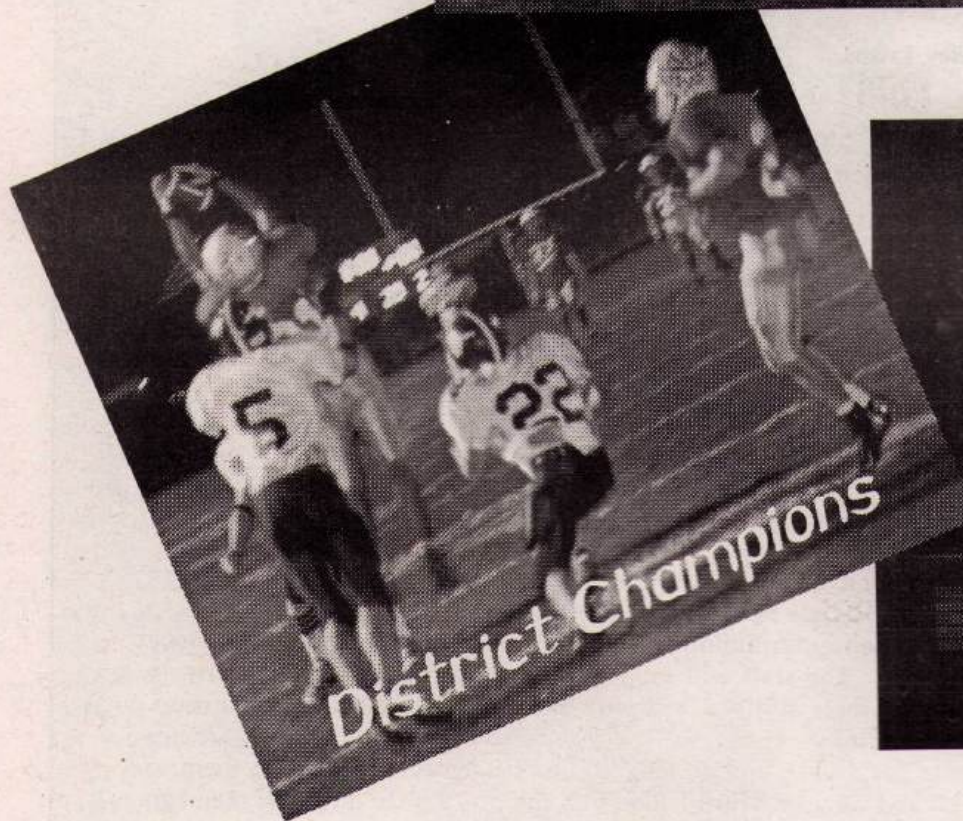
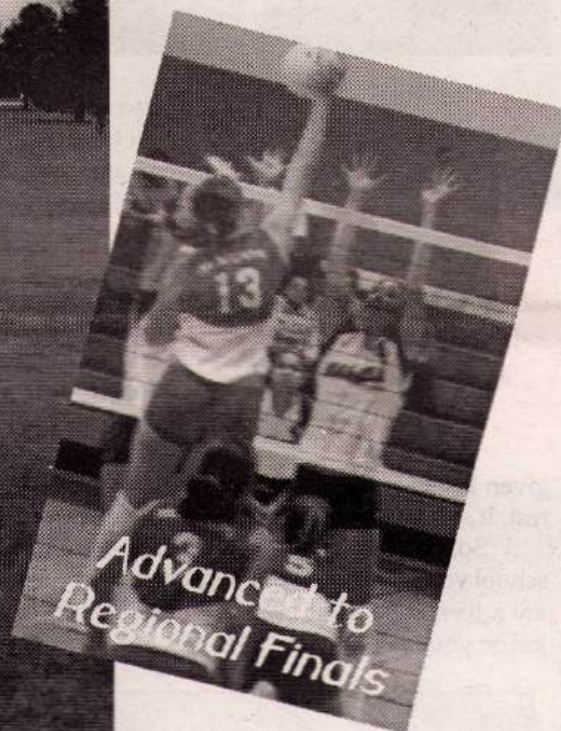


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Fantastic Fall



Don't Judge A Book By Its Cover

By Holly Grieder

Have you ever felt judged or stereotyped by one of your peers? I'm sure everyone can answer this question with an honest yes. Now, make sure you answer this one truthfully. Have you ever stereotyped someone else? It doesn't matter if you judged them for their clothes, their activities, or their friends, just that you looked at the person superficially. If you could truthfully answer no to the last question let me know how you've managed to stay so purely open-minded.

People stereotype others everyday, but teenagers can be especially harsh on one another. On a



broad scale people are classified by their age, race, ethnicity, gender, religion, you get the picture. Adults often stereotype teenagers as trouble making and disrespectful. Although teenagers' bad reputation is given because of a few youth who ruin it for the rest, it still can be very insulting to adolescents.

So, no matter who you are if you are in high school you have been stereotyped just because you are a teenager. That is all the more reason to not judge your peers before you get the opportunity

to know them. Too often we judge each other by physical looks, friends, or activities. I think activities can especially be a problem in high school. I have the advantage of being involved in multiple activities, and that in turn has made me see the perspective of each activity. I think that's the problem that our age group runs into. Often we try to classify our peers by what they do, and not who they are as a person. Whether you participate in athletics, drama, music, or academic clubs, none of those things define you as a person. Too often youth do define each other by what they participate in. Plus, a lot of the thought



The recently released movie Mean Girls shows the reality of high school cliques. It shows the reality of how cruel adolescents can be to each other.

behind extra-curricular activities at Marion is that you can be a multi-talented participant. The students that attend a student senate meeting in the morning, then head off to marching

band, spend the day at school, then after school have athletic practice, followed by musical rehearsal are usually the kids that end up being the most diverse and interesting people.

Don't get me wrong; I think Marion is a great school. Marion offers the same educational opportunities as the surrounding schools that are double and triple our size, while having a more personal feeling, but the downside to a small school is that everyone knows one another and it is difficult to grow out of a stereotype once you have



received it. If you are defined as a "jock" or "band geek", chances are you're never going to shake that reputation.

So next time you look at someone for the first time don't try and automatically classify them into a group of people, just by how they look or who they're with. Actually get to know them as a person before you make that judgement.



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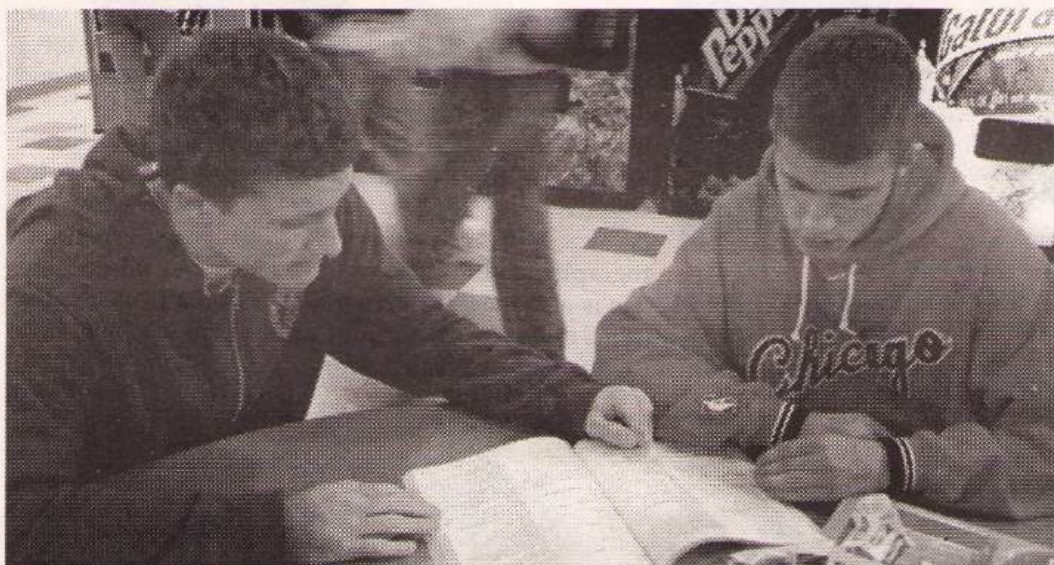
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Senior Watch

By Charley Martin



As we continue the year we are faced with many decisions and concerns. Being a senior makes this even tougher. Deciding on which college you would like to attend does not come easy to most people. Finding the perfect college for you takes a lot of searching and time. You want to make sure your decision is right for you and you'll be happy with it in the future. Finding a college can become very stressful for you, that's why you should start early and be wise with your time. By now you should have a few colleges in mind

While at lunch, Bryan Clark and Curt Hansen look at a college catalog.

and have looked into them and maybe even visited. You should always visit the college before making your final decision. This will reassure you that you are making the right choice. If you have decided on some colleges, you should start filling out and sending in your applications. Make sure you have sent them in by Christmas your senior year. This will help you with time management, so you're not cramming at the end of your senior year. Try applying to more than

one college just in case you aren't accepted into the college of your first choice. This way you will have something to fall back on.

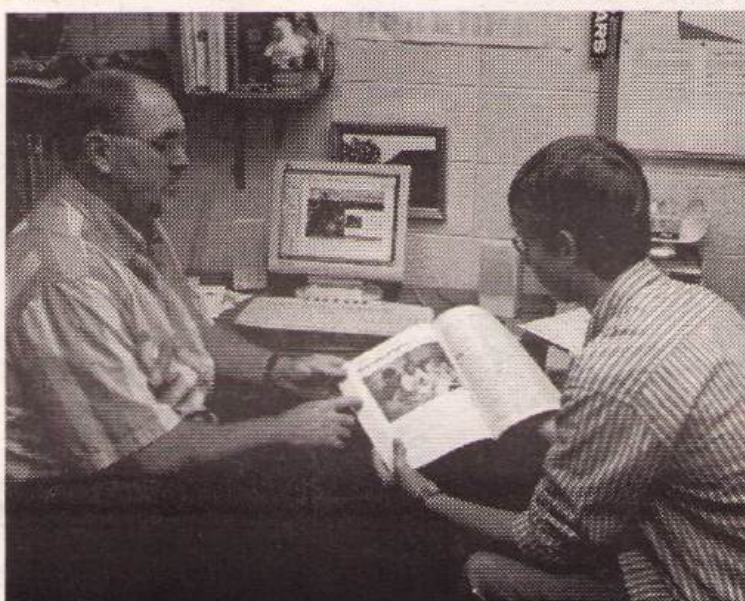
Senior Natalie Allen has decided to attend Kirkwood in the fall. She has already applied to the college and is waiting for her acceptance. Kirkwood is a two year community college that most people attend for two years and then transfer to a four year school. She

plans on applying to Iowa, UNI, and Kirkwood.

Senior Emily Schroeder has already applied to three colleges and is still waiting for their responses. She has sent applications into Luther, Wartburg, and Clarke Colleges. She has also been scheduling visits to the colleges she has applied to. Emily has been handling the stress of preparing for college pretty well. "I'm sure it will get even more stressful as the year continues, but as of now, I'm taking it one day at a time." Emily says her parents are supporting her in her decisions in every possible way. They are encouraging her to fill out scholarship

applications, save money, and to work as much as she possibly can.

Curt Hansen is still deciding on which school he would like to attend. Although he hasn't sent in any applications



Mr. Bailey and Chris Bublitz search through the internet for info on Iowa colleges.

has already taken the compass test. The compass test is the test you are required to take if you are planning on attending Kirkwood. Natalie is also already looking into the different programs that she will be taking next year. She is enrolled in three college classes right now and is getting used to the amount of work that she will have throughout college. The biggest influence on Natalie's decisions so far are her parents and her uncle. Natalie's parents have been very supportive of her decisions and have even signed her up for her college classes. They were the ones that recommended her to go to Kirkwood. Natalie plans on only applying to Kirkwood.

Alex Scheer is more nervous than stressed about planning for college. Alex's dad has been the most influential person throughout his decision. His parents think he should look into playing football at a college. Alex

he is still looking at each college closely. He wants to make sure he finds the perfect college for him. Curt is preparing for college by studying hard in the classrooms. He wants to make sure he can get into the college of his first choice. Curt's parents have been very supportive of his decisions. They want to make sure he is making the right decisions and that he will be happy with his decisions and in the future.

Remember to start applying to colleges as soon as possible. Make sure you have your applications sent in by Christmas break your senior year. This will help to minimize stress and will help to make your decision making process easier for you. Make sure you really look into the colleges you are choosing and you should also visit the college before making your final decision. This way you will know that you are getting what you want.



Senior Curt Hansen takes a break from lunch to fill out some college information. Curt is one of the many seniors who is still deciding on a college to attend next fall.

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Let Your Voice be Heard

By Andrew Reynolds

"Vote or Die", "Choose or Lose", and "Rock the Vote", I'm sure you have heard these phrases over and over again trying to encourage you to vote. This year whether your eighteen or not, your voice could be heard right here at the high school. Republicans, Democrats, and Independents from all over the school posted their votes for president, house representative, county sheriff, and more.

Mr. Messerli and Mr. Raymond put on the mock election this year. Mr. Raymond said, "It is important for students to know how to vote and to know what is on the ballot."



The Vote or Die t-shirt was often worn by P Diddy and 50 Cent to encourage young people to take part in the election.



Pictures, commercials, posters, and t-shirts were all used to get teens to get out and vote this year. This is a picture of the Rock the Vote campaign trying to get teens to vote.

Many students participated in the election this year from all of the classes. The highest turnout was from the Junior class and the lowest from the Sophomore class. Jessica Ogburn said, "It would be fun to see who would win the presidential election on what the students thought." Justin Daniels said, "I voted to have my voice be heard."

Once the voting came to an end, volunteers tallied up the votes after school. In the end Senator John Kerry edged out President Bush by only 18 votes. Our students also voted Chuck Grassley for the U.S. Senator and James A. Leach for U.S. Representative.

New to the School

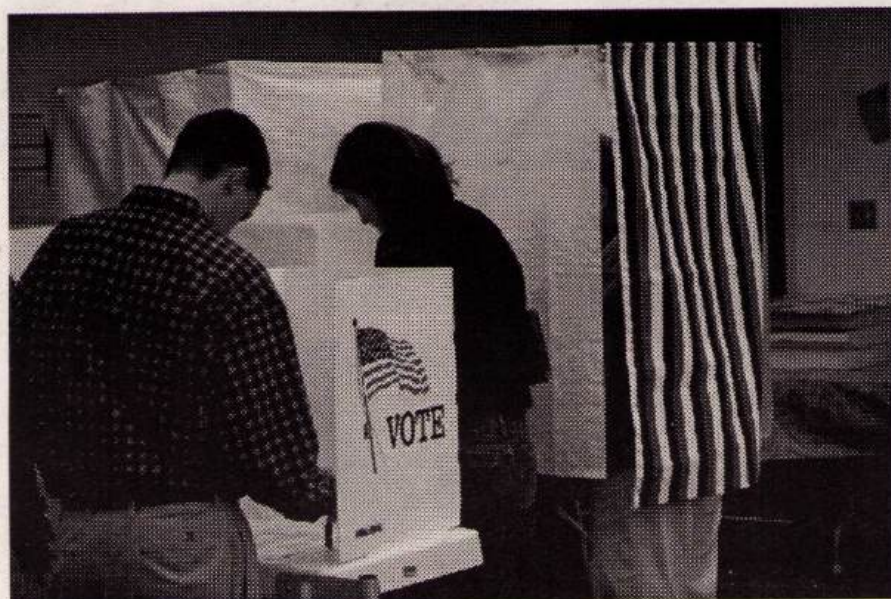
By Andrew Reynolds



A new addition to the art department is Mr. Thornton. Mr. Thornton teaches Ceramics, Photography, and Computer Graphics. He is also the technical director for the fall musical. He graduated from the University of

Northern Iowa in 2001 with a degree in graphic design. Two years later he decided to go to Mount Mercy College. There he received a second degree in education.

Things he likes about Marion so far are getting to know the students and interacting with them. Mr. Thornton likes to help kids explore their creative sides, but doesn't like to give grades. In his free time Mr. Thornton likes to do art, fish, hike and camp.



Both Starry elementary and the administration offices were busy all

day with voters arriving to make their preference known.



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ENTERTAINMENT

By Blake Hacker

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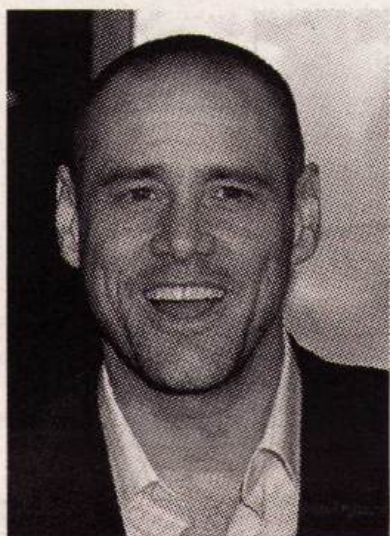
ETERNAL
SUNSHINE OF
THE SPOTLESS
MIND

Review: This is an amazing movie that will excite your brain waves extremely. One of the best screenwriters in the world, Charlie Kaufman, wrote it, and it stars Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet. Jim and Kate are a couple that have been together for a couple of years, and after a fight Kate sees a commercial for a business that erases memory. She gets all of her memories of the relationship erased, and after Jim finds out he does it too. A large part of the movie takes place in Jim's head while the erasing takes place, and is somewhat of a long chase scene. It is brilliantly written and every actor in it did an awesome job. So go see it because it will mess with your head and make you happy.

Favorite Part: I really enjoyed seeing the two running through all these crazy memories, trying to stay together.

What I Don't Like: At the beginning of the movie, you kind of sit there and try to figure out what is going on for a while, but then you understand and it gets all better.

Why You Should Check it Out (WYSCIO): If you like romantic movies, this is one of the best. If you like comedy, then you will find a lot of funny things. Even for people who like crazy, insane movies you will enjoy it.



Movie Preview:

SAW – Looks real scary.

Two guys are locked in a room together and are being watched the entire time. One of the guys gets a message that tells him he has 8 hours to kill the other guy, or they will both die. I don't like thinking about scary situations like this one ever happening to me, so it will be fun to watch other people freak out. Saw looks original and crazy, so I am going to be sure to see it right away.



RAY – Jamie Foxx

has been broadening his acting horizons lately by choosing some very different roles than he has in the past. In *Collateral*, he played a cab driver that is in the wrong place at the wrong time, but now he is portraying one of the biggest names in music ever. For those of you who don't know, Ray is about Ray Charles, a musician who passed away earlier this year. I hope Mr. Foxx doesn't just imitate Ray's movements, but actually shows the real person that Ray was, it would be much better that way.

SEED OF
CHUCKY – Chucky is back,

and it will be worse than ever. This time Chucky and his girl Tiffany are having a baby doll killer, and are also trying to destroy a movie that is based off of Chucky. Ok, the last Chucky movie was really bad, some parts were funny but for the most part it was horrible. Hopefully, Chucky focuses more on being scary than being funny this time around, but I am predicting that Chucky will disappoint me again.

FINDING NEV-
ERLAND – Johnny Depp is the best

actor I've ever seen in movies in my life. And now he is J.M. Barrie, the creator of Peter Pan, Captain Hook and all of those pirate stories. The movie is a true story about where Barrie got his inspiration for Neverland. He meets a woman and her four boys in a park in London. He is really happy playing with the kids and keeping them happy because their mother, Kate Winslet, is dying. I'm going to see this because it looks good and Johnny Depp is always in really good movies, so I'm sure I won't be disappointed.



NATIONAL TREASURE – Nicholas

Cage! Wow, this looks good. The first time I saw a preview for this movie a few months ago, I instantly thought it looked like a *Da Vinci Code* movie but for America. It is about an ancient secret with clues hidden in different American things, like the dollar bill and the Declaration of Independence. Nicholas Cage is a "treasure protector" who is set out to uncover the secret and protect it from the bad guys. It looks like an Indiana Jones type of flick, and I have always liked Nicholas Cage so I can't wait until November 19th to go out and see it.

MEET THE FOCKERS – The sequel

that everyone has been waiting for is finally going to be released. Ben Stiller and Robert DeNiro are back to make us laugh. This time, everyone meets Greg's family. Dustin Hoffman plays the dad and the mom is Barbra Streisand. The Fockers are strange and it means that there will be a big clash of family ideals and morals, and it will be fun for all. I don't need to encourage anyone to go see it because you probably already are going to, but don't forget the popcorn.



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Very Superstitious

By Ashley Evans and Nicole Cox

Breaking mirrors, spilling salt, black cats. To an everyday person these random items would be normal, but to the superstitious type, danger lurks in the shadows of the night. With the fall season upon us and Halloween in the air, many children will have their silly superstitions result in fright.

Why is Friday the 13th considered so unlucky? must you salt over shoulder spilling it? of these occur- originated the early centuries of our time. Some have a church background, while others come from the ancient Romans.

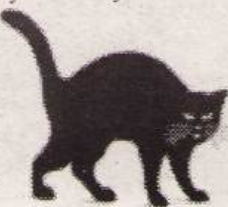
Breaking a mirror results in seven years of bad luck: The ancient Romans believed by looking into a mirror, you could view one's soul. Breaking the mirror affected their soul and brought bad luck upon them.

Break a leg: Actors never wish each good luck before a performance because it might have the opposite effect, therefore they tell them to 'break a leg'.

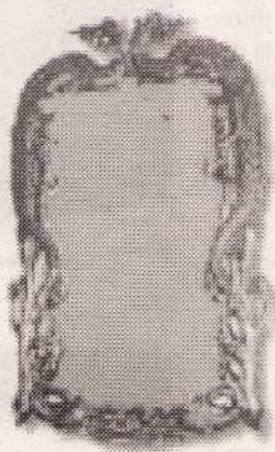
Spilling salt: It used to be a expensive commodity, so spillage was to be avoided at all costs. Spirits were thought to lurk behind

your back, waiting for an opportunity to strike. So, throwing salt over your shoulder after you spill it protects you from misfortune.

Knock on wood: It was believed that good spirits lived in trees and when you knocked on anything made from wood, it would call upon these spirits for protection against troublesome times.



Why throw your after Many bizarre rences back in centu-



"The curse of the Great Bambino." -Patrick Lala

"Before the sophomore basketball games, I always eat Hy Vee Chinese and read the fortune cookie to the team." -Miss Humbert

"When I look at a clock and it says 11:11, I sometimes make a wish to see if it will come true." -Eric Wagner

"I wear high socks during basketball games." -Niki Kiburz

Marion varsity football team: when playing at home the team wears a red jersey with yellow pants, but when they are away they wear all white.

"Before the football games at Cornell, when I used to play in college, we would watch cartoons while getting taped. It helped with the nerves." -Mr. Ehrman

"I only pick up a penny if it's heads up." -Tyler Peterson

"I have to sit all by myself during the sophomore game, in the corner of the bleachers at the away games for basketball." -Tara Carsner

Random Thoughts By Josh

By Josh Immerfall

All right, lets start with a serious subject here. Christmas lights are starting to appear around town. It really lightens up the mood with the winter weather approaching. But seriously, people, Christmas lights on November 7th?

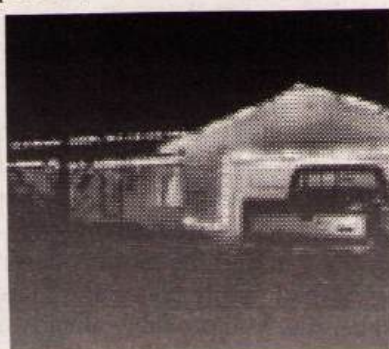
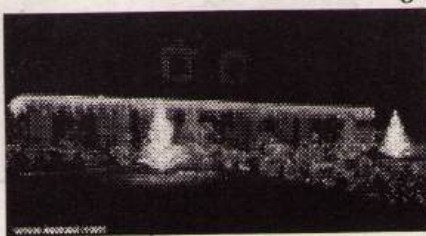
What? Who does that? Personally, the day after Thanksgiving is a simply superb time for all lights to appear. But November 7th? Lets get realistic. Most people aren't even thinking about Thanksgiving, but a select few are ready for Christmas. I guess my mom always told me to be prepared.

A bit of a lighter subject now. The other day I ran out to my car to grab my chemistry book that I had forgotten. With only 1 minute left in passing time I was obviously in a hurry. After struggling to get my trunk open, I grabbed my book and ran back to the door, pulled the handle, and nothing. I, of course, had forgotten the new school lockdown to promote "safety". I understand that all public places need one secure entrance only, and that's fine. I won't win that argument with anyone. But this new security lockdown has created some problems. Number one, a quick escape to the back lot for a book has become impossible. Number two, what was once "the lot" to park in, has now be-

come a vacant space for a couple of teachers, while the front lot is overflowing because there is only one entrance. The proposal has been brought up several times that one lot become seniors and juniors, while the other becomes sophomores and

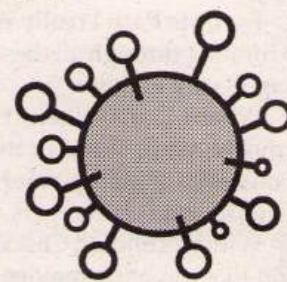
freshman. I honestly think that this new lockdown has provided that perfect chance for us to act on that proposal. Why not let those that can leave park in the front, and those that can't park in the back? It seems quite logical if you think about it.

Girls cross country, you gone done me proud. Strong champs made state champs. Well, until next time, Go Hawkeyes, Hugs and hand pounds, kids. Peace.



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The Burger Palace boys, Drew Martin, Nick Walters, Adam Mayer, Eric Wagner, and Josh Ster, goof off in front of the curtain doing their own rendition of the Alma Mater.

Grease Is The Word



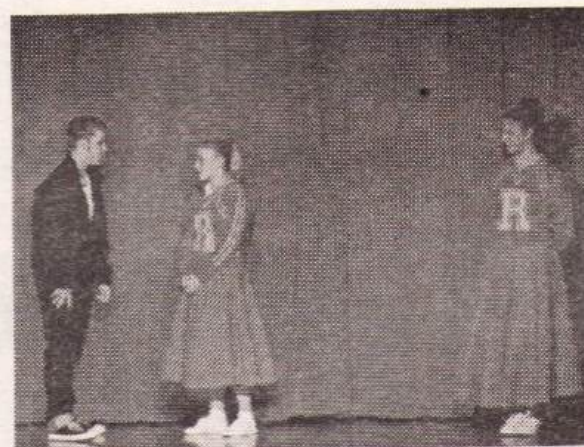
Doody, played by Drew Martin, shows off his guitar skills during his solo, Magic Changes. The other burger boys and pink ladies enjoy the smooth sound from behind.



Marty and Rizzo, played by Jaimie DeLong and Alisabeth Caraway, chat with each other on the bed during the slumber party scene. While the other pink ladies, Sandy, Frenchy and Jan, (Kelly Cayton, Sara Young, and Jessica Blazek), look at a magazine.

- Three sold Out Shows
- An Amazing Pit Orchestra
- Sixty-five students on-stage and back stage

All these elements combined for one of the most successful shows presented in recent history. The musical is so well-known that all the tickets were sold the week before the show. From Sandy and Danny to the Pink Ladies and Teen Angel and more, the familiar characters came to life. Audience reaction each night proved the success of the show as they crowded around cast members to offer their congratulations. After Saturday's show, cast and crew cleaned up and celebrated being a part of one that will be remembered for quite awhile.



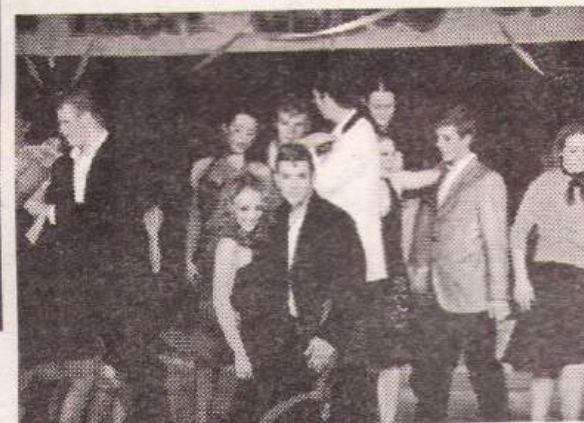
Danny finds out that Sandy is trying out for the cheerleading team. Attempting revenge, he flirts with Patty, the goody-goody cheerleader.



Eugene, Patty Simcox, and Miss Lynch, played by Derrick VanDerMillen, Ashley Brown, and Danielle Auld, sing their hearts out during the Rydell school Alma Mater.



The musical concludes with "We'll Always Be Together."



At the dance, ChaCha DiGregorio and Danny Zuko, (Sarah Jewel and Eric Wagner), claim victory over all in the big hand jive contest.



Teen angel, Coulter Page, along with his beautiful angels sings "Beauty School Dropout" to Pink Lady Frenchy during act two.



Josh Immerfall as Vince Fontaine fires up the students at the Rydell dance for the up coming hand jive contest.



The Pink Ladies and Burger Palace Boys hang out at the party at Jan's house. In this scene, Marty blabs Rizzo's big secret to everyone.

The Fast and the Furious

By Nicole Cox and Ashley Evans

V r o o m vroom. Honk honk. Screeeeeeeech. These are the sounds all around after school in the parking lots. Some people get cars from their parents; others have to buy them with money saved up from part-time jobs. Some even build them from scratch. Whatever they do, they want their car to be the nicest around,

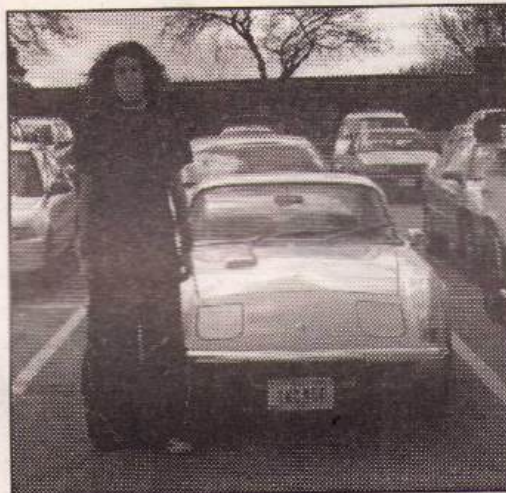
the hottest wheels on the block. With the new standards of 'coolness'



today, it's expected that kids drive the most pimped out cars they can get their hands on. Realizing Marion stu-

dents are living up to this expectation, the parking lots were searched for the most fabulous cars of today.

To some, a nice car involves body, rims, and a great sound system. To others, its only about having the wheels to get from place to place. From mopeds and station wagons to Mercedes and Mustangs, every car in the lot represents its owner in some way or form.

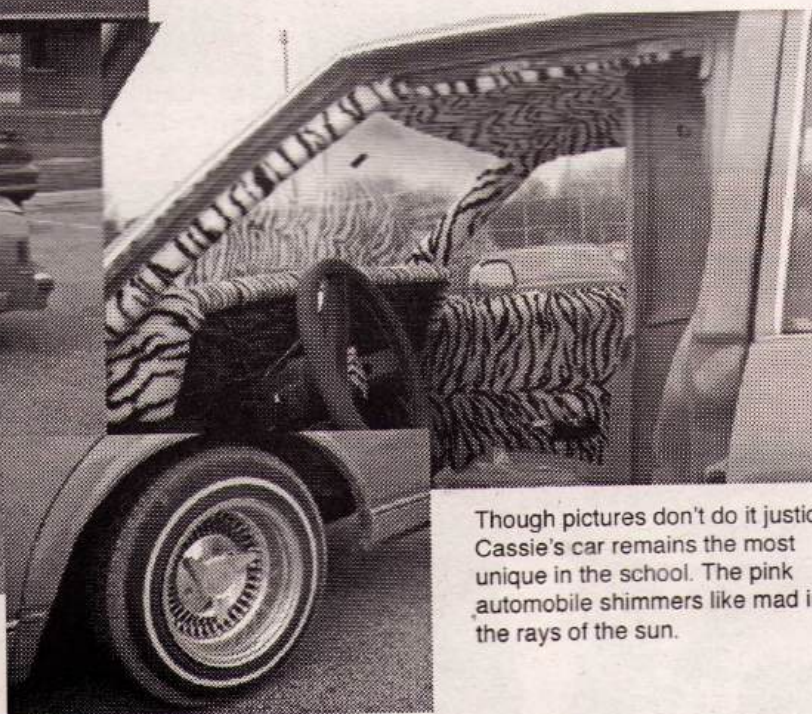


"It wasn't a car when I bought it, it was all in parts."

PATRICK DOUBET



- * 1972 YELLOW LOTUS ELAN SERIES +2
- * OWNED FOR TWO YEARS
- * FOUND IT ONLINE THROUGH A LOTUS MESSAGE BOARD WEBSITE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA
- * HIS FATHER AND HE PUT IT TOGETHER OVER THE COURSE OF THREE MONTHS
- * MANUAL TRANSMISSION, SEATS TWO
- * IT GETS OK GAS MILEAGE
- * THE LOTUS CONTAINS A FIBERGLASS BODY SO ITS VERY LIGHTWEIGHT, WEIGHING IN AT ONLY 1852 LBS
- * HIS DAD HAS SEVEN DIFFERENT CARS THAT HE WORKS ON



Though pictures don't do it justice, Cassie's car remains the most unique in the school. The pink automobile shimmers like mad in the rays of the sun.

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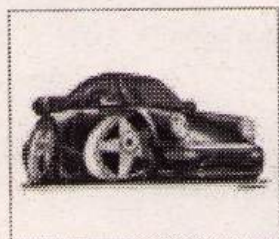
"IT'S A BEAST."

CASSIE WEHRLE



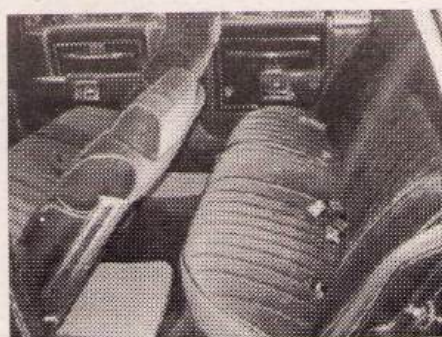
NICK STUTTERHEIM

- * 1968 RED CAMARO
- * BOUGHT PRIVATELY FROM A MAN IN CEDAR RAPIDS 3 MONTHS AGO FOR \$2000
- * FIXING IT UP BUT ALREADY IN GOOD CONDITION
- * WANTS TO REBUILD ENGINE BEFORE MARCH; REBUILDING FRAME AROUND NEW YEAR'S
- * TWO DOOR
- * CUSTOM RIMS
- * LOUD EXHAUST



STEVEN MURRAY

- * 1985 CRIMSON OLDSMOBILE DELTA
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TIM COOK

- * 1989 BLACK AND GOLD CHRYSLER LEBARON
- * GOT IT FROM HIS GRANDMA WHEN SHE PASSED AWAY
- * GORGEOUS RIMS
- * SOUND SYSTEM

"I LOVE MY PIECE OF JUNK!"

CARS THAT ROCK!



Senior Lucas Hindman drives this blue Chevette. Overheard in the hallways, "His parents don't think it's safe enough to drive to my house OR to school, but he wants to drive it any-ways." When his parents don't let him drive this cute automobile, he sports the family van.

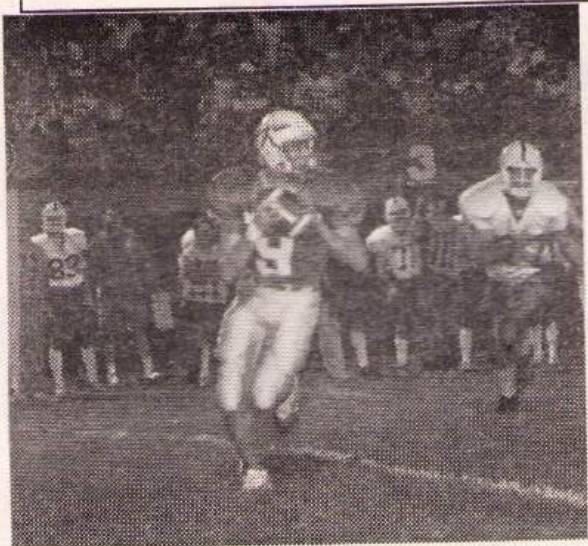


When he's not cruising around town in his 1978 Trans Am, senior Derek Hurt parks as far away from the school as possible. Though it's a smooth ride, you would be squashed if you were to ride in the back seat of this classic vehicle.



Senior Curt Hanson is shown here with one of the nicest cars in the lot, his 1996 red Mustang. Curt purchased this form of transportation from a family friend for a bargain price of \$4000. Says Curt, "It's not as nice as it looks."

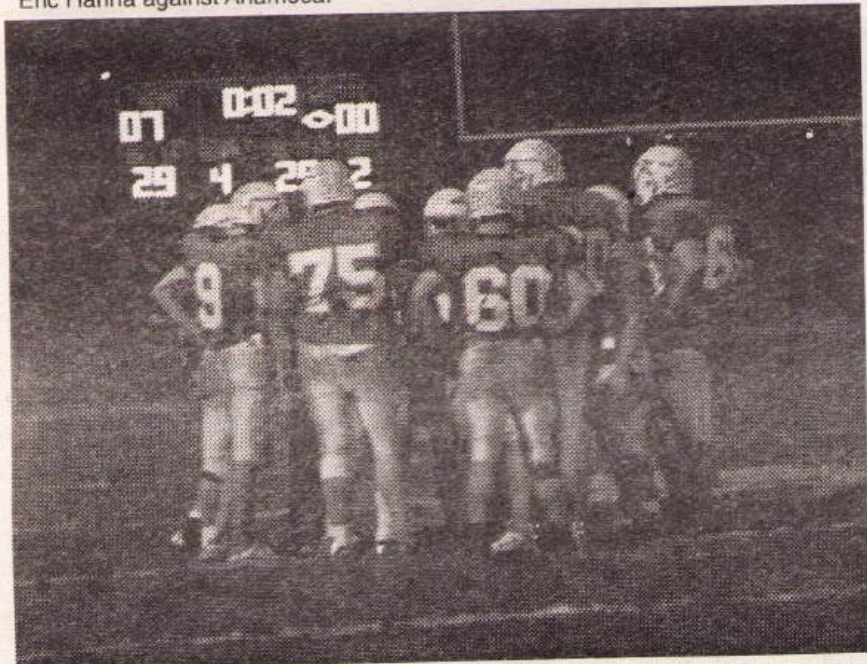




Junior Eric Hanna rolls out for a pass during homecoming against Anamosa. Hanna was instrumental in the 2nd half come-from-behind victory.



Leading rusher Bryan Clark takes the handoff from Eric Hanna against Anamosa.



The entire Varsity offense meets just before halftime during their last home game against Mt. Vernon. A 17-14 win over the Mustangs completed a perfect 7-0 district record.



Josh Taylor busts through the New Hampton defense for a first down. The Indians were upset, 14-17, in this first round playoff game.

BELIEVE

By Andrew Barnd

I believe. These two words could be found on the locker of every Varsity football player towards the end of the season. Apparently, this was the general feeling of the entire team as they recently completed another outstanding season for Marion High School to be proud of. The team finished with an overall record of 8-2, with a perfect district record of 7-0.

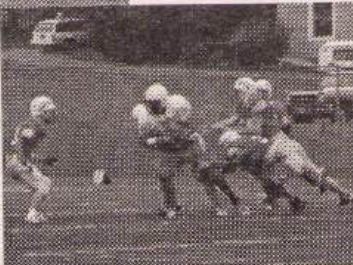
Impressive as this season was for the Varsity team, many of these wins were no cakewalk. After such blowouts against Vinton-Shellsburg and Anamosa, the Indians had to find ways to win in many games. Four of the eight victories were by three points or less.

These 3A District Four champs were not the only successful football team in the school. The sophomores and freshman squads both finished undefeated with 9-0 and 6-0-2 records, respectively.



Freshman Ryan Immerfall breaks away for a touchdown during a sophomore game. Immerfall was one of many freshman playing up.

The sophomore defense takes down a Western Dubuque runningback. The sophomores ended the season 9-0.

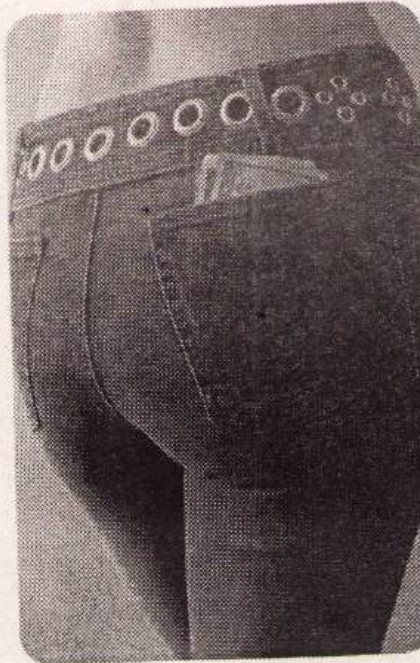


The Varsity offensive line prepares for the snap against Maquoketa Valley.



Senior girls pound on the bleachers before kickoff during a home game. The noise generated by the student section was deafening at times, adding to the atmosphere.

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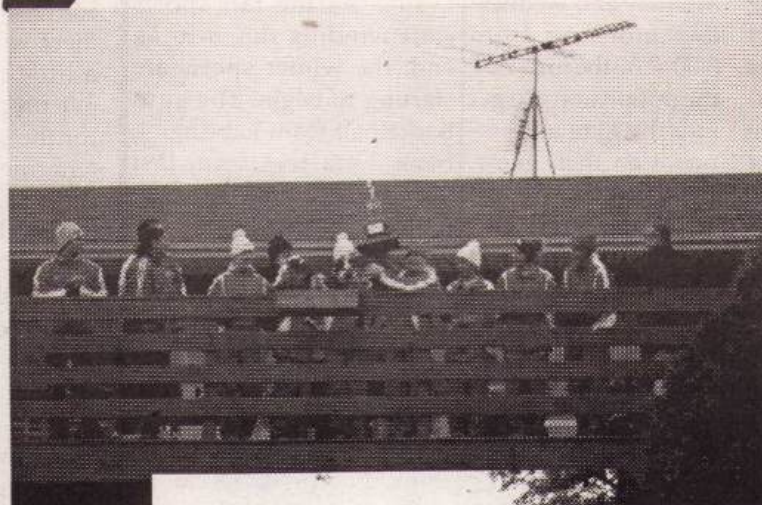
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Enjoying Success

After winning the district meet, senior Val Crutchley gets interviewed by one of the local news stations. Val was the number one runner on the girls team this year. She consistently finished in the top three every meet.



After the varsity girls team won the race, they were brought up to the balcony to receive their trophy. Every year the winning team is brought up to this balcony to receive their trophy. This was the first time the girls varsity won state.

By Drew Martin

Everything the team has been working for, all the hard practices, all the early morning Saturday practices, came down to this one race. The district meet is the one opportunity to show everyone that the team is worthy of going to state and race against the best in the state.

The district meet took place at Noelridge Park this year. Both cross-country teams had an advantage: they had both ran here before. Everyone was feeling pretty good and ready to run.

Both the boys and the girls ran well individually and as a team. The girls captured the regional championship, with four of the girl runners placing in the top 10. The guys ended up finishing fourth by three points. They guys team missed going to state by those three points. They were disappointed that the season was over and because they were not going to state but still excited for the girls team.

The girls had a week to train and get ready for the state competition. Excited to run and excited to show everyone that Marion was the best in the state, the girls were ready to show their best. The state meet was held in Fort Dodge on Saturday

October 30.

The day had finally come, judgment day, as the girls liked to think of it. It was cold and windy. "It was exciting. I was ready to run and the rest of the girls were ready, so I knew that we were going to run well today," said freshman Jaqueline Kane. "Coach was with us every step of the way."

The girls started off strong with Val Crutchley running with the lead pack. "It was really windy; we didn't know how it would affect us, but were going to leave it all on the course. It was now or never," she said. Val was in and out of first place, it was back and forth between a Spirit Lake Park runner and her. It came down to the last couple of feet where she just nicked off Val.

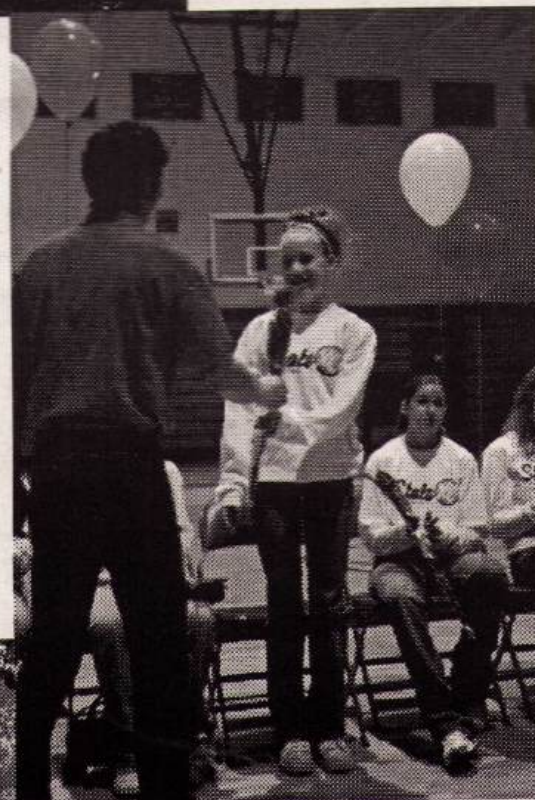
Next came Rachel Smith finishing 14th. "We didn't know we had it; we thought that Wahlert got us. We were so estatic when they announced our team as the state champions."

Finishing second at state and leading the team to stat to a state championship, Val was named Metro Cross Country runner of the year, and Coach Johnson was named Metro Cross-Country coach of the year.

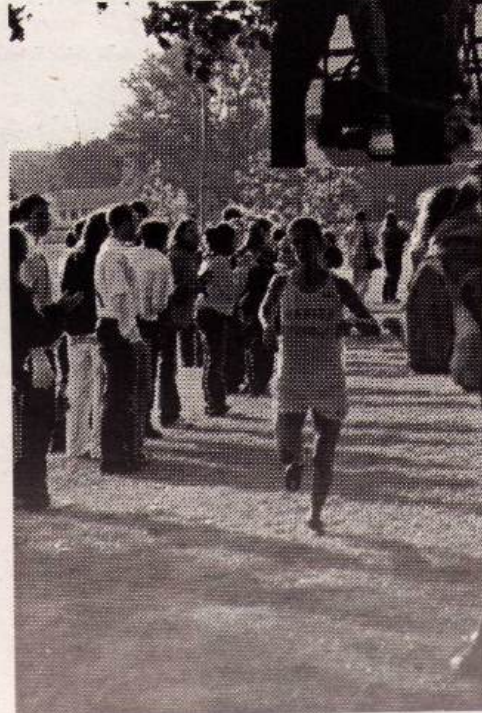


While the boys team did not advance to the state meet, their season was anything but boring. Owen McGlynn broke the freshman boys school record, the team won the Tipton meet, John Burhite won the Independence meet, and they were only three points away from state qualifying.

Freshman Jaqueline Kane is given a flower by Coach Zrudsky at the homecoming pep rally held after their return home. Jaqueline was a newcomer this year and was a great asset to the team.



Coach Johnson talks about the girls team and how proud she is of them. Coach Johnson was new to the Marion coaching staff this year, but still helped lead the teams to victory. She won metro coach of the year and 3A coach of the year.



Val Crutchley runs away from the rest of the pack at the district meet. She won the meet easily beating one of the top runners in the state. Val plans on running for a division I school next year. She was one of the top runners in the state.

SHOOTING FOR SUCCESS

By Ashley Cudworth

With fall coming to an end, the start of winter activities is just around the corner. Among the most anticipated of these is girls' basketball. Having graduated only three seniors after the 2003-2004 season, returning team members expect this to be a turn around year. The girls have been working hard in the off-season, lifting weights, running, and practicing their jumpshot. Every

"One of our team's greatest strengths this year will be our speed."

- Whitney
· Perkins

Monday and Wednesday morning from 6:00-7:30 the girls had the opportunity to get into the gym and improve on their game.

“One of our team’s greatest strengths this year will be our speed,” predicts senior captain Whitney Perkins. Another advantage for the girls will be the large number of players returning to the team. It seems with so much experience back on the court, the girls shouldn’t have to worry about finding the right team chemistry.

By Drew Martin

As the fall sports start winding down to an end, the winter sports are starting to begin. The guys basketball team is bringing back 3 starters from last year, and bringing up a new bunch of guys as well.

"I am excited to start the season. We have a good group of guys who play well together and work hard. I think this team will get better as the season progresses," Coach Laube. "I think that this team can go far, and we should do pretty good this year, as long as we play Marion Basketball," senior captain Travis Eagle said. So what is exactly Marion basketball? Marion basketball is how coach Laube expects his team to play: play hard, hustle, and play with class.

The season officially starts Monday, November 15. The guys are excited to get the season underway and show everyone what they can do.

Taking it to the Mat

By Ashleigh Derby

Wrestling for the 2004-2005 season is not far away. The first wrestling meet will be December 2, so that is a little more than half a month to get prepared and be in full swing for the season. With eight returning lettermen and freshman coming up, the season looks to be young but talented. Filling graduates Danny Rhodes' and Eric Steffes' spots will be one of main challenges of the season. Of course filling all of the weight classes is a yearly challenge, but most likely it will be done.

Kody Blazek, Joey Swanson, and Austin Conway are the three that qualified for state last year. They are all returning and should make a solid foundation for the team. Also returning is Zach Blazek who had quite a bit of Varsity experience from last year, so he should be coming out strong

again. With seniors Kody Blazek, Jon Trumpold, Jon Fitch, Blake Supple, and Jesse Carsner, there is expected to be much leadership shown.

"We are excited for the upcoming season as we return three state experienced wrestlers, Kody Blazek, (who placed 2nd,) Austin Conway (who placed 8th,) and Joe Swanson (who qualified), said Coach Weisinger. "I would expect we will have a lot of success individually early on in the season. We graduated several quality seniors, Rhodes, Steffes, and Offerman so we have to fill those weights in our lineup plus we had a couple of open weights. Overall we will be a fairly young team but we do have a number of Varsity experienced wrestlers returning and a talented group of underclassmen. We'll see how hard we work and go from there," he said.



- Boys Basketball
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- Winter Cheerleading

Winter Sports Rally

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KEEPING THE SPIRIT ALIVE

By Amanda Greider

The fall season has come to an end. The cheer and dance teams have both had very successful seasons. The cheerleaders end the season great by working on team and personal goals. Mrs. Quinn says, "This fall has gone by so fast. The girls have all accomplished their goals for the most part. I enjoyed coaching the girls this season." The squad really came together with having a new coach. They had a

"I believe much of the (team's) unity is from the depth of experience."

- dance coach
Miss Radel

great season.

There is a lot to look forward to as the winter season approaches. "I really like winter cheerleading its fun and it gives me something to do," says Kara Griggs, a JV wrestling cheerleader.

The fall dance team also had a very successful season. "I had a fantastic time coaching the girls. In my opinion, we have a very unified team. I believe much of the unity is from the depth of experience," says dance team coach Miss Radel.

The fall dance team will be saying goodbye to 5 seniors this year. The girls competed in the Westdale Mall competition.

As the winter season approaches there is a lot that the dance team is looking forward to. Dance team member Alisabeth Caraway says, "We have a ton of cool routines. They are a lot different than last year."

SERVING UP VICTORIES

By Chris Bublitz

This has been an exciting year for the Marion volleyball team with the varsity team making it to the championship round at districts. The freshmen team did very well this year as well. The JV team placed second at the Iowa City Regina Tournament. The JV had a tough transition with most of their players also playing on varsity. The Varsity team started out the season very well by going to Mid-Prairie and finishing 1st. They also had a big win against Anamosa in only 52 minutes and got second in the Benton Marion conference. They also placed in the top 10 at the West Side tournament at Jefferson in the gold division and beat the 4th ranked team. This has been a very good year for the varsity team's new coach, Mrs. Paulsen. This is her first year coaching varsity here at Marion but it's her 10th year of coaching volleyball. Coach Paulsen's highlight of the season was the win at Mid-Prairie.

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Name: Amy Bahl



Activity: Volleyball
Other Activities: Tennis, SODA, NHS, NCYL, Choir
Season Highlight: Winning the Mid-Prairie tournament that was pretty cool.
What do you like most about your activity? We are

all really close friends, so we can hang out outside of volleyball and have a lot of fun together. We can also joke around with each other on and off the court.

Best High School Memory: Well the funniest high school memory was when the world map fell on my head during Spanish class, and then that night during volleyball practice I went to hit a ball and ran right into a pole. I also enjoyed this year's homecoming like the senior skit and the YMCA dancers.

What will you miss most about Marion? Football games- going to McDonald's before every football game. The school dances, and just chillin with my friends. Oh yeah, I will miss volleyball season a lot.

Favorite quote or something to leave the class of 2005: Go hard at whatever you do; you don't want to have any regrets.

Name: Jaimie DeLong



Activity: Musical
Other Activities: Fall/ Winter Cheerleading, NHS, FBLA, SODA, Soccer, Choir, Competition Cheerleading, Leadership for the Five Seasons, NCYL, Win With Wellness, Working at the Longbranch,

Journalism, Fall Musical

Season Highlight: Getting a lead in the musical. Getting first at State Cheerleading Competition last year

What do you like most about your activity? I like to sing, and it's fun to be up on stage.

Best High School Memory: When Brittnee Musser ate a coffee bean out of the penholder in the library. The librarian got so mad, and Jessi, Rachel, and I were dying. Going to Rachel's cabin on the Mississippi and getting in a huge fight with Jessi. I almost killed her. When Brittnee opened my car door on the highway when we were going 80mph. She started screaming because so was getting sucked out the door and all Tyler and I could do was laugh at her. She almost died, and it was the funniest moment of my life. Again Britt and I were driving and this semi wouldn't let us on to the highway. So Britt sped up to pass him and he tried to run us off the road, another near death experience.

What will you miss most about Marion? Maybe Journalism or some friends, but probably nothing.

Favorite quote or something to leave the class of 2005: High school drama is over rated.

Name: Sarah Jewell



Activity: Musical
Other Activities: Concert Choral, Cantorei, Thespians, SODA, and Speech
Season Highlight: Going to Homecoming with Andrew Jones, what a BLAST!

What do you like

most about your activity? I am extremely into the fine arts, so I enjoy it. I get to act, sing, and dance constantly. It's great being a minor character because I get to be a part of chorus and have a singing solo as well.

Best High School Memory: I don't have one best high school memory that stands out in my mind so instead, my greatest high school change would be moving to Iowa and enrolling in Marion High School.

What will you miss most about Marion? I will miss the great environment and how comfortable it is, my friends of course, and the less stressful assignments.

Favorite quote or some advice to leave the class of 2005: "Keep your chin up" and "Roll with punches"

Name: Andrew Barnd



Activity: Football
Other Activities: Baseball, NHS, Journalism, NCYL, SODA, and WWW
Season Highlight: Coming back from a 0-3 deficit to beat Anamosa 27-10

What do you like most about your activity?

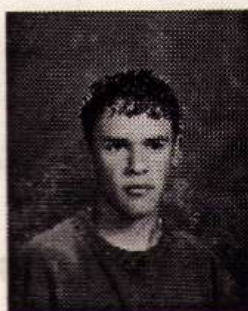
Team dinners and dominating under the Friday night lights.

Best High School Memory: Going to London in the summer of 2003.

What will you miss most about Marion? Journalism

Favorite quote or some advice to leave the class of 2005: I don't have any advice.

Name: Thomas Greene



Activity: Varsity Football Manager "Water boy"

Other Activities: SODA

Season Highlight: Winning at Dewitt and having our defense stop them on 4 and 1 to win it for us. I was so happy and excited I started jumping up and

down, then I ran on the field and started yelling in excitement and I almost fell.

What do you like most about your activity?

I like being on the sidelines with all my best buddies and being right next to the action. I like watching all my friends succeed and I like traveling to away games.

Best high school memory: Going to state with the Blazek's and playing the ABC word game with Zach on the way there, I said I won, but he really did. It was fun watching Kody get second.

What will you miss most about Marion? I will miss every one of my friends; they're so fun to be with. I will miss football games the most because they're so fun, exciting, and intense. I will miss hanging out with friends after the football games too.

Name: Josh Immerfall



Activity: Musical/ Cross Country

Other Activities: Track, Speech, Fall Musical, Spring Play, Take Charge, JEL, Lean On Me, Journalism

Season Highlight: When the whole musical finally came together and we put on a great show.

What do you like most

about your activity? The team. We are all really close and always make things fun, which you need to do, because 8-mile runs aren't always the greatest.

Best High School Memory: This one time I went to Dairy Queen without permission during Journalism. Ms. Martin was simply furious. I'm positive that she has never been that mad at me. It was awesome!

What will you miss most about Marion? The bells. I'm really going to miss walking down the hall and the bell simply scaring the living bajesus out of me.

Favorite quote or some advice to leave the class of 2005: You only live once, act on instincts.

Name: Melissa Schmidt



Activity: Volleyball

Other Activities: Volunteering and working at Menard's

Season Highlight: The whole season was a highlight because it was all a blast.

What do you like most about your activity? Just playing the game, and having fun with my

teammates.

Best High School Memory: TPing Mr. Bates' house every year.

What will you miss most about Marion? The people, teachers, and friends

Favorite quote or some advice to leave the class of 2005: Good is not enough when better is possible.

Name: Ashley Brown



Activity: Musical/ Volleyball

Other Activities: SODA

Season Highlight: Winning Mid-Prairie tournament, it's the first time a team has won a tournament in 5 years.

What do you like most about your activity?

Getting to know different people that I don't usually get a chance to hang out with. Also, hanging out with my good pal Ms. Martin.

Best High School Memory: At volleyball practice when Whitney Perkins chucked a ball at Amy Bahl's face. It was the third time she got hit this season.

What will you miss most about Marion? All my friends and all the memories that have happened here.

Favorite quote or something to leave the class of 2005: Take Spanish 4 with Senora Clark!

Favorite quote or some advice to leave the class of 2005: Be mature and have fun everyday it goes by too fast not to have fun.

Name: Alisabeth Caraway



Activity: Musical
Other Activities: Captain Fall/ Winter Dance, NHS, Student Senate, FBLA, Thespians (President), Concert Chorale, Student Senate, Band, SODA, Fall Musical, Starlighters Theatre, Choreographer Middle School Show Choir, Director of Student Run Play, Student Liaison of Marion Chamber of Congress, Member of Mayor's Youth Advisory Board, Chamber Ensemble, Jazz Choir, Take Charge, Homecoming Committee, Speech, Large Group Speech, WWW, School Cents Committee Chairman, Homecoming Float/ Banner Committee, Prom Committee, Creative Ink, Lean On Me, NCYL, Youth Leadership of Five Seasons, Theatre Cedar Rapids, Cedar Rapids Symphony Guild Follies, Working at Subway

Season Highlight: Watching the boys try and do the choreography. First, they give me this dumb look, and then they would try it, realize that they have forgotten the move, ask me to do it again, and then retry it doing it amazingly the second time. Grease Boys... you rock my world! Keep Dancin!

What do you like most about your activity? Definitely the performance. All the hard work, stress, tears, sleepless nights, and cracking voices that went into this show... who wouldn't be happy to finally be able to show off what we've done? Also, being able to watch the cast dance to the choreography that I made up in my basement the night before. It's an awesome feeling!

Best High School Memory: I would have to say, 3 AM trips to Perkins with the speech gals. Eating mashed potatoes 'n' gravy, macaroni and cheese, and who could forget the endless pot of coffee... which later came out of my nose after Molly made me laugh. Ever had coffee come out your nose? IT BURNS!

What will you miss most about Marion? Being able to see the people I love everyday. High school has been the best 4 years of my life; each year gets better and better, and I don't ever want it to end. I will also miss the opportunities to be very involved, I think that once leave high school I will go insane because college doesn't provide all the fun and different activities that Marion High School has.

Favorite quote or some advice to leave the class of 2005: I would have to say.. "Be Yourself." There's no one else like you, and there shouldn't ever be. Be an individual. Be the best at whatever it is you do. Don't settle for average. Don't be normal. Who cares if they call you weird. Accept it. People are always afraid of what's different, so don't be afraid to stand when others sit, cry when others are laughing, and believe when others have lost all hope. So don't stop dreaming, because those who think they can make a difference, end up changing the world.

Name: Carl Todd



Activity: Cross Country
Other Activities: Track
Season Highlight: Blowing WAMAC
What do you like most about your activity? Watching Val dominate every race.
Best High School Memory: Freshman and senior homecoming pep

rallies, aka "Mom"

What will you miss most about Marion? People
Favorite quote or some advice to leave the class of 2006: "Don't cross the road if you can't get out of the kitchen." Oh yeah, almost forgot, waffles are yummy.

Name: Tom Peterson



Activity: Cross Country
Other Activities: Soccer and Indoor Soccer
Season Highlight: The meet at West Delaware where the guys won and I got 11th on JV. Also John and Val both broke school records.
What do you like most about your activity? It gets

you in shape very fast and pushes you farther that you thought you could go. You make new friends.

Best High School Memory: Going to Super Target with John Hauskins, Leo Rey, Ashley Evans, Nicole Cox, and I making our own curbside band. We made 57 cents.

What will you miss most about Marion? The friends and going to football games.

Favorite quote or some advice to leave the class of 2005: "Looking back, knowing that you gave it your all, win or lose you finish a champion."

Name: Jon Fitch



Activity: Football
Other Activities: Wrestling, Track, SODA, and ATOMS
Season Highlight: Beating 5th ranked Anamosa and winning Homecoming
What do you like most about your activity? The camaraderie amongst the players.

Best High School Memory: We were moving the Linn Mar wrestling mats onto a truck and Chad Turner rolled on his head. It was pretty funny.
What will you miss most about Marion? Playing football under the lights and the crowd.
Favorite quote or some advice to leave the class of 2005: Do or do not, there is no try.

Name: Kasey Bellach



Activity: Cross Country
Other Activities: Track
Season Highlight: Winning Tipton and setting the bar.
What do you like most about your activity? Even though we race for our own individual time, we are a team and are always there for

each other.

What will you miss most about Marion? My friends and the cool teachers.

Favorite quote or some advice to leave the class of 2005: Push it until you drop and then push it some more.



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By Shawna Leonard

THE TECH EFFECT



Besides going to school and working about fifteen to thirty hours a week at Marion Hy-Vee, James Merfeld spends most of the free time that he can manage working with and learning about computers. James has been learning computers and working with them for about a year now. When James first became interested in computers he realized that he was really talented at it, he really enjoyed it, and that he could see himself working with computers in his future. After realizing how much he enjoyed computers he decided to start learning



more and doing things on his own.

Just recently James built a computer on his own for a kid that he works with at Hy-Vee. James said that it only took him about a week to do

everything including putting it together and getting all the parts. James didn't charge

his friend anything for the computer because he hasn't been doing this very long and he didn't know how well his friend would like it. He only charged his friend for most

of the parts that were used, but that was it.

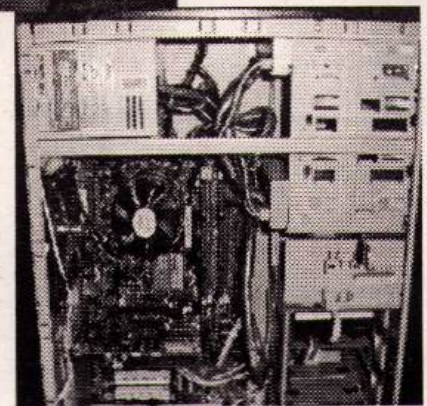
James says that there are many benefits to having a computer specially made compared to a computer made then bought at a store. When you have a computer specially made you can pick the parts you want and what you want it to be like. It's your own personal preference. You can also pick parts on how much you are willing to spend because it's your own decision. This way you can also decide how you want things to be set up. This also causes a problem though. If you don't know much about computers you're going to have some trouble because if something goes wrong you might not know how to fix it. Overall, James says



Left: James also took a picture of the back of the computer to show what it looks like before it is all put together. This is a good idea so that you know what is being put into your computer.

Right: While working on the computer, James takes a picture of the inside case. James spent the most time on this one part.

that he believes having a computer specially made for you is better than buying one at a store.



TANNING ALTERNATIVE

By Ashley Sperry

People think the only way you can get a tan is by laying in a tanning bed under ultraviolet light, that can be harmful to your skin, for 10-20 minutes. Well that's not the only way, now there is a new way called Mystic-tan.

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The Mystic Tan is available at Planet Beach on Boyson Road in Cedar Rapids near Java Café. Stephanie English, the manager at Planet Beach,

says "Mystic Tan is a great alternative way to get a natural golden tan without spending the time it takes to tan in a tanning bed. Mystic Tan is a way for those people whose mothers worry about the exposure of ultraviolet light to get a natural looking tan. It takes less time and looks great." Stephanie and the staff at

Planet Beach will sit down and discuss any questions you might have before using Mystic tan.

If you plan on getting a Mystic Tan you need to prepare your skin so the tanning particles will stick to your skin. You need to prepare your skin by exfoliating your skin, especially your knees, elbows, and face. When you

exfoliate it removes all the dead skin so the tanning particles stick to your skin. This also is a way to prevent blotching and discoloring. Not only does exfoliating prepare your skin, but also moisturizes. You should moisturize with an aloe vera based lotion without mineral oil

in it. If you use Clearasil to help acne, you should stop using it for a minimum of three days. If you use Clearasil it could cause blotches because the spray with not stick as well.

I have tried Mystic Tan and it wasn't as bad as I thought. At first I couldn't tell a color change but after a couple of hours the color became more noticeable. It looks better if you

combine the Mystic Tan with tanning in a bed. At first I was scared that it was going to turn me orange or cause me to look blotchy.

There are many worries about spray-on tan and the effects of it. As long as you do it correctly and prepare your skin for it, you should be fine.

Benefits of Using Mystic Tan:

- Great for people who have concerns about exposure to ultraviolet light.
- Last minute tanning option for those events like weddings, homecoming, parties, and prom.
- If you already have a base tan, the Mystic Tan will give you a richer natural look.
- If you don't tan easily in the sun, this is a way for you to get that tan you've always wanted.
- It takes less time than tanning in a tanning bed.

Cookie Chaos



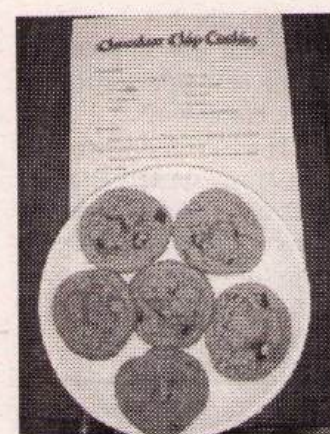
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Made by: Kelsey Schlotfeldt



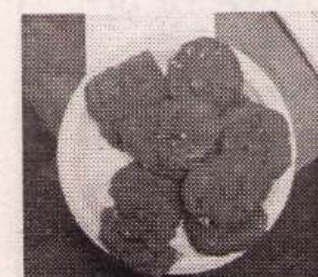
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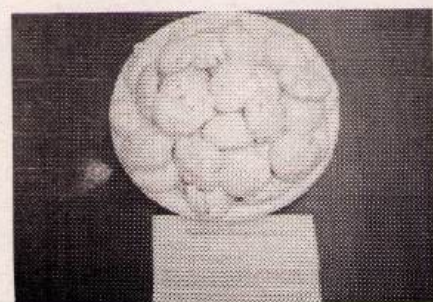
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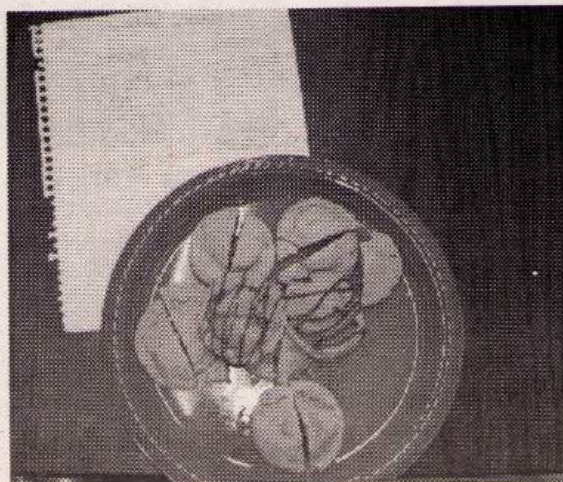
Chocolate Chip
Pudding Cook-
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Made by:
Rhonda Martin

"Grandma's cookies are not just a chocolate chip cookie. Each cookie comes specially wrapped, not only for freshness, but to symbolize the warmth and kindness of Grandma everywhere." This exact quote came with one of the contest's entries and captured the whole essence of what Grandma's cookies are all about.

One of the greatest feelings in the world is being at Grandma's house and the smell of her famous

cookies wafting throughout her house. Your taste buds erupt as you sink your teeth into the gooey-goodness of her cookies.

This cookie contest wanted to capture all of these feelings and see who made the best cookies. Anyone could enter: you, your grandma, your mom, it didn't matter. The contest was about finding the best cookies in Marion High School, and the results below show "how the cookie crumbled."



Winner - Best Non-
Chocolate Chip Cookie

Snicker Cookies
Made by: Micaela Kel-
ley

Ingredients:
1 c. margarine
1 c. sugar
1 c. brown sugar
2 eggs
1 tsp vanilla
1 c. peanut butter
3 c flour

2 tsp soda
1/2 tsp salt

Instructions:

Mix all the ingredients together until well-mixed.

Wrap the dough around a Snicker miniature candy bar. roll the ball in sugar and bake at 350° for 10 minutes. You can drizzle the cookie with chocolate.

Winner: Best Chocolate Chip
Cookie

Chocolate Chip #3
Made by: Jessica Ogburn

Ingredients:
2 1/4 c flour
1 tsp baking soda
1 tsp salt
1 c Crisco
3/4 c sugar
3/4 c brown sugar
2 eggs
1 bag chocolate chips

Instructions:

Mix flour, baking soda, and salt in a small bowl. In a large bowl combine the Crisco, sugar, brown sugar, and eggs. Mix in the ingredients from the small bowl.

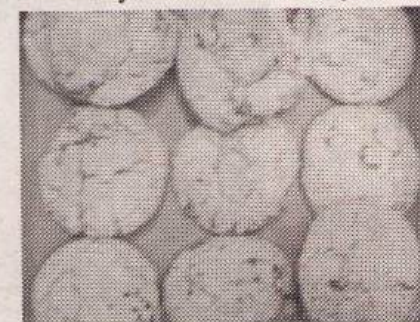
Stir in yummy semisweet chocolate chips. Bake at 375° for 6-7 minutes. Dip in milk for the best taste!



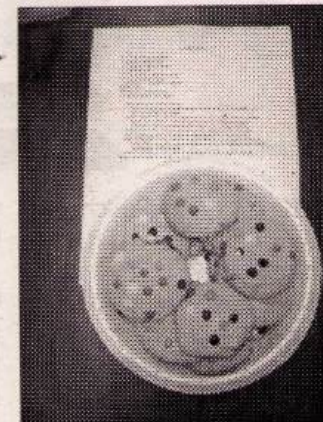
Chocolate Chip #2
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White Chocolate Chunk Cookies
Made by: Cassie Sweeney



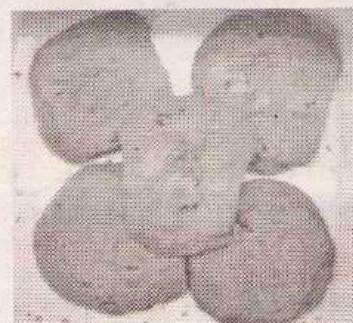
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M&M Cookies
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Paige Johnson



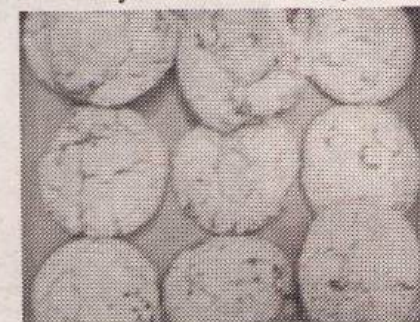
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Made by: Cassie Sweeney



Chocolate Chip #2
Made by: Anthony Valvoda



White Chocolate Chunk Cookies
Made by: Cassie Sweeney



Neimann-Marcus Chocolate
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Made by: Mr. Immerfall

Thanks to all the participants!