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Holiday Magic

By Nicole Cox and Ashley Evans

The holidays are nearing, and you know what that means: gifts galore. Whether it's Christmas, Kwanza, Hanakuh, or Ramadan, gifts are given at this time of year to show appreciation towards loved ones. Many times, it's hard to figure out what to give. Here are some helpful tips for shopping ideas or gift giving.

People in your family are sometimes the easiest to buy for. You are with them often and are more likely to know what they would like. Here are some ideas to aid in your holiday shopping:

DADS: pictures, powertools, electric razor, socks, ties, or electronics.

MOMS: calenders, movies, CD's, housewares, slippers, yoga tapes, meditation music, or jewelry.

SISTERS: movies, hat/mittens, makeup, CD's, or clothes.

BROTHERS: gift certificates, CD's, or video games.

GRAMPS: nose tweezers, a bowl shirt, or golf equipment.

GRANNY: cookbook, slippers, a cardigan, a blanket, or candles.

Christmas

Christmas is the holiday that celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ. It is celebrated on December 25. It first originated as a Christian holiday, but has been adapted by many people throughout the world. Gifts are given to represent the gifts that the wise men brought to Bethlehem when Jesus was born.



Ramadan celebrates the ninth month of the Muslim calendar. The entire month, Muslims fast during the daylight hours. In the evening, small meals are eaten while visiting with friends and family. It is a time of worship and contemplation. Children are often rewarded with gifts, money, and small sweets.

Ramadan

Hanukkah is a celebration of the victory of the Jews over the Syrian armies in 165 B.C. All eight candles of the menorah are lit during the eight days and eight nights. Gifts are given each night. The dreidel is a four-sided spinning top with Hebrew letters inscribed on each side.

Hanakkuh

Many times, students are stumped with what to get for their special someone. When you spend a lot of time with your boyfriend or girlfriend, you end up knowing a lot about them. When it comes to gift giving time, you want to give the perfect gift, and all that you know should come in handy. Students at MHS were surveyed, and here are some of the ideas they had:

BOYFRIENDS: clothes, cologne, necklace, watch, gift certificates, electronics, Harry Potter memorabilia, or pictures of you two.

GIRLFRIENDS: jewelry, clothes, perfume, Harry Potter memorabilia, pictures, or sweets.

Get your friends something that reflects their personality. If they are sports oriented, they would be interested in athletic gear, like a soccer jersey or a new tennis racket. If they are more into their studies, a good book would be nice or splurge for a new graphing calculator.

For GUYS: gift certificates, CD's, movies, or software.

For GIRLS: lotions, body wash, picture frames, jewelry, or candy.

Kwanza

Kwanza is December 26 through January 1. It is a celebration with the focus on the traditional African values of family, community, responsibility, commerce, and self-improvement. The gifts are often educational or of artistic nature. Creativity is encouraged in the gifts. They are usually exchanged between parents and children. They are traditionally given on the last day of Kwanza.



"I want picture frames and clothes for Christmas."
-Amber Scott

"I look forward to opening presents."
-Coulter Page

"I looove Christmas because my mom makes lots of good cookies. Hot turkey...aw man!"
-Ben Messerli

"I would buy gift certificates for boys and body care items for girls."
-Hillary Youngman

"I like the holidays because it's a time to be with family, eat a lot, and give and get."
-Travis Eagle

"I look forward to seeing family and friends."
-Kevin Meeker

"I'm looking forward to going to Colorado with my family."
-Nachelle Duecker

"I like Chritmas because gifts are fun, but I like spending time with family most."
-Sara Wirtner

The Video Game Made Me Do It! I Swear!

By Holly Grieder

With the release of two much anticipated and certainly violent video games, Halo 2 and Grand Theft Auto: San Andres, there has been a lot of joy brought into the lives of youth around the nation. But where there is someone happily playing their new video game, there also is someone needlessly worrying about the violent consequences the game might have on our country.

Not until Columbine in 1999 was there such controversy over the negative influences video games might have on our children, and there have been several studies done proving that playing violent video games equals more aggression in the player's real life. The youth responsible for the shooting were avid players of violent video games, and it began the fight against youth playing video games. Plus there is the fact that United States soldiers are trained with the help of video games. They are mostly used to increase the visual skills of the soldiers, but some have made comparisons to the violence they have seen in wars. In author Evan Wright's book, *Generation Kill*, he explores the use of video games and their connection to the Iraqi soldiers. When interviewed one of them said, "It felt like I was living it when I seen the flames coming out of windows, the blown-up car in the street, guys crawling around shooting at us."



These facts have caused some crazy things. A lawyer in Florida, Jack Thompson, has even gone so far as to request his defendant's acquittal because of the defendant's frequent exposure to violent video games. His client's include two teenage boys who shot and killed a mo-

torist and wounded another. Thompson claims the boys were inspired by the game Grand Theft Auto. While many of us would find it hard to blame video games for anything this drastic, would we want our little brother or sister playing games like these?

Seventy-nine percent of stores surveyed by the National Institute for Media and the Family said they refuse to sell video games to minors, and by the end of 2004 there will be a carding policy in place at many of chain stores, including Wal-Mart and Best Buy. While there might be room for concern from some parents, Grand Theft Auto: Vice City, was the only mature rated video game to rate in the top ten sellers of 2003, which leaves room for suspicion that violence doesn't necessarily sell. The games in the top ten were primarily sports related.

On the legal front, seven states have tried to pass bill restricting violent video games, and all have been denied. Courts of all different levels have declared it a violation of the first amendment. Although the video game companies have no comment on this decision, the advocates of removing violence from the video consoles of youth are quite outspoken about it. There are several legislator working to take violence off the video game shelves, or at least limit their availability. Leland Yee, a Democrat in the California Assembly, has gone so far as to compare video games to tobacco, alcohol, drugs, and pornography.

After all of this, I must confess I am not an avid video game player. To be completely honest, I have only played two games in my whole life.

In Memory . . .



Jessica Marie Buckhaultner, 15, died Wednesday, December 1, 2004, At St. Luke's Hospital, following a sudden illness. Services were held Saturday, December 4, 2004, at Murdoch Funeral

Home and Cremation Center by the Rev. Rick Gail.

Survivors include her mother and stepfather, Kim and Gary Miell of Marion; her father, Floyd Buckhaultner; her grandparents, Mark and Colleen Pennell of Beaverton, Oregon, and Lewis and Louise Felthoff of Ocala, Florida; two brothers, Max Ortiz and wife Monica and Alex Buckhaultner and fiancée Stephanie Schutte; four stepsiblings, Bruce, dean, Michelle and Kenny Miell; and her special friend, David.

Jessica was born May 17, 1989, the daughter of Floyd Buckhaultner Jr. and Kimberly A. Felthoff, in Loma Linda, California.

Jessica was a sophomore at Marion High School and had participated in junior high cheerleading, track, and choir. She had a special love for music and had recently learned to play electric guitar. Jessica was a Christian and had been saved. She enjoyed reading her Bible.

One is Super Mario (or something like that), and the other is a game called Fusion Frenzy, neither of which is violent. I have to say that I believe that like any other form of media, video games need to be left to parental control, and with quality guidance at home any child will know the difference between video games and real life. So I guess what it comes down to is that Marion High School students are going to keep playing their video games (violent or not) until somebody else's parent passes a law telling them not to.

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Game On!!!

By Andrew Reynolds

With the release of games such as, "Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas" and "Halo 2", the whole school seems to be buzzing with excitement. Most of the students at the high school own at least one gaming console and some own many more. With these systems running from one-hundred dollars to one-hundred fifty dollars, students can often sink paycheck after paycheck into games and accessories for these systems.

By far, Halo 2 has been the most anticipated game for the past year. People all over the world have been waiting for this game for about two years now. Brady Quinn and Riley Quinn even bought an Xbox just to play Halo 2. Riley Quinn said, "I bought the Xbox because it's fun and I can beat my friends at it." Halo 2 has now sold about 2.4 million copies of it's game grossing about



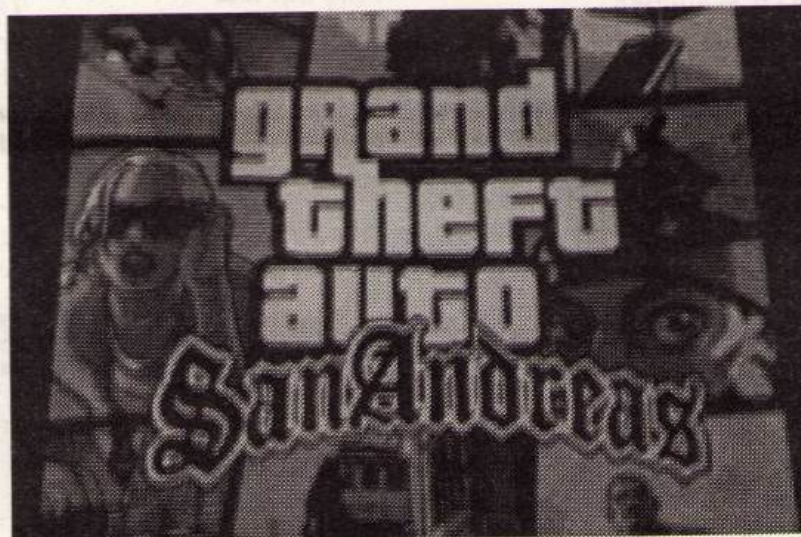
Brady and Riley Quinn are shown here buying their Xbox soon after the release of Halo 2.



Josh Kane and Austin Conway enjoy a game of Halo 2. Many students at the high school get together on the weekends to play.

125 million dollars.

For the Playstation 2 owners this year a new version of the popular "Grand Theft Auto" series came out this year. Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas came out about two years after Grand Theft Auto: Vice City. This new Grand Theft Auto game has already sold over 3 million copies in the short time it has been out.



Even though there is talk of a Playstation 3 coming out within the next year, the PS2 released a new game for the Grand Theft Auto series.

On a recent trip to Best Buy I asked some questions to an employee in the gaming section. He said all age groups play games, but a high percentage of them are teenagers. Since the release of the Playstaion 2 and Xbox he said a lot more people started playing games because of the enhanced graphics. Best sellers at Best Buy for the fall and winter season have been Halo 2 and GTA: San Andreas. With these two games coming out it raises the question of any new consoles being released, and the answer could be yes. Within the next year or two a PS3 and a Xbox 2 could very possibly be released, which will be sure to please many students at MHS.



The release of GTA: San Andreas has boosted sales for the PS2 this holiday season.

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Over the River, and Through the Woods

By Megan Anderson

Looking at the holiday lights and singing Christmas carols are just part of holiday traditions. Marion High School students and their families each have their own way of celebrating this special season. So whether you are someone who just opens presents every December 25 or you have a huge feast with your family members, the holidays are made special to each family. These are a few ways your fellow students and faculty celebrate their winter breaks:

"My family and I go down to Texas to visit my grandparents, and we make peanut butter balls."
—Ashley Cory



"We always go to my grandma's house for Thanksgiving dinner."
—Bryan Clark

"My dad, my brother, and I go hunting Christmas Eve and bring back dinner. After the dinner, we open our presents."
—Dan Eilers

"My wife and I go up to Minneapolis to visit our sons." —Mr. Bates

"My family all decorates the Christmas tree on Thanksgiving." —Brady Quinn

"We never have turkey for Thanksgiving, and we also never open presents before Christmas. After each holiday meal, my family takes a walk together." —Mrs. Grant

"We go look at the lights, and then my mom reads us the 'Night Before Christmas.'" —Katie Schultz

"We watch *It's a Wonderful Life* while decorating our house with Christmas decorations."
—Derrick VanDerMillen



"We do crackers, which are pretty, foil-wrapped tubes and when you pull on the ends, you get a prize when it 'cracks' open."
—Jaimie DeLong

"My family goes to church and we also go skiing in Austria." —Torben Reinhardt

"We have a huge, unbelievably huge, New Year's party with all my friends!" —Adnan Sayar

"We have a big 'Jesus Stocking' and we write letters saying how we're thankful." —Sandy Theilking



THERE'S NO MISTAKE, IT'S WINTER BREAK!

By Ashley Evans and Nicole Cox

What comes to mind when you think of winter? The snow, food, or presents? Even though it's not quite here yet, students at MHS are making some big plans for the best and most wanted break of the year. Some are taking trips, from California to Texas, while others are finding time to work to make some extra money over vacation. Some are just planning to hang out with friends and family and soaking in the holiday cheer. Here is what some Marion students are planning to do this winter:

"I'm going to California for Christmas."
—Brian Scheer

"I'm going to Chicago for Christmas with the family and to shop." —Nicole Henry



"Building a snowman." —Tyler Peterson

"I plan on being with my family, playing basketball, and hanging with the homies."
—Whitney Perkins

"I'm hanging out with my bro."
—Patrick Lala

"I'm going on the SODA ski trip."
—Jarett Hugg

"Stay in town, go to the book sale in Iowa City the day after Christmas, read, and see movies." —Mrs. Grant

"Visiting family in Texas." —Brian Mock

"My plans are to read the Holy Bible."
—Marty Tope

"I'm going to watch TV and hang out." —Rick Scott

"I'm going to sleep and work at Hy-Vee."
—Steven Mehaffy

"I'm going to Florida with my dad."
—Owen Kane



"I'm tobogganing with my dog, Maggie." —Jon Trumpold

"Building a snowman." —Tyler Peterson

"I plan to go skiing in Colorado." —Eric Wagner

ENTERTAINMENT

By Blake Hacker

Movies:

SHAUN OF THE DEAD

Review: This movie makes fun of zombie movies. It is based in London, England and is quite timely with all the zombie movies that have come out recently. I saw this at the Collins Road Theatre for 3 dollars, and I feel that 3 dollars is the perfect amount for this movie. The main character is Shaun, who is having a crappy couple of days. He has a bad job, his girlfriend dumps him, and he gets in a fight with one of his roommates. He lives in a house with 2 roommates; one is Shaun's best friend and is a slob that enjoys video games and heavy drinking. Basically one night people start to turn into zombies and the comedy is that Shaun is unaware of them for a while. There are some funny parts, but it is mostly entertaining more than funny. I enjoyed it, it isn't really the best movie but I would still recommend it to anyone.

Favorite Part: The end, Shaun's buddy turns into a zombie that can play video games, it is funny.

What I Don't Like: There are some very annoying characters that bother me.

Why You Should Check It Out (WYSCIO): It is a different but good way to look at a full-on zombie attack on the world.

DAZED AND CONFUSED

Review: Greatest movie about life ever. Set in the last day of school in 1976, the film shows life through the high schooler's point of view, which is what makes it so awesome. At the beginning,



Aerosmith's "Sweet Emotion" is playing and all the kids are arriving at school. What I love about the movie is how real the characters are, it really helps to make the whole thing as real and believable as possible. They all interact like it really is '76, using the terms and saying "man" as much as possible.

Life was different back in the 70's, and after watching about 10 seconds you'll wish you were around back then. There are different stories of people to follow and new characters keep popping up the whole time. This is one of my top 5 favorite movies of all time and I think everyone should see it and be enlightened.

Favorite Part: My favorite two characters are Wooderson, played by Matthew McConaughey, and Slater. They have the best lines, they are the

funniest, and they might be the two that make the most impact on you when you watch.

What I Don't Like: All the great music in the movie makes me wish that pop music now could actually be music like it was in the 70's.

WYSCIO: It really is one of the best movies about high school life that has ever been made. I don't know anyone who doesn't like this movie and if you don't like this movie then don't talk to me.

Music:

HOOTIE AND THE BLOWFISH - CRACKED REAR VIEW

Review: Everyone who lived in America from 1990 to the year 2000 has somehow come in contact with a Hootie song. Either it was on the radio or on repeat in your CD player, but you heard one of these three songs: "Hold My Hand," "Only Wanna Be With You," or "Let Her Cry." All of these gems

can be found on one marvelous disc, called Cracked Rear View. Personally, I really like Hootie and the Fish, I've seen them live and they were awesome. I am a Hootie fan. The whole CD can be listened to the whole way through, which is great. And don't think that the three songs from above are the only good things on the album; "Drowning," and "Time" are solid tunes. I enjoy the fact that when you listen to this album it makes the world around you turn into a happy, sunny, summer day.

Favorite Part: The entire thing is good; listening to it with fellow Hootie-fan-friends is a good time too.

What I Don't Like: That there is no one named Hootie in the band, it would be funny if there actually were a Hootie.

NIRVANA - WITH THE LIGHTS OUT (BOX SET)

Review: Finally, finally, finally. Maybe one of the most long awaited box sets from any band ever has finally been released. After years of court battles, the Nirvana box set is official and on store shelves now. For those of you who have no idea at all, former Nirvana band members Dave Grohl and Krist Novoselic have been in and out of court; battling with Courtney Love over Nirvana material. Love is Kurt Cobain's widow; she is a psycho that needs to be stopped. She has tried to keep complete control over Nirvana and Cobain recordings, but in 2003 negotiations led to the creation of the set, which is full of rarities fans have been waiting for for 10 years since Cobain's death. I bought the collection as soon as I could and listened to it and watched the DVD. There are a lot of real cool rare little things, from personal home Cobain recordings to live Nirvana shows. I really like this box set, but would have to say that is for Nirvana fans only, other people just wouldn't understand.

Favorite Part: Definitely the DVD. It is the first official Nirvana DVD and has footage of the first time "Smells Like Teen Spirit" was played live. Also included is tape of the original Nirvana line-up playing a few songs in a house in 1987.

What I Don't Like: That the DVD isn't longer, it seems like there should be more on it.

WYSCIO: Because it is one of the greatest box sets ever, and Nirvana is one of the best bands of all time.




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Speech is Now in Session

By Megan Anderson

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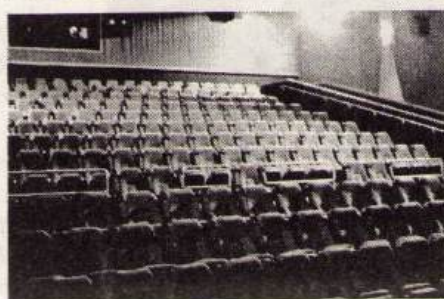
Fred's Drive-In is the restaurant at the Galaxy. It is one thing that makes the Galaxy Cine 16 different from other movie

Whether you want to watch a movie, play video games, or have a great meal, The Galaxy Theater is the place for you.



The concession stand at the Galaxy offers you a variety of foods, from candy, to nachos

arcade games and a virtual reality roller coaster. The owners of the theater don't want this movie theater to be like any other movie theater. They want it to be a place where kids can hang out with their friends. "We want this movie theater to be like a Chuck-E-Cheese for older kids," said one of the managers. "We are



The newly constructed theater has stadium seating and comfortable seats for your pleasure.

Leaves are falling, the weather is getting colder, and Mr. Wake is scrambling to get ideas for competition. That's right, it's Speech season! Marion's Competition Speech Team is known for creativity and energy at competitions, and Mr. Wake expects no less from this year's team. With auditions held the week before Thanksgiving and the first competition in the third week of January, the preparation time is very short.

One new addition is a new coach, Mrs. Streif. Mrs. Streif is an SCI teacher who competed in Speech for many years in her high school career and enjoyed it so much that she became an Iowa High School Speech Association (IHSSA) judge soon after graduating. She has judged for the IHSSA for 12 years and is very excited to continue her involvement with coaching.

With many returning upperclassmen as well as new additions, the speech season is expected to be one of fun, excitement, as well as accomplishment and is anticipated by many people in the MHS community. Sarah Young confirms this with saying, "I am so excited this season underway with returning and the large of new ones, be a great season with great memories!"



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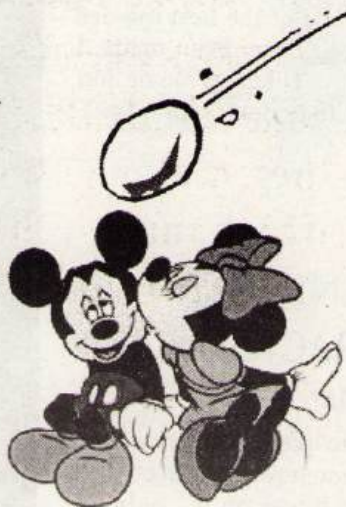
Did You know?

this.

Moving on. Coach Laube stated last pep rally that we will be the best student section in the WAMAC. Let's make it happen. I no longer work on Fridays, so I will be there, leading us to that title. So kids, jump on my back and I will lead us to the promised land, and official title of Best Student Section in the WAMAC.

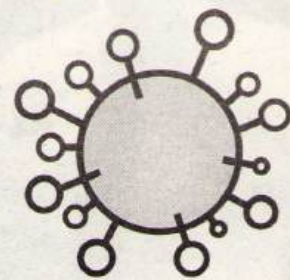
Moving on again... I'm making a trip to Florida to watch the Hawks over this short "Winter Break". So look for me on national television. Thanks.

So until next time kids,
hugs and handpounds.



Moving on. As we all know, we live in Iowa. The day is December 13th and there is no snow on the ground. Come on God, I want to go sledding. And just to spite me I am sure that there will be at least 12 feet of snow on the ground as you all read

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Strutting Their Stuff

By Chris Bublit

If you ever wanted to see two basketball teams, a dance team, a competition cheerleading team, and a wrestling team all in one night, well you should have gone to the Winter Bowl. This year's festivity was very exciting with scrimmaging



The Dancers strike their final pose of their routine.

of the freshman, sophomore, JV, and varsity girls & boys basketball teams. They are looking like they will be performing very well this season. The wrestling team has many new wrestlers this year on the lineup, while many of the varsity team is returning from last year. The dance team performed a stomp routine in camouflage. The audience was very into the



Guarded by Jake Cram, Curt Hansen sets up the varsity basketball offense.

FEAST OF A LIFETIME

By: Clancy Quinn

Food, food, and more food was the theme of this year's Annual Holiday Dinner. During the first lunch of the feast, they served more food than both lunches last year combined. That's a lot of food!

To prepare a meal that the whole school could enjoy, the cooks arrived at the school around 4:30 AM to start crackin' those eggs. They worked around the clock until the food was on your plate and ready to be devoured. The cooks put in a lot of time and effort which does not go unappreciated. The planning for this year's dinner started right after last year to find more ways to improve it and make it even more enjoyable.

The smells of holiday dinner at Grandma's house wafted



Above: Travis Eagle and Brittany Musser enjoy their holiday dinner.

Right: Dr. Thomas carves up the turkey for the line of oncoming students.

through the hallways of MHS and students kept the tradition alive of lining up 20 minutes before the lunch was even ready to be served. If you couldn't get out of your class early enough, you were stuck at the back of line. It didn't really matter where you were at in the line because everybody got to enjoy the taste of this feast fit for a king.

This year's dinner was another success, and the planning for next year's has already begun. All of the students at MHS went home with full stomachs and a skip in their step thanks to the cooks and their hard work.



The Cold Season

By: Aaron Lockwood

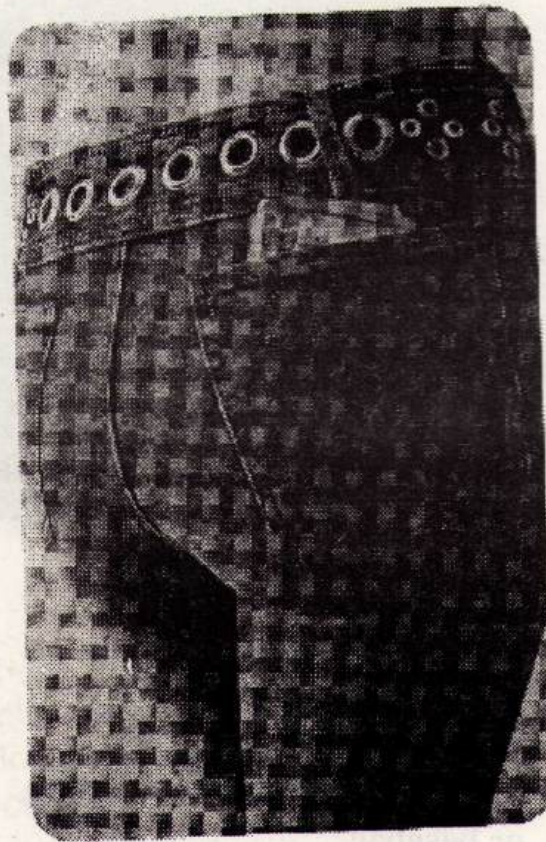
It's that time of the year again, a time of cold weather, Christmas Jolly, the dawn of a new year, and winter illnesses. As you walk down the hallways, you can't help but see someone coughing, or hear someone sneezing, and even though you try your hardest to stay away from the germs, there is no escaping it. A few days later you have a cold, and feel horrible. So, how do you avoid be-

coming a member of the "sick club"?

The school nurse, Mrs. Hamous says that "During this time of year, the majority of the sicknesses are upper respiratory in nature. The main symptoms are things like a cough, achyness in the body, a runny nose, and of course there are more severe things such as the flu and pneumonia." She also gave these helpful tips on how to make sure you stay as healthy as possible.

- Eat a healthy diet
- Consume Vitamin C to help strengthen your immune system
- Keep your hands away from your mouth and eyes
- Cover your mouth when you cough
- Most importantly, you should wash your hands because of all of the contact they make with such items as door handles, which many other people also touch.

By following the above tips, you can help keep your body as healthy as possible so you can go out and enjoy the winter weather, instead of having to be at home in bed.

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Bryan's favorite:

- Color is red.
- Movies are comedy or action.
- Hobbies are video games, movies, and spending time with friends.
- Subjects are biology and art.

Alyssa thinks Bryan's favorite:

- Color is red or blue. *Correct!*
- Movies are action or weird, funny movies. *Correct!*
- Hobbies are playing video games and eating. *Correct!*
- Subject is the sciences. *Correct!*

Clancy's favorite:

- Color is blue.
- Movie is comedy.
- Hobby is sports.
- Subject is journalism because of Ms. Martin.

Brady thinks Clancy's favorite:

- Color is blue. *Correct!*
- Movie type is action.
- Hobby is sports. *Correct!*
- Subject in school is math.

Brady's favorite:

- Color is blue.
- Movie is comedy.
- Hobby is sports.
- Subject is science.

Clancy thinks Brady's favorite:

- Color is green.
- Movie type is comedy. *Correct!*
- Hobby is sports. *Correct!*
- Subject in school is business.

RANDOM TWIN FACT:

Twins have been known to develop their own language known as "cryptophasia".

RANDOM TWIN FACT: Twins Day in Twinsburg, Ohio is the world's largest gathering of twins.

Kris and Kyle Thomson

- Parents and other family members confuse them for each other all of the time.
- They both like history, band, wrestling, and baseball.
- For the most part they share similar tastes in clothing and style. The only major difference is that Kris gels his hair and Kyle doesn't.
- They have separate clothes and rooms, but share the same friends.
- They get along pretty well but harass each other quite a bit.
- They think that there is no "best" part about being a twin, it's all good.

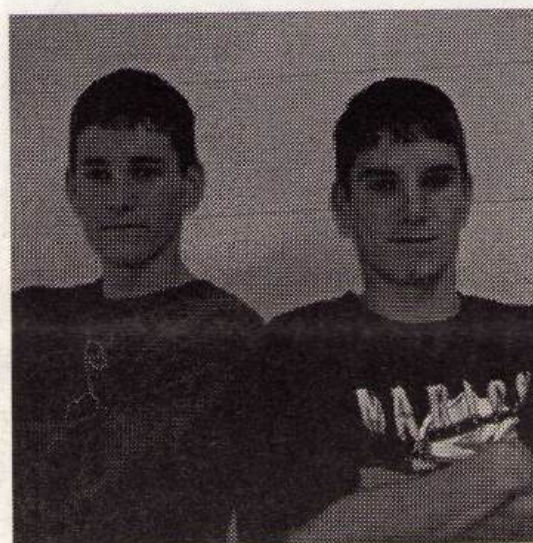
Alyssa's favorite:

- Color is blue.
- Movies are chick flicks and romantic comedies.
- Hobbies are shopping, scrap booking, and hanging out with friends.
- Subject is English.

Bryan thinks Alyssa's favorite:

- Color is blue. *Correct!*
- Movies are girl movies. *Correct!*
- Hobbies are scrap booking, spending time with friends, and shopping. *Correct!*
- Subject is English. *Correct!*

Clancy and Brady Quinn



Kyle's favorite:

- Color is blue or red.
- Movies are comedy or war movies.
- Hobbies are TV, video games, sports, or reading.
- Subject is science.

Kris thinks Kyle's favorite:

- Color is red. *Correct!*
- Movie is comedy or action. *Correct!*
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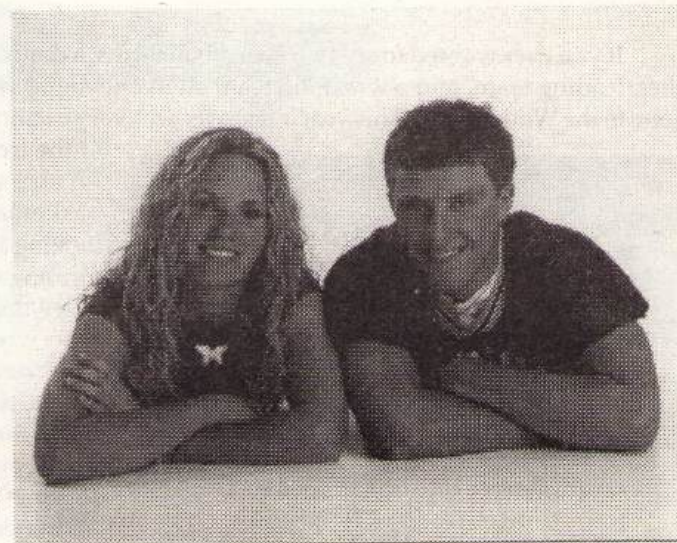
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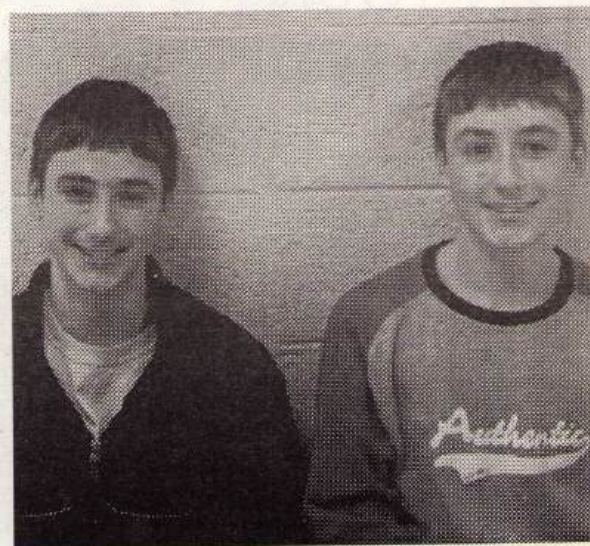
Alyssa and Bryan Clark



Seeing

By Alyssa Clark, Nicole Cox,

Have you ever been walking down the hall to your next class and see someone that you thought you had just passed? If so, your mind is probably not playing tricks on you; you could have



Anna and John Hauskins



ANNA'S FAVORITE:

- Color is pink.
- MOVIES ARE DRAMA AND COMEDY.
- HOBBIES ARE THEATRE AND HANGING OUT WITH FRIENDS.
- Subject is English OR MATH.

JOHN THINKS ANNA'S FAVORITE:

- Color is pink. *Correct!*
- MOVIES ARE GIRL MOVIES.
- Hobby is spending time with her boyfriend.
- Subject is MATH. *Correct!*

JOHN'S FAVORITE:

- Color is blue.
- MOVIE IS ACTION.
- HOBBIES ARE PLAYING SOCCER AND SUPER NINTENDO.
- Subject is MATH.

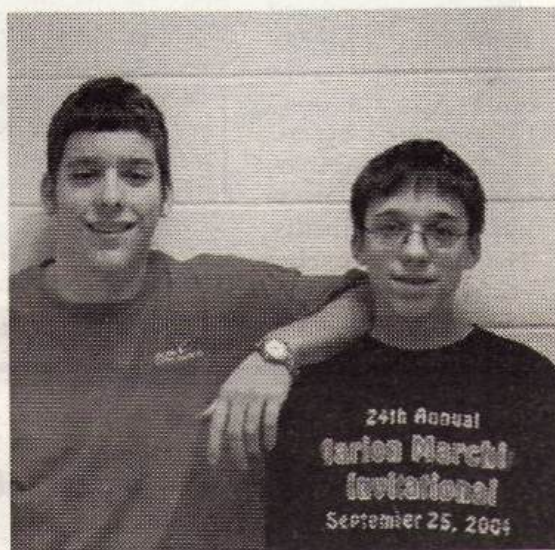
ANNA THINKS JOHN'S FAVORITE:

- Color is blue. *Correct!*
- MOVIES ARE HORROR OR ACTION. *Correct!*
- Hobby is soccer. *Correct!*
- Subject is English OR MATH. *Correct!*

Double

Ashley Cudworth, Ashley Evans

just passed a set of identical twins. This year, MHS has eight sets of twins, two of those sets are identical. If you have ever wondered what having a twin would be like, here are a few interviews with twins around MHS.



Ian and Josh Ster

Ian thinks Josh's favorite:

- Color is red. *Correct!*
- Movie is action. *Correct!*
- Hobby is football.
- Subject is science.

Ian's favorite:

- Color is blue.
- Movie is any type.
- Hobbies are playing video games, going outside, and watching t.v.
- Subject is math or social studies.

Josh thinks Ian's favorite:

- Color is blue. *Correct!*
- Movie is comedy.
- Hobbies are drawing and video games.
- Subject is science or math. *Correct!*

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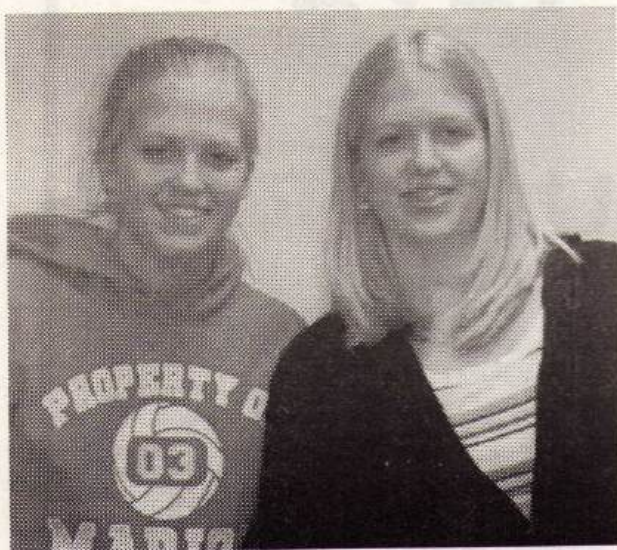
Identical twins share 100% of their DNA.

Kellie's favorite:

- Color is pink.
- Movie is anything.
- Hobbies volleyball and hanging out with friends.
- Subject is none.

Katie thinks Kellie's favorite:

- Color is pink. *Correct!*
- Movie is comedy.
- Hobby is hanging out with friends. *Correct!*
- Subject is none. *Correct!*



Katie's favorite:

- Color is pink,
- Movie is none.
- Hobby is hanging out with friends.
- Subject is none.

Kellie thinks Katie's favorite:

- Color is pink. *Correct!*
- Movie is none. *Correct!*
- Hobbies are playing volleyball and hanging out with friends. *Correct!*
- Subject is none. *Correct!*

Katie and Kellie Barkdoll

- Katie and Kellie have traded classes before.
- At family reunions, family members play the "Guessing game," by asking us "Are you so and so," and then getting it wrong and saying "maybe next year".
- They share interests in dance and volleyball.
- They have similar tastes in music, clothes, and guys.
- They share everything but their rooms.
- The best part about being a twin is always having someone there for you.

Mrs. Clark

- They both love to talk, drink coffee, and make each other laugh.
- They have always been polar opposites as far as personal style and taste.
- Growing up they shared the same friends, bedroom, and same activities.
- They have been best friends and their worst enemies over the years. "The ones who know you best also know which buttons to push!"

For Seniors Graduating Early, It's an Early Out

By Jaimie Delong

It's every senior's dream to graduate high school as soon as possible. For seven of the Marion High School seniors, their dream is coming true, they are graduating early.

For some, they are graduating early to get a job for college money, for others they just have enough credits to get out. Whatever the reason, most just need to prepare for college.



Nick Ocenak plans on graduating in January. He is going to get a steady job to save up for his family trip to Hawaii for his brother's wedding.

He plans to attend college and become an electronic engineer or an architect. The thing he will miss most is seeing his friends everyday.

Kyle Johnson is graduating in March because he has enough credits. His future plans are undecided. The thing he will miss most about High School is the people and experiences.

Andy Carter will be graduating in March as well, so he can get a full time job and save for college. He is going to attend Buena Vista

University and study computer science. Later, he would like to transfer to Iowa State and get his masters. He is going to miss all of his friends.



Justin Hennessy is graduating in March. He is going to enroll at Capri College and then move on to get his own salon.



Dan Eilers is graduating in January because he is getting married, and he is going to get a steady job in Ames. He will miss his friends.



Whitney Cates and Corey Lubbock are also graduating early. We would like to wish good luck to the seniors in all they do.



Bigger Faster Stronger

By Ashley Cory

Not only being involved in sports, going to speed and agility, and exercising everyday can help you stay in shape, but the new program called Bigger Faster Stronger (BFS) is another alternative. Bigger Faster Stronger is a weight training program that helps build muscle and improve speed. Although BFS is another beneficial way to build muscle and increase speed, the "Faster" part of it's name comes from speed and agility, or some kind of aerobic activity on the off days. If you don't balance your lifting and your running then you will lose your quickness and flexibility. That is why coaches stress so much, that athletes must run and

stretch before and after lifting, and on the off days, attend speed and agility.

BFS came into the Marion Program not too long ago by Coach O'Conner. Coach O'Conner introduced this program to her softball team, and many of her girls saw tremendous improvement in their strength. "Bigger Faster Stronger is a great way to increase your muscle strength, especially your core muscles. I saw tremendous results, but you have to stick with it year round or you'll lose everything you gain very quickly," quoted varsity softball and volleyball player Brittany Weisinger.

Bigger Faster Stronger is seen mainly throughout the girls ath-

letics, although Coach Perkins uses a variety of the lifts for his football players. Some of the athletic teams involved with BFS are: girls softball, basketball, and volleyball, and soccer. Track and football combine a variation of these lifts into their weight lifting programs. Bigger Faster Stronger is done 2-3 times a week, and the remaining days are left for speed and agility. The program has four core lifts including: bench, squat, deadlift, and power cleans.

If you're looking for a way to increase your speed and muscle, then maybe you should try BFS and Speed and Agility. Then you can be the judge of the tremendous improvements, just as it's name says.



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Senior Watch



By Charley Martin

Now that Christmas is approaching we have many things to worry about. The seniors are faced with even more worries. They are worried about finishing their last year in high school strong and what they'll be doing next year. This decision takes time and a lot of thinking because what you choose is your future. Whether you choose to attend college, go into the military, go straight into the job world, or just taking the year off you have to take time to think about it. Deciding your future is tough, so make sure you take your time.

By now you should have started to apply to your college of choice. Many seniors have already applied to their college and have even been accepted. Some have even applied to several different schools and have many different choices to choose from.

Apply to any college you wish to attend, never let anything hold you back. Everyone knows college is expensive and many people can't afford it, but there are many different things that can help you out. Many students can get scholarships if they have good enough grades. You can also apply for FAFSA (Free Application For Federal Student Aid). FAFSA is the first step in the financial aid process. You use it to apply for federal student aid, such as grants, loans, and work-study. In addition, most states and schools use information from the FAFSA to award non-federal aid. Your answers to the FAFSA questions are put into a formula from the Higher Education Act of 1965. The result is your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC measures your family's financial strength and it is used to determine your eligibility for federal student aid. The state and schools you list, may also use some of your responses. They will determine if you may be eligible for school or state aid. The schools use your EFC to prepare a financial aid package to help you meet your financial need. Financial need is the difference between your EFC and your school's cost of attendance. Any financial aid you are eligible to receive will be paid to you through your school. The school will first use the aid to pay tuition, fees, and room and board. Any remaining aid is paid to you for your other expenses. The FAFSA is the one application for federal student aid. Many schools and states rely on this information. Your school or state may require you to fill out additional forms. These additional forms may have deadlines that are earlier than the federal student aid deadlines, so be sure to check with the financial aid office at the school you plan to attend.

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Senior

December College Checklist

- Finalize your outside grant and scholarship applications
- STAY FOCUSED!** Grades in your senior year can affect your admittance to the college of your choice.

Senior

January College Checklist

- Know the priority date for filing FAFSA at your college choices.
- Submit your completed FAFSA to the processor as soon after January 1st as possible.
- REMEMBER:** Keep copies of all forms you submit to colleges and agencies.
- Ask the high school to send your first semester transcripts to the colleges where you applied.

Junior

December College Checklist

- Begin to research scholarships. Keep an ongoing file of scholarship and financial aid information. Check out www.collegeplanning.org for free scholarship searches. **AVOID SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES THAT CHARGE FEES.**
- Narrow your college choices to fewer than 5 schools.
- Register if planning to take the January SAT test.

Junior

January College Checklist

- Begin scheduling visits to the colleges on your list.
- Attend a financial aid night if you have not already.
- Organize scholarship information according to deadline. Keep a calendar with application deadlines so you will not miss any.
- Register if planning to take the February ACT test.
- Keep saving money for college. If you have not been saving, now is the time to start.

Name: Kody Blazek



Activity: Wrestling
Other Activities: Football, Track, and Baseball
Season Highlight: I pinned Boone Hayes last year in the state semi-finals.
What do you like most about your activity? Bus

rides after wrestling tournaments. Going out to eat Saturday nights after tournaments.

Best high school memory: Playing Halo 2 after school on a Thursday for 7 hours straight with all my gaming friends.

What will you miss most about your Marion? All my friends I won't be able to hang out with when I go away to college.

Favorite quote or something to leave the class of 2005: Stay in school, don't drink alcohol, and don't do drugs.



Name: Ashleigh Derby



Activity: Cheerleading
Other Activities: Journalism, SODA, and FBLA
Season Highlight: Watching Clancy play basketball.
What do you like most about your activity? Everyone complaining about running only two laps around the school,

and anytime something funny happens while we are stunting and watching people's faces when they fall out of a stunt.

Best high school memory: Trent, Jesse, and Icy Hot. Piercing Jessi Knapp's ear on Jesse Carsner's pool table, Rachel letting Jessi and I cut her hair for sugar cookies, going to Florida with Paige and floating out into the ocean singing random songs, going to Rachel's cabin with 6 other girls, going to Ankeny with Josh, Chris, Blake, and Paige. The three nights we let Jessi pick out scary movies, when none of them were good. Running through sprinklers with Paige and Rachel on the golf course. Jon T singing Not a girl, not yet a woman by Britney Spears on my sister's karaoke machine. Going with John to Siebke Hoyt and pretending we were getting engaged and looking at rings.

What will you miss most about Marion? Going to wrestling tournaments with Josh and Paige and the football games.

Favorite quote or something to leave the class of 2005: Josh, Paige, Trent, and Clancy are cool.

Name: Whitney Perkins



Activity: Basketball
Other Activities: Volleyball, Track, Softball, SODA, Take Charge, Student Council, NCYL, and NHS
Season Highlight: Making Rachel Grissom throw up on the bus rides

home.

What do you like most about your sport? I love that there is always something happening. It's very high-paced.

Best high school memory: All the TPing outings, hanging with my girls, and all the softball campouts.

What will you miss most about your Marion? Seeing my daddy everyday.

Favorite quote or something to leave the class of 2005: Stay involved in all that you can and take advantage of every opportunity.



Name: Jenny Edwards



Activity: Basketball
Other Activities: Volleyball, Track, Softball, NHS, NCYL, and SODA
Season Highlight: There really hasn't been a season highlight yet since we just started, but the way we have started looks like we will have a good year.

What do you like most about your activity? What

I like most is being around my teammates all the time. We have had so many good times together and there are many still to come.

Best high school memory: The softball campouts are always the best!!!

What will you miss most about your Marion? I will miss all of y friends and everyone that I have grown close to.

Favorite quote or something to leave the class of 2005: Do whatever you want to do you only have one shot, you might as well give it a try.

Name: Tara Huber



Activity: Basketball
Other Activities: Take Charge, FBLA, SODA, National Honor Society, NCYL, Lean On Me, Volleyball, Track
Season Highlight: Team dinners and our team gatherings.
What do you like most about your sport? How hard we get pushed to

make ourselves better, and how everyone is willing to put forth the effort.

Best high school memory: Hanging out with my friends.

What will you miss most about your Marion? Playing sports, most of the teachers, and not having homework.

Favorite quote or something to leave the class of 2005: "Enjoy everything to your fullest, because your years in high school fly by."



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Name: Travis Eagle



Activity: Basketball
Other Activities: Football, SODA, and Take Charge
Season Highlight: Beating Benton last year with Curt Hansen's acrobatic shot. As ugly as it looked in the paper, it was the best shot I've ever seen. That was

my favorite game in the season.

What do you like most about your activity? The intangibles. We all play together and love what we do. Everyone with a Marion uniform hustles when they're on the court. I love the aspect of Indian's basketball.

Best high school memory: The whole football season was one great memory. I was lucky to have the opportunity to be a part of the team. Everything throughout the season will be remembered for the rest of my life.

What will you miss most about your Marion? The people. Our class is one of the most tight-knit groups to probably ever come through Marion. Mostly everyone gets along. I will miss that.

Favorite quote or something to leave the class of 2005: "In college, D's= Degrees" -Mr. Martin

Name: Molly Lohr



Activity: Speech
Other Activities: Choir, SODA, Golf, and Thespians
Season Highlight: Going to Perkins at 3 o'clock in the morning and eating before speech meets.
What do you like most about your activity? It is a ton of

fun and you get to meet a lot of new people.

Best high school memory: The San Antonio band/choir trip, Alisabeth laughing so hard that coffee came out of her nose, entertaining the waitress at Perkins, being Anna's passenger driver, and Spring break 2004.

What will you miss most about your Marion? I will miss the teachers here, and I will really miss my friends as well.

Favorite quote or something to leave the class of 2005: Don't be afraid to show the real you. Be yourself and have fun.

Name: Lucas Hindman



Activity: Basketball
Season Highlight: Beating number four in the state, Central Dewitt, last year.
What do you like most about your sport? Intensity of practices and games.
Best high school memory: NBA Live 2005 Tournaments at

Ben's house with the guys.

What will you miss most about your Marion? Going to football games and playing basketball.

Favorite quote or something to leave the class of 2005: Success is the maximum utilization of the ability you have.

Name: Leslie Coffman



Activity: Wrestling Cheer-leading
Other Activities: Softball, SODA, NCYL, NHS, and working at DQ
Season Highlight: The whole season was great. Our squad all got along with each other and we had a blast. Going to state totally rocked too. I can't wait to go again this year.

What do you like most about your activity? I like having the chance to hang out with and get to know other people outside of my normal crowd.

Best high school memory: There are so many, I can't pick just one! Some of my favorite memories would have to be softball season last year in general, but especially when Rachel Grissom ate the gummy wad on the bus and was gagging on it the whole way home. Also, I can't believe I'm saying this, but in band when we goofed around constantly. Mel and I caused a lot of trouble but it was all definitely worth it.

What will you miss most about your Marion? Basically I think I'll just miss my close friends. It will be weird not being able to see all the people I practically grew up with everyday.

Favorite quote or something to leave the class of 2005: Go all out with everything you do. That way when it's all said and done, you won't have any regrets.

Name: Megan Anderson



Activity: Speech/ Dance
Other Activities: NHS, FBLA, SODA, Chamber Choir, Lean on Me, Journalism, Community Theatre, Spring Play
Season Highlight: Speech- Last year in speech when Brian Buh was "hurdling" a chair and his foot went through the choir chair. Dance- When Coach Radel

announced she was engaged.

What do you like most about your activity? Speech- the competitions and getting to meet the new people. Dance- choreographing new routines and playing the vegetable game.

Best high school memory: In "Pippin" when Alisabeth kicked backwards while she was going off stage and hit Ben Shinrock in the... Well he went down to the ground really fast.

What will you miss most about your Marion? Mr. Bates, my friends, and the familiarity of the district.

Favorite quote or something to leave the class of 2005: Have fun in whatever you do, and always smile because no one falls in love with a frown.

Name: Ben Keel



Activity: Basketball
Other Activities: Football
Season Highlight: When we won our district in football. It was awesome being able to celebrate with the team, and the fans.

What do you like most about your activity? Being able to work together and achieve goals we set for

ourselves. Being apart of this team, we are a really close-knit team.

Name: Natalie Allen



Activity: Dance
Other Activities: Fall Dance, SODA, Concert Choral, and Cantorei
Season Highlight: When Heather took the draw-strings out of her pants, and put them around her neck to make us all smile during our routine.

What do you like most about your activity? Get-

ting to know new awesome people, making new friends and memories.

Best high school memory: There has been so many, but my favorite would have to be our Sophomore year music trip to San Antonio, when Molly walked into this indoor aquarium thing with her sunglasses on, and wanted to know why it was so dark.

What will you miss most about your Marion? The amazing students and teachers and all the football games have definitely been a favorite of mine.

Favorite quote or something to leave the class of 2005: Don't think that anyone else can tell you what to think, you're the one who knows what's good for you, state your independence. Take the road your gonna take, make your own mistakes, it's your life, you decide!

Name: Jon T



Activity: Wrestling
Other Activities: I do freestyle and Greco wrestling through the summer. I also enjoy hunting and fishing a lot. Paintball too!
Season Highlight: I'm going to have to say one of the best parts of the season would have to be practice, we've had

some good times there.

What do you like most about your activity? I like the label it puts on a person. When you think of a wrestler you think of a hard worker and a dedicated person. I also like the feeling you get when you achieve the goals you get for yourself.

Best high school memory: Weis made fun of Austin Conway one day, he pulled his shorts way down, turned his hat sideways, and said "Fo shizzle."

What will you miss most about your Marion? Wrestling was pretty fun and the student section for volleyball and basketball was ok. The dating scene wasn't a strong point for me so I won't miss that but I think I'm ready to move on.

Favorite quote or something to leave the class of 2005: I don't have much to say to the class of 2005, but for all the following classes to come; remember it's just high school things may not go your way now but it's not going to be the same your whole life.

Best high school memory: When Derek, Bryan, Travis, and I went to Alex's farm and we tipped the boat over. Oh yeah, Derek almost died.

What will you miss most about your Marion? My friends and my coaches. Also game days and games.

Favorite quote or something to leave the class of 2005: Have fun, it goes by fast.

Keeping Spirits High

It's winter again and the winter sports are underway.

The winter cheerleaders began their season on November 10. They have been working hard lifting, running, coloring locker signs, and memorizing cheers.

They also have been working on difficult stunts. Their first game was the Winter Bowl on November 18. At the game, the girls showed off their skills from good motions to hard stunts. Ashley Brown says, "Winter cheerleading rocks because me and my M-dog have lots of fun together."

With so many games scheduled for each week, the JV and Varsity squads are separated in four different squads. Each cheerleader is on two squads. That was done so cheerleaders wouldn't have to cheer at three different games a week depending on the schedule.

The dance team also performed at the Winter Bowl. The performed a stomp routine, choreographed by Alisabeth Caraway. This dance consisted of no music, they kept the beat by slapping their hands and

legs, stomping their feet, snapping their fingers. This routine showed the school that the dance team is able to change their style and try different types of dance instead of just the normal pom style. Megan Anderson believes, "Each routine is going to be new and different this season. We're definitely going to be a team to watch."

With no boys on the varsity cheer squad, the girls have had to rework stunts and still maintain their difficulty. Jaimie DeLong flies in a cupie at a girls basketball game.



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The competition cheer squad performs the double diamond during their routine.



Choreographed by Alisabeth Caraway, the dance team performed their stomp routine for the Winter Sports Rally.

Swish!!!

With a combined record of 13-2 as of December 13, the freshmen and sophomore basketball teams are burning up the court.

At 4-0, the freshmen girls have dominated their opponents which Coach Jerry Wikert attributes to their ability to push the ball up the floor and play man to man defense. He says, "They just hustle all over the court and never quit." Wikert also says they are all playing leaders. "In our last game, we had three girls score 17 and one score 11."

Look for indepth coverage of the freshmen and sophomore teams in the next issue of The Vox.



Mat Strength

With a decisive dual victory against CR Washington, the wrestlers opened their season the way they wanted to. The wrestlers traveled to Washington on December 2 and came away with a 57-9 victory and wins at 11 of 13 weights.

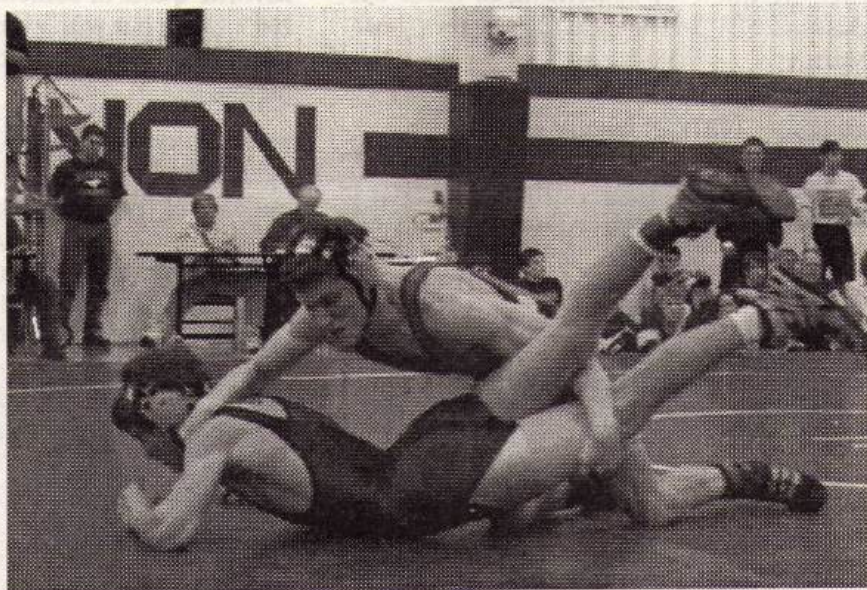
With that victory under their belts, the wrestlers' next bouts were at the West Delaware Invitational on December 4. The meet was won by New Hampton. Marion came away with a 5th place finish out of 8 teams and a champion at 130 lbs - Kody Blazek. Austin Conway finished 2nd and Joey Swanson finished 3rd.

One of the wrestlers' longest trips was to Western Dubuque on December 9 for a double dual with Western Dubuque and DeWitt Central. With Zach Knobloch out because of illness and Kasey Bellach injured, some young and more inexperienced wrestlers were in the line-up. Marion wrestled DeWitt first and lost 16-53. The scoring was close for the first few matches, but DeWitt pulled away. A bright spot in the

dual was Kody Blazek's win over Ben Watts.

Marion sat out the second dual and watched DeWitt also defeat Western Dubuque, but by a closer score. When Marion and Western Dubuque finally hit the mats, the final outcome was in doubt until the heavyweight bout. Senior Jon Fitch pinned his man to guarantee the Marion victory 42-36.

The wrestlers carried their momentum on to the Mt. Vernon Invitational on December 11. They came away with three champions - Kody Blazek, Austin Conway, Jon Trumpold - and a team finish in 3rd place only .5 points out of 2nd place. One of the toughest weights of the day was 135 lbs., which had 5 wrestlers ranked in the top ten in their class. Austin Conway won by decision over Skyler Smith, the #2 wrestler in class 2-A, and in the finals pinned Adam Hargrave, the #1 wrestler in 1-A, in just eight seconds to take the title.



At 135 lbs., Austin Conway works to turn Skyler Smith of Mt. Vernon. In the semi-final match, Conway defeated Smith and went on to capture the 135 lbs. title.

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WORKIN' HARD AND GETTIN' IT DONE

By Brandon O'Connell

After only one week of practice, junior, Clancy Quinn said, "It's a lot more intense than any other practice that I've been in. Coach Laube pushes us to our limits." With the varsity boys' basketball season getting underway, they have been trying to improve everyone's skills and find the right chemistry by having morning workouts and participating in a few scrimmages.

The team also worked hard over the summer and looked very strong. Some of the great qualities of this basketball team are their abilities to play unselfish, work hard, and

be a class act. These qualities will make the basketball team very exciting to watch this year. The starting lineup at the start of the season was: Curt Hansen, Ben Keel, Lucas Hindman, Ben Meserli, and Travis Eagle.



The varsity team talks it over during a timeout during a home game against Dyersville-Beckman. After two conference games, the team was 1-1 in the Wamac.

The Indians played very well as a team at Xavier on Monday, November 29th against Prairie. They came out fired up. It was 16 minutes of excitement before the Indians sealed the victory. The team is very excited for the regular season to begin. The season opener was at home on Saturday, December 4th, at against Linn Mar. The team played with the number

one team in Class 4A all the way up to halftime. The next Tuesday, they beat Western Dubuque for in their first WAMAC game.

After asking coach Laube to comment on the competition this year he replied, "The WAMAC is always tough. We will need to come ready to play every night. We hope to battle for the conference crown." As of December 14, the Indians had a 2-2 record, with wins against Center Point-Urbana and Western Dubuque.



Gabe Lynott blocks the shot of a Dyersville-Beckman player during a sophomore win. The sophomores have a record of 2-1 as of Dec. 14.

Senior captain Travis Eagle takes a shot during a home game. Eagle was a factor in many games early on in the season, including a game winning shot against CPU.



Playing Together as a Team

By Ashley Cory

With the winter activities now in gear, girls basketball, along with other winter sports has finally begun. People have been questioning and com-

goals, but I think we can win the WAMAC East Division. Also, if we want to be successful we have to take our season step-by-step, game-by-game."

This year's team is led by captains Whitney Perkins, a senior, and juniors Ashley Cory Niki Kiburz. They think the team will have a winning record because of their dedication and heart.

The girls have had seven games so far this season, four non-conference games and 3 conference games. They started the season out not as they expected, playing very timid and with no confidence. The entire team agreed they needed to step it up and prove everyone, including themselves that they

would have an improving and winning team. After being 0-3 with their first few games, the girls stepped it up in practice and have recently won 3 consecutive games, causing them to be 3-0 in the East Division of the WAMAC.

"I hope to see the girls continue to

grow as a team, and improve on our game. Right now we just need to find the right group of girls to put on the court," said Coach Gaffney-Paige. It looks as if Coach Gaffney-Paige has found the right combination for her starting lineup as the team currently stands with a 4-3 record.

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-Coach Gaffney-Paige

menting if the girls are going to have a winning season. Only

hard work and time will tell. "With the experience back on the court, the girls shouldn't have to worry about finding the right team chemistry," quoted senior captain Whitney Perkins. "We should be able to use our quickness against any team." When asked her preseason thoughts about this year, Coach Gaffney-Paige said, "I think we have a great group of girls with a lot of potential to do very well. It's going to take a lot of hard work and lofty



Sophomore Tara Carsner looks to pass around her Western Dubuque opponent. Coach Gaffney-Paige thinks her team has potential to do well in the WAMAC East Division if they work hard.



Sophomore Tara Carsner prepares to throw in the ball against Western Dubuque. The varsity team won three consecutive games so far to put them at 3-0 in the WAMAC East Division.

Junior captain Ashley Cory and Angela Bys go for a rebound against Western Dubuque.



Sweet Season



By Ashley Sperry

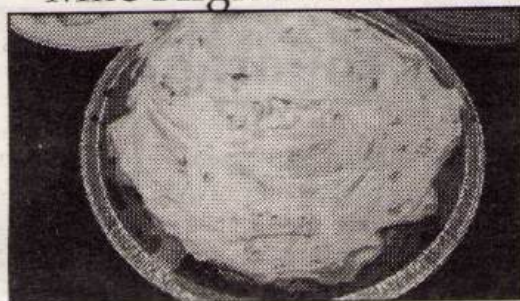
It's that time of the year when everyone makes those special treats for the holidays. The journalism staff held a holiday goodie contest where students and staff could bring in their favorite holiday treat so it could be judged to find the person with the best holiday treat. The treats ranged from peanut butter balls to pies. Each treat had its own unique quality such as the

crispiness of the acorn candies and the creamy texture of the peanut butter balls. The winning treat was the Mile High Fudge Brownie Pie made by Pat Sperry. This pie was unique because of its rich taste with a fudge brownie bottom to the chocolate pudding topped with cool whip. Thanks to all participants who brought in treats that could be tasted by the journalism staff.



WINNER

Mile High Brownie Pie



Ingredients:

- 4 squares Bakers semi-sweet baking chocolate
- 1/2 cup margarine or butter
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1/2 cup flour
- 2 cups cold milk
- 2 pkg. Jell-O chocolate instant pudding
- 1 tub cool whip

Microwave chocolate and butter until melted. Add sugar, stir and add eggs and vanilla, mix well. Stir flour. Spread in greased pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Scoop the center of the brownie out leaving a bottom and half inch for the edge. Pour the milk and jello in a bowl and stir. Add half of the cool whip topping. Stir in brownie pieces. Top off the dessert with the remaining Cool Whip. Made by Pat Sperry

Participants

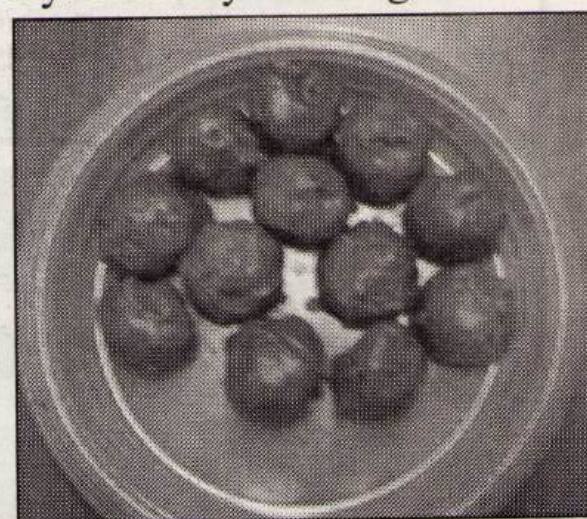
Peanut Butter Balls

By: Ben Koppendryer



Acorn Candy

By: Brittany Weisinger



Peanut Butter Balls



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