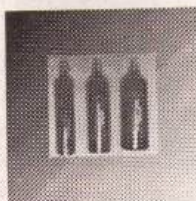
get to shoot people because I'm crazy!" he says.



Mask: \$25 - \$35



Paintballs: \$30 - \$40



CO2 Tanks: \$15 - \$20



Paintball Gun: \$75 - \$400

It can get expensive buying all of your own paintball gear, but you can find most of it for under \$100. The gear includes paintball gun, CO2 tank, paintballs, and a mask. The CO2 tank is where you get the power to shoot the paintballs. They can cost anywhere from \$15 - \$20 depending on what size you get. Paintball guns usually depend on what kind and quality you get. They can run anywhere from \$75 to over \$400. If you are going to paintball, safety is always first, which is where the mask comes in. A mask protects your face from getting shot. They cost about \$25.

Paintball gives students something to do on any given day. It could be cold, hot, rainy, or any kind of weather, and it would still just be as fun. Next time you're just sitting around at home with nothing to do, grab some paintball gear and have some fun!

Midnight In Paris



Juniors Josh Immerfall and Kody Blazek dance to "The Train" by the Quad City DJ's.



Jeremy Allen and Jaclyn Klopfenstein enjoy a slow dance during prom.



The senior girls group together for a picture. Many of the classes get group pictures at prom, and buy them for a keepsake from the evening.

By: Holly Grieder

Midnight in Paris, the theme for prom this year, ended up being a unique and fun theme. There were many props including a 17-foot replica of the Eiffel Tower. The junior class had to work very hard on this task. They started after school on the Thursday before prom and worked until nine o'clock that night. Then the next morning the got to school only to realize they were going to have a very full day ahead of them, and worked into the night. Even though at times it might not have seemed like it was going to get done, they pulled it off and it great for the big night.

The decorations and theme set a fun mood for prom, which everyone seemed to enjoy. Despite the extremely high temperature on the dance floor there were many couples and

singles dancing, probably because the DJ was one of the best Marion has seen in awhile. He seemed to play a variety of songs, not just one genre.

Dancing can get tiresome, especially in the poufy ballgowns many girls were wearing this year. There were also a lot of straight classy dresses seen. Anything went, which the way it should be. As for the boys any and every tux style seemed to be present. There were everything from cowboy hats to boulder hats, and there was every vest color under the sun.

After all the work the junior class put into prom, and the work that the attendees put into it to get ready for the big night, it was a big success and everyone had a great time.



The seniors dance in a circle while the DJ played the last song at the dance. It's a tradition for the last song at prom to be dedicated to the seniors. This year, the song was "Lean On Me."



Senior Dane Anderson and junior Niki Kiburz discuss what pose they want for their picture. This year, Portraits Unlimited did the pictures for prom. Everyone agreed they did a fantastic job.



A group of juniors participate during the dance. For many of the juniors, this was their first experience at prom.

Junior class president, Nathan Young, escorts his date, Jessica Ogburn, during the Grand March.



Budget Prom 2004

By: Cameron Thomas

How much money did you spend on prom? \$300? \$500? More? Well, this year journalism put me in charge of doing something special, planning a budget prom. The budget was \$100. Did I do it? Yes, with change to spare. I spent a total of \$95. The budget included tux, dress, flowers, and dinner. Prom tickets were \$20. The tux was an old chamber choir tux that Mrs. Freese let me borrow, because chamber choir doesn't use them anymore, and it was free. Then we went in search for a dress at Goodwill, knowing that we didn't have the money for a new dress, but we couldn't find one we liked. After that, we went to Curtain Call, a consignment store on Blairs Ferry Rd., and found a plain, white, formal dress for only \$32. The

flowers, complete with fiber optics, ordered from Seth Walter's uncle, who works at a flower shop in Oelwein, were \$30. Finally, the dinner, \$13 at The Starlight. There were a few other expenses that I did not have to include, like pictures and post prom, which would have brought up the total a little, but we did not feel the need to include these things.

It was a little challenging to stay under budget, because in the past I could spend whatever I wanted. What threw me of this year was prom tickets. \$20 for two!? So, I saved money by eating less. Other than that, it wasn't too bad. In the end I had a little money left over and used it to buy top-of-the-line flowers, complete with fiber optics. I also have to point out that my vintage 70's yellow frilly tux shirt (borrowed from the costume room) rocked!

The night was fun and very long, but yet very rewarding. Just to know that I only spent \$100 on prom this year was nice, because all that money I saved can go toward fixing my flat tire.



Cameron Thomas tries on his tuxedo he borrowed from the band and choir department.



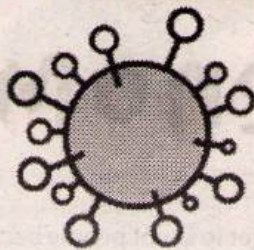
Molly Kelley and Cameron Thomas walk down the path during the Grand March before prom.



Molly Kelley sips on her soda at The Starlight, the restaurant her and Cameron attended on prom night. The two only spent \$13 on dinner.

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Sophomore Andrea Podoll clears a hurdle during the 400 meter hurdles. This race is considered by many to be one of the most demanding and intense of all track events.

Clearing Obstacles

By: Kristina McCusker

The time and effort that has been put in during the pre-season of track and field, has been paying off for the girls track and field team! Every girl has worked hard and has become both physically and mentally prepared for their races and/or events.

The distance runners have really been standing out this season. Many of the distance runners are returning from last year and have a state cross country meet appearance in their background. By staying healthy and becoming stronger, the distance runners are athletes that endure pain and most of all, never complain.

The distance runners that have been standing out the most are junior Valerie Crutchley and

freshman newcomer Alicia Zanzie. These girls have put in a lot of time and effort and are improving greatly. One of Crutchley's goals toward the end of the season is to qualify again for the state track meet where she could earn a medal.

But Crutchley and Zanzie aren't the only girls who make up the track team, let alone the distance runners. There are many more who put a lot of time and effort into the sport. The girls have been working hard and have preparing for the post season since the beginning. All the hard work paid off as the state qualifiers placed in two events. Crutchley placed 4th in the 3000 M run, and Sara Reynolds placed 5th in the high jump with a leap of 5'2".

Making Strides

By: Dane Anderson

This season, the Marion Boys Track Team faces a new challenge. Late last spring, the Iowa High School Athletic Association approved a change in state meet qualifying from a time performance based system that carried on throughout the year to a district meet. In the district meet, the top three places in each event advance to state. The assignments have come out, and it's no big surprise that Marion was placed in a district with stiff competition. "It looks like we will be in a strong district, so we will have to work hard to have success," stated coach Immerfall.

With the system used in the past, the top 24 times from across the state in each class are submitted by coaches throughout the year. The problem with this system, in the eyes of the IAHSAA, was that athletes could qualify in multiple events. For example, if a distance runner ran the mile, the two mile, and the open 800, as

well as the 4x800 meter relay, and qualified in all four, he could only run in three of the



Senior Dustin Henderson strides for home during his leg of the medley relay. Dustin is part of the relay which will be competing at the state track meet May 28-29.

events at state. This situation would leave empty lanes on the track, and that poses a problem for organization and running a smooth state meet.

Districts fixes that problem. With the district

meet, it all comes down to one day. At the meet, the top three place winners in each event advance out to state. There are obviously some flaws with this system. If a runner gets injured or gets sick the day of or the day before districts, their whole season is basically down the drain. Marion distance runner Carl Todd had this to say: "You only have one night to stress about, which is good. The bad is that if you're sick, your chances of getting to state are zilch. Also if you have a tough district like ours, you have an even slimmer chance."

Districts will be held at Xavier High School on Friday, May 14th. The teams participating are Marion, Anamosa, Central Dewitt, Western Dubuque, Maquoketa, Vinton Shellsburg, Dubuque Wahlert, and Xavier.

Making Goals

In the past the boys' soccer team has not been very successful, but this year some people believe that will change. Some think this season will be a year of rebuilding for the team. The team is led by a new head coach, Craig Foote, and a new assistant coach, Scott Burgess.

Coach Foote has been coaching high school athletics for over ten years at various schools. This is Foote's fourth year as a soccer coach, but his first here at Marion. Coach Foote's goals for the team are to develop a work ethic, demonstrate good sportsmanship, and to compete to the best of their ability. "We have a young team this year, the majority of whom are freshmen and sophomores. Some people may describe this as a rebuilding year. However, we do have a core group of experienced players. If we

work hard I think we may surprise some people," says Foote of his team. Not only does Coach Foote coach soccer here at Marion, but he also coaches the freshmen boys' basketball team.

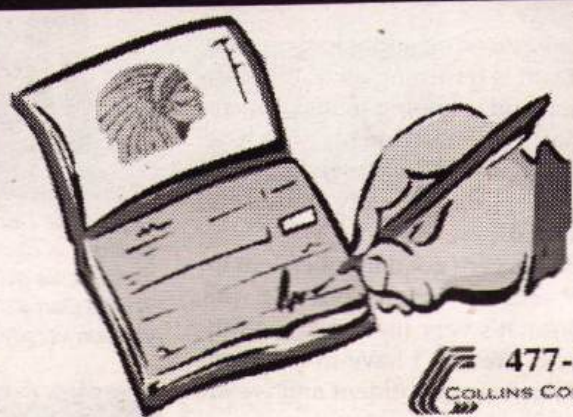
Coach Foote currently teaches History, Government, and Psychology at Cedar Valley Christain School, and also teaches Drivers Education at Kirkwood.

The team opened the season on April 6 in a tough game against Western Dubuque. Even though the boys lost 1-5 they still felt there was already an improvement from the previous seasons. The boys won in a great game against Dyersville Beckman, with a final score of 8-1. Even though the boys haven't had the greatest season they are still staying strong and playing tough.

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FINDING SUCCESS

By: Amanda Smith

The Marion girls' golf team started off the season at Anamosa's Fawn Creek. Amanda Smith received first place honors at the varsity level, with Molly Lohr coming in a close third. Despite being defeated by eighteen strokes, everyone started off strong for their first meet.

The other meets that followed were both home, at Gardner Golf Course against Independence and Waterloo Columbus. The best showing Marion had against Independence was Anna Servey with a fourth place finish.

When asked if Coach Martin felt that this season is starting off better than previous ones, he responded, "It's hard to

tell, but I feel that we are off to a good start especially with five new girls having little or no experience. Although we're not

Benton. Natalie Ryther, Krisanne Ryther, Molly Lohr, Amanda Smith, Mackenzie Brown, and Tiffany Fangmann all shot their personal season best. "As a team we shot 223. That is the lowest team score I've had in my four years of coaching. I am very pleased that we are moving in the right direction."

The next day on May 5, South Tama joined the Marion girls at Gardner for a dual meet. The girls came out on top with their first win in four years.

WaMaC this year was held at Vinton's Wildcat. All six girls shot their personal best on the 18 hole course as they finished second to last, beating Central Dewitt by 28 strokes.

With only districts left, the girls have met and succeeded far beyond what Mr. Martin had in mind for the season and they are expecting to finish strong at Maquoketa for districts.

quite where we ended last season, so I'm still looking for us all to break out and for everyone to really play well."

Coach Martin's attitude changed a little on May 4 when the girls headed to Vinton's Wildcat for a meet with them and



Amanda Smith walks to her golf ball during one of her golf meets. This is Smith's fourth year being involved with golf.



Freshman Tiffany Fangmann follows up her drive with a fairway shot, during a dual meet against South Tama. The Marion team won their first meet in four years against South Tama.



Junior Rachel Furman races through the hurdles during the West Delaware Invitational. Furman was a state qualifier this year.



With handoffs being very critical in track, Allison Keoppen and Christine Mikkola practice before their race. Nine girls qualified for state for eight events.



Senior Joe Derby swings his club towards his golf ball. This is Derby's fourth year on varsity golf.



Junior Matt Horine tees off during one of the varsity boys' golf meets. Horine has been leading the pack by shooting high 30's.

Playing Strong

By: Brock Holub

The golf year has teed off and is looking very promising. The team is returning all of the starters from last season and is hoping to make an appearance at the state golf tournament. The team is led by Senior Joe Derby and is closely followed by Ben Messerli, Matt Horine, Brandy Quinn, Phil Lala, and Trent Jordan.

Overall there are very good numbers out for golf and both JV and Varsity are shooting well. Mr. Messerli quotes, "It's very nice having all the experience this year. We don't have to overcome all the hurdles of not being confident and we are very steady."

The golfers had an excellent showing against Oelwein breaking a school record at Gardner shooting a 155. They are tied for third in the all time low records at the school. Brandy Quinn and Matt Horine led the pack both shooting 38's.

The schedule that the team has is very difficult and the conference is supposed to be very hard, but Mr. Messerli feels really confident with his six starters out there. A few of the team goals are to improve at every meet that they attend, to win the division, qualify for districts, and hopefully move onto the state tournament.

Taking Advantage of American Sports

By: Andrew Barnd

One of the best things about being a foreign exchange student is being able to take advantage of opportunities not available in your home country. For exchange student Ivan Sablin, he is doing just that. Every weekday after school, you'll find him on the tennis courts with the rest of the boys tennis team. Ivan is one of six seniors playing on one of the largest boys teams Marion has ever had.

Back home in his native country of Russia, tennis is not a sport you would normally associate to this cold climate. None the less, Ivan started playing tennis about two and a half years ago. Because of the fact that high school sports didn't and still don't exist there, he had to join a tennis club. Unfortunately for him though, tennis still hadn't reached the same popularity as it had in the United States. So

when he found out that one of his friends here at Marion was on the team, he jumped at the chance to join the program. Now Ivan plays the number five spot on varsity. "I just wanted to help the team out," he says. Evidently, the boys need all the help they can get. This year they won their first meet in three years. In fact, they've had one winning season in 25 years. Even so, the coach at that time, Coach Foth, is again the coach here. Luckily for Ivan and the rest of the team, it's not all about winning. "I just like to go out and have fun," he says.

When Ivan returns to Russia later on this year, he will take all of his tennis experiences back home where he will continue to play the sport he loves.



Foreign exchange student Ivan Sablin has had a successful time with the game of tennis this year. Sablin took advantage of playing tennis here in America because it's not as popular in Russia.



Senior Chaz Beck backhand hits the tennis ball during practice. Last year the boy's tennis team hired a new coach to help lead them to their success.

Ups and Downs

By: Jenny Fager

The girls tennis team has had a season of ups and downs. With great wins against Mt.

Vernon and Independence, and some tough losses against Western Dubuque and Camanche, the team has learned a lot. After only losing 2 seniors last year, the varsity

worked hard for playing time, and most end up playing for fun. A lot of the op-



Number one on the ladder for girls tennis, junior Mel Schnieders hits the ball over the net during practice one afternoon. This is Schnieders third year with the tennis team.

posing teams have brought a smaller number of girls to the meets, making it difficult for everyone to get to play.

squad is young, but experienced. With the injury of number one player Mel Schnieders, the team has made many adjustments in the lineup, and sophomore Nicole Henry moved up to fill a varsity position. The girls fought hard and had success at the WaMaC conference finishing 4th. With the top six girls making up the varsity team, the large number of JV girls have

However, the JV girls are making great improvements and having a lot of fun during practices. Next year girls tennis will feel the loss of eleven seniors, and most have been out for all four years of high school. With only two meets left in the season, the varsity girls are hard at work preparing for districts, and are hoping to succeed.



Senior Jenny Fager kicks the ball during a home game. This is Fager's fourth year on varsity soccer.



Ryan Garman goes for the kick while playing West Delaware at home. Garman is one of the many boys out for soccer this year.



Andrea Podoll plays defense during the varsity girls' soccer games. Defense is a key point in winning a game.

SPRING SCOREBOARD

Boys Soccer

Western Dubuque	1 - 5	L
Anamosa	2 - 1	W
South Tama	1 - 4	L
Independence	0 - 3	L
C.R. Xavier	0 - 6	L
Monticello	0 - 2	L
Benton Community	4 - 3	W
Dyersville Beckman	8 - 1	W
Waterloo Columbus	1 - 7	L
Dyersville Beckman	4 - 1	W
West Delaware	3 - 2	W



Boys Track

Anamosa 10th out of 15
Tipton 12th out of 24
Pekin 3rd out of 8
West Delaware 10th out of 14
Vinton 4th out of 12
Marion 10th out of 16
Mid Prairie 2nd out of 9
Benton 4th out of 12
Districts @ Xavier 5th out of 8

Boys Tennis

0	Camanche	9
0	Independence	9
2	South Tama	7
1	Mount Vernon	8
8	Oelwein	1
0	Western Dubuque	9
3	Mount Vernon	6
0	Western Dubuque	9
9	Oelwein	0
0	Maquoketa	9

Girls Soccer

Linn-Mar	1 - 6	L
Western Dubuque	2 - 0	W
I.C. Regina	5 - 0	W
Mount Vernon	1 - 0	W
C.R. Xavier	0 - 10	L
South Tama	3 - 0	W
Independence	2 - 1	W
Benton Community	3 - 0	W
Anamosa	2 - 1	W
Waterloo Columbus	1 - 0	W
West Delaware	1 - 4	L

Girls Track

WAMAC Indoor 5th out of 10
Marion Early Bird 1st out of 6
Anamosa Early Bird 7th out of 17
Lady Bobcat Relays 3rd out of 6
Maquoketa Valley 6th out of 11
West Delaware Invitational 4th out of 12
Vikette Relays 2nd out of 7
Marion Invitational 5th out of 11
Independence 3rd out of 8
Mid-Prairie Co-ed Relays 3rd out of 8
WAMAC @ Independence 4th out of 11

Girls Tennis

4	Western Dubuque	5
6th/6	Davenport Assumption	
8	Mt. Vernon	1
9	Independence	0
3	Maquoketa	6
4th/6	WaMaC	
7	Mt. Vernon	2
2	South Tama	7

Girls Golf

239	Anamosa	221
256	Independence	230
242	Waterloo Columbus	209
10th/10	CRANDIC	
9th/9	Benton Invitational	
8th/8	Prairie Invitational	
6th/6	WaMaC East Divisional	
204	Vinton	223
226	West Delaware 211	
218	South Tama	221
10th/12	WaMac Super Tournament	
4th/6	South Tama Invitational	
7th/8	Sectionals	

Boys Golf

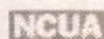
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166	Anamosa	161
155	Oelwein	158
160	Vinton	187
2nd/8	Washington Invitational	
3rd/8	Maquoketa Invitational	
189	West Delaware 178	
189	Don Bosco	197
3rd/6	WaMaC East Divisional	
2nd/7	Monticello Invitational	
161	Waterloo Columbus	158
2nd/8	South Tama Invitational	
4th/12	WaMaC Super Tournament	
4th/8	Sectionals	

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1
Is it possible that this little guy knew that one day he'd be homecoming king?

This eighth grader eventually went on to be an editor of the 2004 yearbook.



3
Who would have known this tough football player would someday direct "The Complete Works of Shakespeare (abridged)"?

Who would have thought that this fourth grader would go on to be one of Marion's few male cheerleaders, and DJ the WPA dance his senior year?



5
Could this little girl have known she would one day be an editor of *The Vox*?



13
Before he could drum in a band or be the president of his class, this little guy sang in "The Color Factory," Emerson's 3rd grade musical.

Known for his infectious laugh and loud voice, this seventh grader got one of the lead roles in the production "The Complete Works of Shakespeare (abridged)."



Guess the Senior

As part of our senior issue here at *The Vox*, the journalism staff thought it would be neat to do a "Guess the Senior" special for our back page. So, we asked for the seniors to bring in pictures of themselves as kids. Here is your challenge. Can you put the childhood picture with the correct member of the Class of 2004? There are clues under each picture to help you out, and the answers are printed at the bottom. Enjoy.



6
This soccer player would eventually go on to participate in three state bowling tournaments and become the ads editor for journalism.



7
Before she could swing a mean golf club, this little girl loved to bask in the sunshine with her family.



11
Little "Dorothy" probably had no idea that she would grow up to be an all-star tennis player and still be a little under five feet tall.



10
This little guy would someday portray the father in Marion High School's spring play, "Homefront."



9
On their first day of kindergarten, these two best friends probably never realized that in 13 years, one would be attending Kirkwood, and the other the University of Northern Iowa.

This angelic face would one day be seen in all four of the high school's musicals, with lead roles in "Little Shop of Horrors" his sophomore year, and "Pippin" his senior year.



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- 9) Justine Wignall and Krysta Olinger
- 10) Perry Clouse
- 11) Ashley Spear
- 12) Zach Labs
- 13) John Likens