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Winter Wonderland



After the holiday break, students don't normally have much to look forward to until February, the love month. During Valentine's, the WPA dance, Women Pay All, is held with a spirit week leading up to it. WPA usually becomes the holiday event, but this year was a little different. WPA landed on January eighth this year, the week after winter break. The theme of the dance was changed to "Winter Wonderland" to fit the time of year.

There were many reasons for WPA being earlier this year, the main reason being because it was the only weekend open during the busy winter season. It also made more sense to have a spirit week during a winter sport, but it ended up being separated because of the rescheduling due to snow days. Spirit week was still during the week of the dance, but the pep assembly was rescheduled to January 28th. The main event of the pep assembly was the Pie in the Face along with the dance team's performance.

Usually, WPA ends up being slightly formal, but this year people dressed on the more casual side. A lot of students decided to



The Winter Dance Team performs during the pep assembly during winter spirit week.

go with friends rather than a date because they thought it would be more fun. Even if you had a boyfriend, there wasn't pressure to be with him because you could have fun with everyone. It also turned out being cheaper if you went with friends because you only had to pay for yourself. Most students made this choice because there wasn't much time to find a date with winter break right before the dance plus the few snow days the week before.

The turn out of the dance wasn't too bad, but there was a lack of upperclassmen. There were a lot of freshman because it was their first WPA, but the upperclassmen missed out on the fun. The students that showed up had a lot of fun with friends and didn't have to worry about being the best dressed or having the best date. A lot of students also commented on the DJ, Seth Walters, a Marion graduate. Students said that he played a great variety of music, something everyone would enjoy. Seth also got to enjoy the dance because he could be with some old friends and got to play music that he knew everyone would like and music that was requested. "Most of all I had a great time being with my friends," added Hillary Youngman.



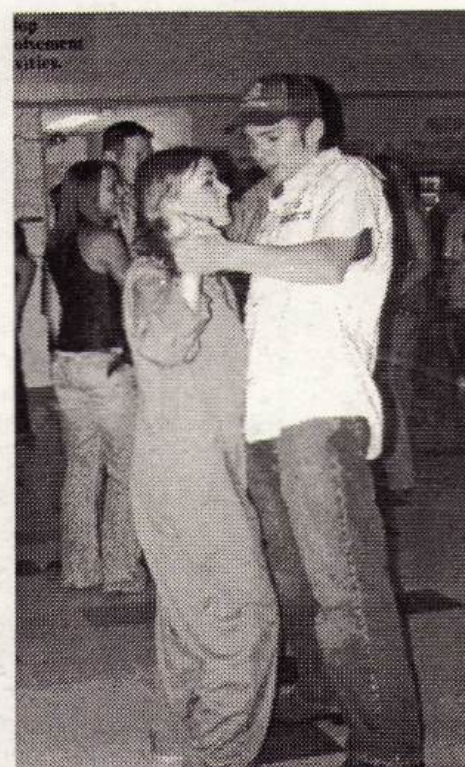
Many students grab a date and slow dance during the WPA dance. If you didn't have a date you could socialize with friends.



Mr. Weisinger chose to pie senior Josh Taylor when his name was picked during the pep assembly.



Senior Trent Jordan passes down the "wave" sign to junior Zac Christensen. Zac will pass down the sign again next year.



Senior Sarah Jewell and junior Drew Hingtgen show off their matching WPA attire.

A STRUGGLE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

By Holly Grieder

Until recently, I was completely at a loss for what to write about this issue. Then the tragic tsunami hit Asia, a natural disaster much larger in size and aftermath than any tragedy America has ever seen. When the news of the tsunami first reached me, I was struck with grief for those who lost their lives and those who lost their loved ones, but soon after I returned to my business. Unfortunately, I think this was the attitude of most of the youth, and finally I have realized that.

When the tsunami happened, I honestly



had a very vague idea of what one was. When I asked someone to elaborate, the only answer I was ever given was: "Well it's an earthquake under the sea." Technically that's correct, but it doesn't really give anyone who hasn't been in the situation a picture of what truly goes on. Recently, though, I had the opportunity to talk to someone directly affected by the tsunami, which caused



my recent spark of compassion and interest in the disaster. Their intriguing story of the way the human spirit reacts in a natural catastrophe compelled me to do my own research on the topic.

A tsunami, which in Japanese means "harbor wave", can in fact be caused by an earthquake, but it can also be caused by a volcano, meteor impact, landside or explosion. The difference between an earthquake tsunami and the other tsunamis is in

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the way they are generated. When an earthquake tsunami occurs, it is because the plates shift and the water becomes displaced. When it tries to regain its equilibrium, large areas of the seafloor elevate and subside causing the tsunami. When a landslide, volcano, or meteor impacts occur, the water is just displaced because of those different reasons.

Although the tsunami in Asia seems so distant from our everyday life, we need to remember

that something like this could possibly happen in our country. In 1958 Alaska had a tsunami, and it caused a 525 meter flood up shore. It didn't have nearly the consequences the recent tsunami in Asia did, but it still shows us that these tragedies can happen close to home. Actually, as far as the United States goes, a tsunami can happen anywhere on the Pacific coast or on the Caribbean Coast.

There is an estimated more than 175,000



deaths in the recent tsunami, making it big enough to wipe out the city of Marion twice. This makes the devastation there all too real for me, and I hope this information has helped make you a little more knowledgeable about the catastrophe in Asia. If you would like to make a donation or do some volunteer work for the cause you can contact:

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♥ Early Signs of Love ♥

By Jaimie DeLong



February 14, the day for lovers. A day of chocolate, cards, flowers, and love. We all know how to celebrate Valentine's Day, but does anyone know why? How did Valentine's Day come to be? There are many different ideas for the history of Valentine's Day. The most common explanation of this lover's holiday is the theory that it originated from St. Valentine. He was a Roman that was murdered for refusing to give up his Christianity. He died on February 14, the same day that had been devoted to the love lottery.

Wondering what the love lottery is? Well, it is just what it sounds like. The Romans would hold a celebration commemorating young men's rite of passage to the God Lupercus. At this celebration, they held a lottery in which young men would draw names of teenage girls from a box. The girl was then assigned to that man for the remainder of the year.

So what's with the sappy love cards, expensive chocolates, and beautiful flowers? Since the 1800's, Valentine's Day has become more and more commercialized. The greeting card corporations, flower shops, and chocolate factories really make a killing on this gift-giving day. But, believe it or not, there is a reasonable explanation for all the cards and gifts. It was said that before St. Valentine was killed, he left a farewell

note for the jailor's daughter, a girl that had been his supposed lover and friend. He signed the letter "From Your Valentine". That motto has stuck since.

Valentine's Day has changed quite a lot since Saint Valentine's time. We no longer hold love lotteries. Instead, we send flowers, eat chocolate, and give sappy greeting card.

Most would agree that it has changed for the better.



Top Gifts to Give

Top five gifts for ladies: Top five gifts for guys:

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| 1. Long stem roses | 1. CD's |
| 2. Box of chocolates | 2. Videos and DVDs |
| 3. Gemstone earrings | 3. Concert/Game tickets |
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| 5. Classic perfume | 5. Dinner |

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How do you think Valentine's Day came to be?

"I don't know. I've been trying to figure it out for years."
- Bryan Clark



"Valentine's Day is a conspiracy created by the Hallmark corporation in order to produce sales in mid-winter."
- Katie Lawson



"The whole reason V-day was created was because of John Likens. The hottest man ever. We'll have two years behind us and many more to come."
- Ashley Brown



"There was a small man, who wore diapers, that sat in a cabin and made arrows with heart shaped points. He was so upset at the lack of love in the world so he created a potion that made people fall in love and used his sweet archery skills to get all the hot ladies."
- Brittnee Musser



"A long time ago there was a little man who had a crush on a little girl. He had to find something for the little girl so she would like him. He wrote her a story about an angel boy who had magic love powers. One day, February 14, he dressed up in costume and shot the little girl with an arrow that had special love poison. That's the story."
- Jesse Kirk



Let It Snow

The school year started out hot and sticky, but as the holiday season approached, there were a lot of chilly temperatures. The only thing missing on Christmas was snow. Many students were disappointed about the lack of snowfall during Christmas break. "I hate it when it doesn't snow because one of the best things about a lot of snow is having a snow day," said Kody Bellach. Sometimes the snow can put a damper on driving conditions for students, so no snow meant easy driving for new drivers. "In the winter, it's hard for me to drive because it sometimes gets slippery because there is ice and snow on the ground," said Jessi Bullis.

As soon as school ended everyone anticipated that there would be a down-fall of snow so we would have a white Christmas. Christmas passed and there was no sign of any snow. "I was disappointed because there was no snow on Christmas," said Hillary Youngman. With just one day left of break there was a massive ice storm. Everything was covered in ice. After coming back from an extra day of break, a snow storm hit, covering everything in nearly eight inches of snow. This gave us many snow days where students had a lot of things they could do, that they couldn't do during break. "I went sledding and had hot chocolate," says Rachel N. Smith. "I went sledding outside and hung out at my house," said Colin Lebeau. Between drinking hot chocolate and playing in the snow, students didn't have just all fun with our bit of extra break. "I got my jeep stuck in the woods because it was so snowy, and it took nine hours to get it out," said Tom Peterson. After the snow was plowed, we resumed back to a normal school schedule and the wonderful extra break came to an end.

Jazzing It Up

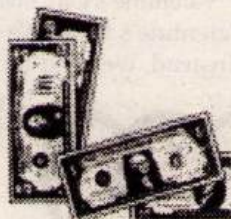
By: Rick Scott

State contest took place on January 25th. Students went into a room and had five minutes to look over music they had never seen before, and then had to remember it. They get judged on how well they play the music and how they conduct themselves on stage. Some of the other competitions they have participated in are: the District Jazz band festival and the Coe College band festival. If you receive a one, two, or a three rating you then go on to the Iowa Jazz Championship.

The Coe College Festival is an invitation only. It is held on the last Saturday of February. Marion has gotten an invitation for this festival almost every year. Mr. Bobe said, "This year has been really rough with all our snow days, so it was really hard to practice for the contests. There has been a lot of turnover this year, and it's hard to be consistent, but I'm pleased with this year. We only have three seniors in band this year, so if we can still keep our people for next year we will be in good condition."

What Was Your Favorite Christmas Gift?

"Cold, hard cash!"
- Jordan Crane



"My new cellphone."
- Hillary Youngman

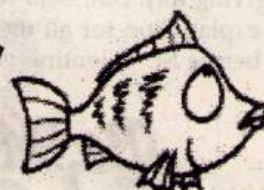


Some people may tell you that Christmas time is about being with your family and spreading holiday spirit, but students at Marion High School know that it is about one thing: PRESENTS! Every Christmas there is that one special present that you want more than anything else. It could be a brand new bike with streamers, the rearview mirrors, and the little horn on the handlebars, or it may be a new video game. Fifty years from now you won't remember who sat next to you at the Christmas dinner, but you will remember that one special gift that made your Christmas one of the best. Here are some of those special presents that

"My digital camera."
- Katlyn Manuel



"A set of file knives to cut fish up."
- Eric D'Hooge



"Iowa winning the Capital One bowl!"
- Thomas Greene

"I got a lot of clothes."
- Amber Scott

"Getting a lot of clothes and shoes."
- Brittany Ivey

"All kinds of DVD's."
- Andrew Tyne

Totally Eighties

Follies will be performing at the Marion High School on February 11 and 12 at 7:00 PM. Follies began back in the year 2000. Both choirs perform in the show. About 10 to 25 students auditioned for solo acts in the show. Students are responsible for their own music and have to set up times

to meet with their groups to practice. "Everything is going great so we hope to have a full house", said Mrs. Freese, the music director. The theme this year is Totally 80's. Prices for tickets are: Adults \$4.00, Students \$3.00, and Senior citizen \$3.00.

Arts At Their Finest

On February 25th, Kirkwood Community College is holding an art festival for all Northeast high schools. Teachers are allowed to pick six different art items from students in the following categories: photography, computer graphics, ceramics, and drawing. Mrs. Thilges, one of the art teachers, looks at all the student's work and decides what ones to take.



Top: Michael Girdner, plays in a song featuring the Trumpets section at the first band concert of the year.
Right: Bill Law and Madeline Godar, who are two members of Jazz band, play in the first band concert of the year.
Top Right: Jen Noe and Kendra Gehman play a duet at the band's first concert of the year.



ENTERTAINMENT

By Blake Hacker

Movies:
FINDING
NEVERLAND

Review: Johnny Depp is never in bad movies, and this holiday movie season Johnny plays J.M. Barrie, the creator of Peter Pan. The movie starts with Mr. Barrie's play flopping miserably; he gets sad and takes some time off to write the next play. He takes his big, fluffy dog to the park and meets a family of four boys and a lovely mom played by Kate Winslet. The boys inspire Barrie to write about youth, adventures, and Neverland. It is a great movie, with good messages in it, but if you have seen the preview, then you have basically seen the movie. I like the movie, but the preview tells the whole story in a lot less time. Of course the movie

has much more detail, but the preview doesn't leave any surprises in the film. Also, for about the last half hour you have to hold back tears because it is really sad. So, it is a good movie, see it if you want; otherwise don't.

What I Like: The four boys are extraordinary young actors, and Johnny Depp never disappoints.

What I Don't Like: Like I said, the preview tells

you pretty much the whole movie, but that is kind of unavoidable.

Why You Should Check It Out (WYSCIO): Because it is good, and you might just learn something.



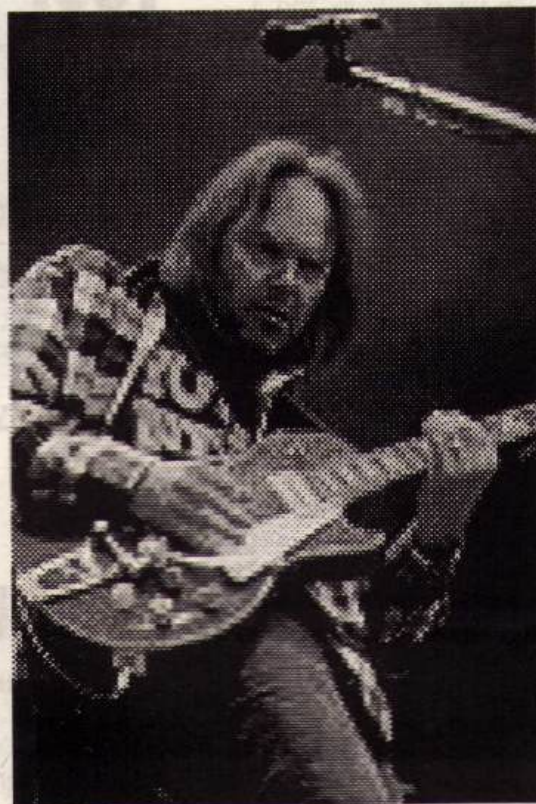
RUNAWAY JURY

Review: Get ready for the best courtroom head-trip movie ever. Starring John Cusack, Gene Hackman, and Dustin Hoffman, you are swept into the deep plot right off the bat. As the movie progresses you realize that it isn't as simple as it may seem being in a jury. The story is about how there are powers that control the outcomes of major court cases. In this one, John Cusack and Gene Hackman are on different sides of the powers controlling the jury. Dustin Hoffman plays the honest lawyer trying to

win the case by using pure lawyer tactics and not cheating. It is a huge case on fire-arm restrictions and the payment of a lot of money to a family from a major gun company. There are plenty of twists and turns to keep anyone interested in the film, even if they usually don't like courtroom movies or shows. There are a lot of characters and things to remember, but once you get into it, you will love it. This is one of the best court

movies ever.

What I Like: The way the movie keeps you from knowing what is going to happen; it is exciting.



What I Don't Like: The whole concept of money; being able to control important issues in the courtroom is very frightening to me.

WYSCIO: It is really a great movie, with Gene Hackman and Dustin Hoffman together for the first time on film, so that's cool.

Music:
KEANE -
HOPES AND
FEARS

Review: Great new band made up of a pianist, guitar player, and drummer. This is a great CD, and it is getting great reviews in a lot of places, including here. These guys are awesome musicians and have made some really good music that is unlike a lot of other popular

music these days. In this day and age where any good-looking moron can have a hit "song" or "record," it is really refreshing to find some true musicians actually writing their own material. It is a perfect background album to listen to when you are reading, working on something, eating or anything else. All the members of Keane are extremely talented musicians, and I'd say anyone with a good taste in music would enjoy this.

What I Like: The piano and rocking band and the great songs throughout the entire album.

What I Don't Like: This kind of music is kind of hard to come by these days.

WYSCIO: If you like pianos, pop-like songs, and quality music, then you too can buy this CD for only ten bucks.


NEIL YOUNG -
GREATEST HITS

Review: Neil Young is one of the greatest singers and song writers to ever have lived. Now you can enjoy the biggest songs of his career in one nice little package. Everything is on here that made Mr. Young as big as he is, and there are some songs that have Neil rocking at his best that the general public might not know exist. The first two songs are about ten minutes each and have long jams and excellent guitar solos. There are also more popular songs like "Old Man," "Southern Man," and an electric version of "Hey Hey, My My." All the songs selected for the disc were picked by radio play, chart numbers, and download history, so that's cool. I'd say any Neil Young fan would be happy with this collection.

What I Like: How all the songs were picked and how they are all good.

What I Don't Like: Though I do enjoy the electric, more rocking version of "Hey Hey, My My," the acoustic version would be cool to have on here, too.

WYSCIO: If you want to know what Neil Young is all about, this is the perfect introduction to his magic.



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Bad Backs & Classroom Clutter

By Aaron Lockwood

Does your back hurt? How about your shoulders or neck? Do you feel a tingling or numbness in your hands? If you answered yes to any of these questions, your heavy backpack may be to blame. New studies are being released all the time that further state the dangerous health risks that accompany backpacks.

Thousands of cases of Rucksack Palsy have been directly tied to wearing heavy backpacks. Rucksack Palsy is when the pressure of the straps on the shoulders interferes with neural impulses that in turn bring on the condition. If tingling or numbness in the hands occurs for an extended period of time, it can severely damage nerves, which will lead to muscle atrophy (the loss of muscle use and power due to nerve damage). The question is how do you know how heavy is "too" heavy? Doctors say that the weight of a backpack should not exceed 15% of the body weight of the wearer. For example, a 180 lb. individual should not wear a backpack that exceeds 27 lbs.

When you wear a backpack that is too heavy, your body will try to keep the center of gravity between your feet. With the extra weight on your back, your midsection is forced to move forward which puts abnormal forces on the spine. To counter this, your head will shift forward. This would mean looking down. You compensate this by bringing your head up, which makes part of the neck curve to a greater extent. It's



very stressful on the neck, shoulders, and spine.

Here are some things to keep in mind when purchasing a backpack:

Consider more than looks when choosing a backpack. Ill-fitting ones can cause back pain, muscle strain, or nerve impingement.

Padded shoulder straps are the best to have because they help to relieve pressure on the nerves around



The backpacks aren't only a health issue, but a safety issue, too. Bags being in the aisles prevents students and teachers from being able to exit the classroom in case of a fire or tornado.

the airpits.

If your backpack comes with a strap that goes around your waist, it should be used whenever possible because they are designed to help stabilize the load on your back and will be easier on your body.

It is also very important to wear your backpack on both shoulders. When it is worn on only one shoulder severe back misalignment can occur. Also, you have a much greater chance of getting a slipped disc in your spine, which can be very painful and can cause immobility. The backpacks that are designed to go over only one shoulder have a less chance of causing back problems since the weight is spread over the back at a slant. There is less tension on the shoulders and the neck. However, it can still cause nerve damage if left on for long periods of time.

Not only is there the dilemma of health problems caused by backpacks, there is the issue of the space that is taken up by all of the backpacks on the floor in every class. This would be a serious problem in the event of a fire or tornado when everyone would be hurried to get out of the room. Students and teachers would have to hurdle over the bags to get to safety. Also, on a regular basis students have to watch out where they are walking or else they might fall. Mrs. Martin said, "I understand that it is convenient for students, but it is very hard to move around with not only a room full of students, but a room full of backpacks."

Is there a solution to this problem? The main option is for students to grab only the needed materials for the class they are going to and leave their backpacks in their locker.

Although it would take time away from the between class socializing, it would be a lot easier not only for you, but for your classmates to move around through the classrooms.

Not only would the students' health benefit from leaving backpacks in lockers, but they would also benefit from a more secure classroom. Teachers have many opinions about making the classroom safer. "Safety with backpacks is a concern, and in a perfect world, I would have bigger lockers all through out the high school," associate Principal Mr. Ehresman said. "Students wouldn't be allowed to have backpacks or jackets in the classroom because it is always a possibility that someone could have weapons or drugs concealed in their bags."

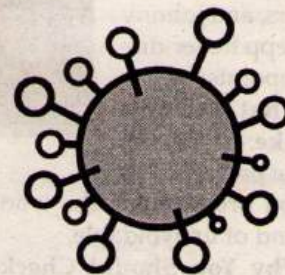
If students want to continue to carry their bags through-out the day like it is now, then be cautious with theirs bag so it doesn't have to be an issue.

How Much Are We Carrying?

Alyssa Clark	17.5 lbs.
Sandy Thielking	13.5 lbs.
Jacqueline Kane	14.5 lbs.
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Elissa Cook	20 lbs.
Joey Swanson	15 lbs.

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Senior Watch

By Charley Martin

Now that the holidays are over, life has calmed down for many of us at Marion. We no longer are rushing around to get last minute holiday stuff done. But the seniors here at Marion and everywhere else still have more to worry about.

With the holidays finished, it is easier to concentrate on major decisions for our future. High school seniors everywhere are trying to decide what they want to do after they graduate. Some early graduates are already facing

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Every student who wants federal financial aid has to fill out the FAFSA form. The government then determines a family's financial responsibility for college.

and then later decide it's not for you. If you are choosing to go to college, you should have applied to schools by now. Hopefully you have already been accepted and you are filling out your financial aid and scholarship forms. You should also be thinking about what you will want to major in. Think about what you want to become after college, and then have the counselors help you decide which courses will get you to where you want to end up.

Another thing you should be thinking about is where you are going to live once you graduate from high school. Most colleges require you to either live on campus or at home. Many colleges recommend the students live on campus their first year. This way you will be able to meet new people and get involved with the college. Many students also recommend new students to stay on campus to allow them to get used to the college life. If you are going to live on campus you need to get your information in as soon

the decisions they have made. For the rest of us, we still have more time to make the perfect choice. Some students will go further with their education, while others will start right into the job world. Whatever you decide, you still need to take time to make sure you know you are doing the right thing. You don't want to choose one thing

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as possible so they can get you a roommate. If you want to live with a certain person you may request to do so. Many college students say you need to be careful choosing your roommate. You want to have someone that you will get along with. If you have problems with your roommate, it will make your first year of college even more difficult to handle.

Fill out as many scholarships as you can. The more money you are able to get, the more it will help you. Most people have a hard time paying for college and need as much money as possible. If you are having a hard time filling out applications, ask a parent to help. If they are confused too, ask one of our school counselors. They help students with these types of problems often and know



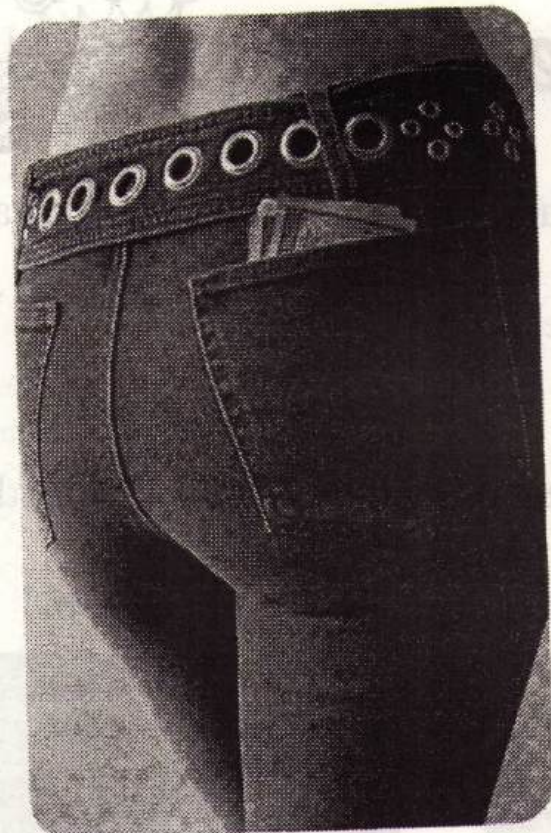
what they are doing.

Remember to keep on task, and never let anything slip past you. The



more time you waste, the less time you have to make the right decision. Choosing the right college for you may not be the easiest decision, but it can become a lot easier if you start planning on time and keep to it. Remember, there are many people out there that are willing to help you, so ask them for their help. It will make it less stressful for you.

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- REMEMBER! SECOND SEMESTER GRADES ARE IMPORTANT AND CAN AFFECT YOUR SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY.
- KEEP COPIES OF ALL FORMS YOU SUBMIT TO COLLEGES AND AGENCIES.

Juniors

- Make sure your senior year includes the credits to meet the college entrance requirements.
- Put together a resume listing your activities, volunteer experience, academic achievements, and employment.
- Register to take the ACT test.
- Investigate careers. Begin scheduling visits to the colleges you are interested in.
- Keep saving money for college.

Drama... Drama... Drama...

by Chris Bublitz

Relationship Drama



During high school, boys and girls start to date and begin relationships, but it has gone too far. Boyfriends and girlfriends are an issue during school. Holly Grierder said, "All drama in high school starts because someone gets jealous." Many girls get jealous when other girls talk or hang out with their boyfriend. When asked how he deals with the drama of dating in high school, senior Andrew Barnd said, "I tend to avoid them [girls] or destroy them all together."



Most people would think that girls cause most of the drama, but guys often have some of their own. Senior John Fitch said, "You don't hear a

lot of guy drama; it's mostly girls." Many guys do have drama. It may not be the same topic as girls, but it's there. Guys have drama over girls



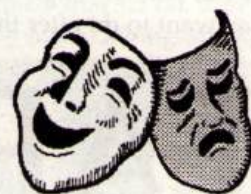
or things that go on outside of school. They handle it differently; they might either fight it out or

let it go. Girls are different, though. They can often be the best of friends then turn against each other. Most girls act differently and have differ-

ent types of drama. There are numerous types of cliques that come with different types of drama. One

clique might not fight with one another. If they do, it's over within a couple minutes and very seldom. When asked why, senior Ashley Cudworth said, "It's because we don't date each other's boyfriends." In the other clique, they all seem to have dated each other's boyfriends and always talk about each other behind their backs. More drama follows when guys start dating ex-girlfriend's best friends. Junior Ashley Sperry hit the nail right on the head when she said, "Don't date anyone in high school."

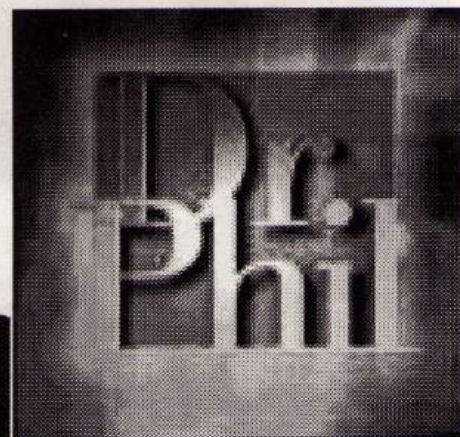
In the end everything that is dramatic comes back to someone being jealous of someone else.



How to spot a Drama Queen/King:



- None of their life events, even the ordinary ones, are ordinary. (They could create drama from watching paint dry!)
- Every sickness they have is the worst the doctor has ever seen.
- They have to be the center of attention and are insecure.
- They thrive on crisis.
- Every comment made to them is either the sweetest, warmest thing they have ever heard or the rudest, most vicious attack imaginable.
- They engage the world in such a way as to sacrifice all credibility. Those around them soon recognize their dramatics, and discount anything and every thing they say.
- They are overanimated and act out scenes.
- People respond to them with lots of smiles, nods and eye rolls.
- They wear their history on their sleeve.



And More Drama...

Classroom Drama

You can find drama everywhere in your life, but there are times when you wish it to be gone. The classroom is one of those times. We are here to learn, not to be con-



cerned about other things. If you have beef with someone in the class, let it go for 90 minutes in the classroom or let them know out of the classroom that you have a problem with them. When asked about how he deals with drama in the classroom, Lucas Hindman replied,

"I don't think about it, I just forget it." In our school you may have noticed some things. Everyone talks about everyone else behind his or her back. That person finds out from another person and they get upset and start more rumors. Some advice for everyone: if you have a problem with a certain person or group of people, let them know on your own time and out of school.



SPORTS DRAMA

In high school there is a lot of pressure to be good in athletics, so is there drama in sports? The answer is yes. You may not notice it unless you're an athlete. During the football season, many of the players, coaches, and fans went to iowapreps.com. Iowa Preps seemed to be a hot



topic during the season. It's a site where anyone with a screen name can post comments on a message board. Many things are discussed on this site. They can talk about how they did on their last game, or they can go on there and have heated conversations with other people they don't even know.

When they aren't on the field, athletes are in the classroom. They have always been thought of as getting special treatment from teachers. The teacher might favor them more than a non-athlete, and they might get more help or time on assignments than other students. The same type of treatment can be seen on the court or field when coaches favor certain players or don't give others a chance to shine. The coaches give more time to instruct or practice with starting athletes. Coaches should be prepared back up prepping to replace a game. As Travis says, "In senior year, want to go successful." means different things for different seniors. Some just want a chance to play more, while others want to be number one, with the respect of the younger athletes and coaches to help accomplish their goals.



Thoughts From The Drama King and Queens

"My drama is at sporting events rather than relationships like most other people."

Thomas Greene

"If I could change one thing about high school drama I would change how everyone seems to get into it all."

Danika Johnson

"I think my drama is because I get in other people's drama."

Danika Johnson

"My drama is girl drama where we just can't get along and people just keep picking and can't keep their nose out of other people's business"

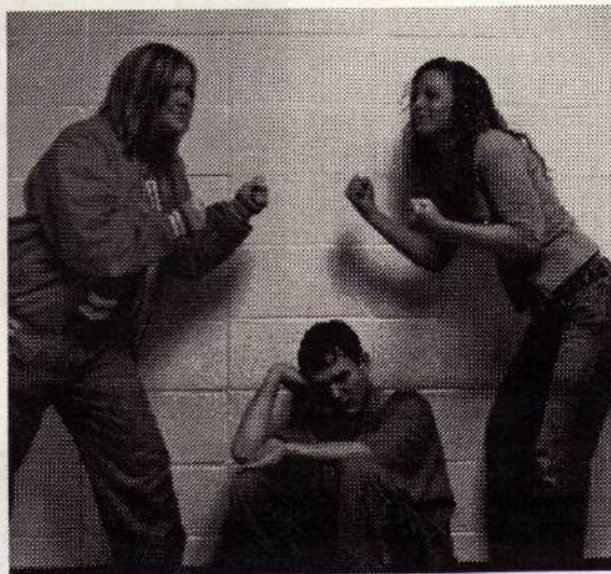
Jessica Knapp

"I have no clue why other people think I'm dramatic."

Danika Johnson

"I think that people think I'm dramatic because everything seems to fall in my lap and it all falls down on me or I try to help and get too involved."

Jessica Knapp



Danika Johnson, Thomas Greene, and Jessica Knapp voted by fellow classmates as Drama King and Queens.

"I would change how people get caught up in pointless drama like if one guy saw his girlfriend walking down the hall with another guy."

Thomas Greene

"If I could change one thing about high school drama I would change how drama gets dirty."

Jessica Knapp

"Everyone sees me freak out all the time at sporting events because I like them so much and I can't play."

Thomas Greene

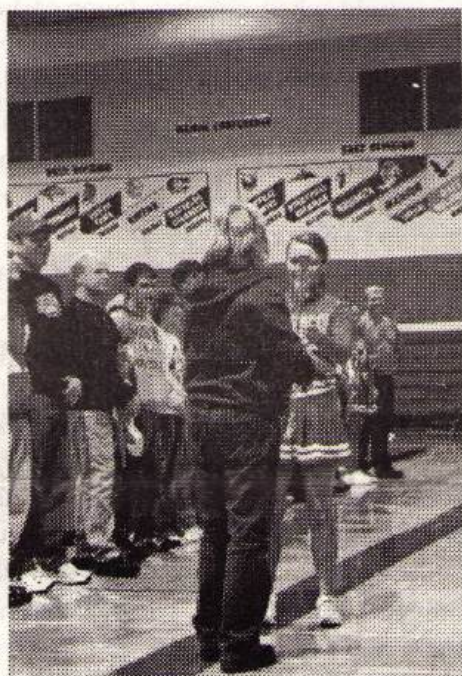
Government in Action

By Andrew Reynolds

Instead of graduating early or taking off a quarter of school just to relax, one of our classmates is traveling to Des Moines to work in the House of Representatives. Last fall Grieder filled out an application to be a page in the House of Representatives. Holly's job as a page is to take notes to and from representatives, run errands, and help file the bills. Holly said this is something she had always wanted to do and she was very excited. She will be staying in an apartment near the capital with another student from

Davenport, Iowa.

In order for her to become a page in the House of Representatives and take a quarter off from school, Holly had to have a required number of school credits and she had to be one of the twenty students accepted for the job. The only thing that Holly was nervous about was managing her own money. She said, "If I need anything, like a little extra money, I have my cell phone."



After just making it back from Des Moines for senior night, Holly Grieder gives her mother a rose.

A New Choice of Pizza

By Ashley Cory

If you are bored with Papa John's pizza, Pizza Hut, Dominos, or even The Pizza Ranch, then maybe you should try the new Tomaso's Pizza, located downtown Marion, next to Huntington's. If you are unfamiliar with Huntington's, then just go to the Marion

strip mall area downtown. Tomaso's has currently been opened for six weeks. It opened

on Monday, December 13, 2005. The owners of Tomaso's decided to open at their current location because they said that people all over from Marion went to their other locations, and suggested a closer



spot.

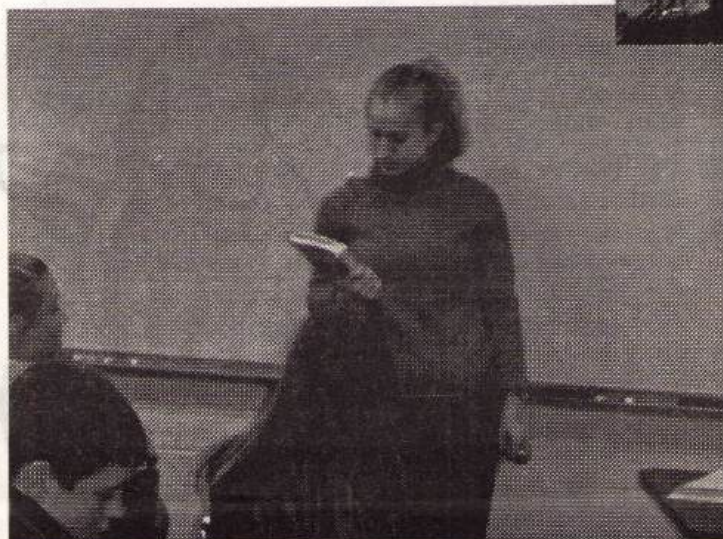
Tomaso's has a variety of different dishes. During lunch they offer soups, salads, and dessert, as well as their famous pizza. During the dinner hours they also offer smoked wings and hot wings. Their hours for lunch, during

By Ashley Cory

After students found out that Mrs. Johnson was going to be gone during part of second term and all of third term because of a baby, they all began to freak out. Students, especially the ones in trigonometry, began to jump to conclusions about her absence. Questions were flying such as, "If we don't understand it when you are teaching us, then how are we

substitute."

Mrs. Johnson tried to calm and comfort her students by telling them that they had nothing to worry about, and that she was sure to pick out an experienced math teacher as her sub. Some of them still worried and decided to take the class pass/fail. Now that Mrs. Johnson is gone and the substitute is in, many students have a few regrets on such deci-



Here Ms. Stimmel reviews with her Algebra 2 class for their group activity as well as their first quiz.

sions. They have turned in that yellow sheet.

that the new substitute teacher, Ms. Stimmel, is a very good teacher and takes everything step by step.

The majority of the trigonometry students

Now that the third term has officially begun, Ms. Stimmel's new group of students, this time Algebra 2, also agreed that so far they like her teaching style,

and think she is a great teacher. Another positive comment that stu-

ended up doing very well overall. Students who decided to take the class pass/fail ended up getting A's for an overall grade and now wish they wouldn't

dents have been making about the new substitute is how she is always at school early in the morning, ready to help the students who don't understand their homework and need a little extra help.

Ms. Stimmel, although only here for the rest of the third term, takes her teaching into major consideration, and is always there to help and explain math to her current students.

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Follow the Yellow Brick Road

By Megan Anderson

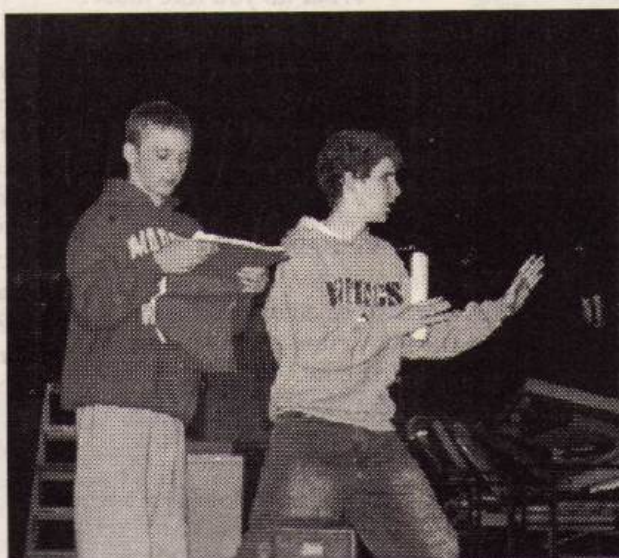
What do you get when you combine Kansas, a little black dog, a population of little people, and an evil, green woman? "The Wizard of Oz" of course. This is the student run play this year that is directed by senior Alisabeth Caraway. She decided to accept this huge undertaking because she believes that students are more apt to participate in an activity if it is led by one of their peers. It would not only be fun, but it would also be a new experience for Marion students.

This production brings together a colorful cast from freshmen all of the way to seniors. It even includes students from Starry and Vernon. With such a wide selection of people to fill the cast slots, Alisabeth was forced to look outside the school as well. A homeschooled student, Kyle Rogers, who plays the Lion says, "I am really excited to do this production. I had seen flyers around school and thought it would be fun to try out. Besides, I really like 'The Wizard of Oz'!"

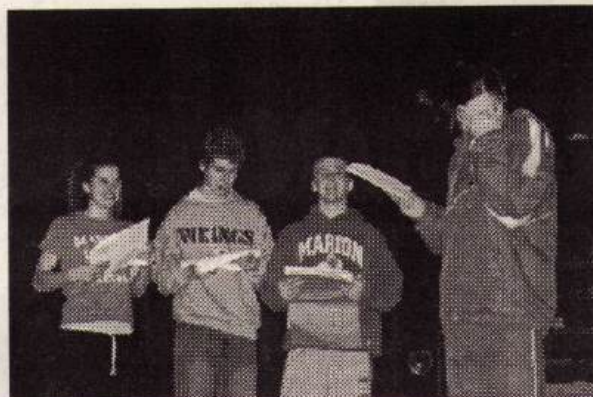
You may be asking yourself now, why should I come see it? Alisabeth has the answer to that question. "There is a lot of hidden talent inside your fellow students," she said. "This show will be representing that. I am also planning on changing it slightly from the movie with a surprise ending in store! That's all I will say for now!

You'll have to come see it to find out how."

With a talent-filled cast and an eager director, this well-known, timeless, and much loved show will be something to experience. The show goes on stage to eager audiences on February 24, 25, and 26. Come join Marion High School as we follow the yellow brick road!



Derrick VanDerMillen (Scarecrow) and Kyle Rogers (Lion) rehearse getting their gifts from the Wizard at the end of the play. Both are new to the Marion High stage this year and are excited to return in future years.



Ashley Brown reacts as Sarah Young, Derrick VanDerMillen, and Kyle Rogers expose her lie to all of Oz. Ashley has been in nearly all of Marion's dramatic productions.

Alisabeth Caraway looks on with a smile as a scene from her productions unfolds. Even though she has been involved in many different staged arts, including community theatre, this is her first time directing.



In the House

By Nicole Cox and Ashley Evans

"Marion, let's hear it! That mighty Indian spirit!" Those spirited words of the Marion High School competition cheerleading squad surely showed to nearly 600 fans that attended the Hawkeye Classic Competition on January 23. This was a special competition for the Marion cheerleaders because they got to cheer in front of their home crowd for the first time this year. "We are used to the surroundings because that's where we practice," said senior Charley Martin, "so we aren't uncomfortable or as nervous."

The annual competition was expected to be bigger, hosting 38 teams, but some squads decided it was safest

to stay at home because of the winter weather. A dance competition was scheduled for the morning, but the judges were stuck in Minneapolis unable to make their way home.

The day began early for the Marion girls. They arrived at 9 a.m. to prepare their school for the many spirit squads that would soon be appearing in a few hours.

Then began the wait. While watching other teams strut their stuff,

the MHS cheerleaders got a surprising announcement. Their warm-up time had been moved up. It was time for them to go. Once they got into the extra gym, they realized they had nothing to worry about.

Within ten minutes the Marion squad was spiriting out on the mat. The music played out and the team began their two and a half minute routine they knew by heart. "I feel that we put forth a great effort and performed our routine well," senior Jaimie DeLong said. "We were a little winded and tired but took the first place trophy...that's all that matters!"

Marion placed 1st in the small varsity division. Their goal now is to start preparing for their next and final competition on February 22nd held at the University of Iowa. "This is our last competition of the year and one of the biggest. We've done amazing in the past few years there, so hopefully we can continue that tradition," junior Shawna Leonard said.

With their mighty Indian spirit, it looks like these cheerleaders have nothing to worry about.



All The Way To State!

By Megan Anderson

The speech season is off to a fantastic start with two very successful competitions under the competition team's belt. The districts competition was postponed from January 22 to January 24 because of weather. At last year's WaMaC contest, Marion didn't do very well even though they felt well prepared. This year was the complete opposite. The competition teams placed second out of seven teams at the WaMaC Conference Contest as well as earning ratings of one in nine out of thirteen groups at the district competition. Both coaches are very proud of the teams and are excited to see how their teams do at state contest, February 5.

Individual speech is also getting ready for contest soon. There are sixteen students preparing different material to take to individual district contest on March 5. Nearly all of the individual speech participants are going to be in more than one category for competition. Their two competitions are WaMaC Individual on February 28, followed by district competition on March 5.

With over fifty students representing Marion at three upcoming contests, look forward to many positive results and more than likely more than one all-state recommendation. The show must go on!



With State on the horizon, Isreal Giribaldi, Alisabeth Caraway, Ryan Garman, and Drew Hingtgen practice during an early morning improvisation practice. All of these competitors recieved ones at state and will proceed onto state contest.



Name: Ashley O'Neill



Activity: Wrestling Manager
Other Activities: ATOMS, NCYL, NHS, and volunteering
Season Highlight: It has been awesome watching everyone do so well individually and as a team. We've really dominated at some of the tournaments and

that's a lot of fun to be a part of.

What do you like most about your activity? Everything! The wrestlers, coaches, and other managers are fun to be around, both at practices and at meets. Our bus rides are particularly interesting, and I've had fun talking to Adnan and having him teach me some German words. It's also hilarious listening to the coaches try to learn and pronounce words.

Best High School Memory: There are so many I can't pick just one. However, I definitely think this year has been the best so far because it's my last year and you really start to realize how much you're going to miss everybody.

What will you miss most about Marion? Definitely the people! I'll miss the teachers and coaches, but specifically the senior class. We've all grown-up together for the most part and high school years are really the best. From our awesome football season and fall activities, to our winter sports, our class has really come together and ended up incredibly close. As we all go our separate ways to college, jobs, or otherwise, I will be looking forward to class reunions with a truly awesome class.

Favorite quote or some advice to leave the class of 2005: There are good times and bad times in everyone's lives and one quote that I think is helpful to get through particularly hard times is: "In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about my life: It goes on."

Name: Amanda Knode



Activity: Choir
Other Activities: Indoor Soccer
Season Highlight: Winter Concert
What do you like most about your activity? I enjoy singing. It is fun.
Best High School Memory: Junior Prom! I got to be with my friends and have a good time! Prom is a lot of fun.
What will you miss most about Marion? All my friends.
Favorite quote or something to leave the class of 2005: Don't judge others from what is on the outside.

Name: Ashley Cudworth



Activity: Dance
Other Activities: Soccer, Journalism, SODA, NHS, and NCYL
Season Highlight: Bonding over dill pickles and highlighters at our team sleepover-you guys have taught me so much.
What do you like most about your activity? I

like hanging out with the girls on the team, and I just like dancing in general.

Best High School Memory: I don't think I have one "best" memory... one was probably when Coff threw a sleeping bag at me and my eye was open, or when Amy, Jessica, Mel, and I almost died on the trail, or road tripping with Jessica-especially when it's raining and I lock the keys in the car, or spraying coffee all over Whit, or when Mel wrote the love letter to Mr. Hottie Pants... there are just so many.

What will you miss most about Marion? I'm going to miss being in classes with my friends. We've come so far together, and we've always been in the same place. It's going to be hard not being together.

Favorite quote or some advice to leave the class of 2005: "The best things in life are free, and they are also priceless."

Name: Valerie Watt



Activity: Speech
Other Activities: Band, Champs, SODA, and Soccer Manager
Season Highlight: Contest days. We get to school at 5 in the morning just so we can be the first school to Monticello. Then last year at Districts, my friend, Matt from Linn-

Mar, came to the contest with a Canadian flag on as a cape.

Name: Matt Ottaway



Activity: Basketball
Other Activities: Football, Track, and Baseball
Season Highlight: Playing the 25th ranked team in the nation and giving a good team effort.
What do you like most about your activity? The fans and the excitement

of game days, just to play the sport and have fun doing it.

Best High School Memory: Becoming a family on and off the field/court with my teammates for all sports and the feeling of knowing pretty much everybody.

What will you miss most about Marion? Friday nights during football because we got to play under the lights, and we have the best fans in the state cheering us on.

Favorite quote or some advice to leave the class of 2005: Don't overlook the small things or they'll come back and haunt you. Take the next step up; don't take a step back.



What do you like most about your activity? Getting to hang out with all my friends from different schools all in one day. And I love to act.

Best High School Memory: Just being here and having the chance to meet all the people I have.

What will you miss most about Marion? The habit of coming here for the past four years.

Favorite quote or some advice to leave the class of 2005: Be careful in the parking lots.

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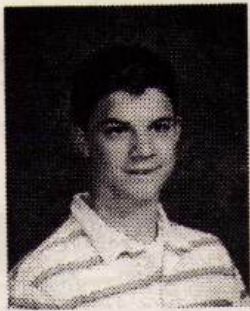
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Name: Justin Patten



Activity: Basketball
Season Highlight: There really haven't been any big highlights that stand out since it's so early in the season, but definitely starting our last JV game.

What do you like most about your

activity? It's a whole different world once you step on the court. It's all about basketball and everything else seems to go away.
Best High School Memory: When Mr. Bates got pied in the face and fell off the stool. Funny stuff!

What will you miss most about Marion? I don't really think about it, kind of excited to graduate finally.

Favorite quote or some advice to leave the class of 2005: I guess just live your life and don't let others live it for you!



Name: Holly Grieder



Activity: Varsity Wrestling Cheerleading
Other Activities: Other cheerleading teams, Soccer, Band, Journalism, Take Charge, SODA, NHS, NCYL
Season Highlight: Of course the season highlight will be going to cheer on our guys at state... and stop at the

new mall a few times.
Best High School Memory: High school is dumb, FPS in sixth grade was the best time of my life. Just joking, just the dumb stuff with some of my friends, working with all my pals at Finish Line, and hanging out with Ben.

What will you miss most about Marion: Ms. Martin and journalism of course, not having hours of reading to do every night, and having all my friends around to hang out with.

Favorite quote or some advice to leave the class of 2005: We could learn a lot from crayons; some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, while others bright, some have weird names, but they all learned to live in the same box.



Make Me Laugh

What day should someone cook fries?
Friday

A magician was driving down a street and then he turned into a driveway.

What happens when you mix an elephant and a rhino? El-if-I-know

What two words contain hundreds of letters? Post Office

Why did the whale cross the ocean? He really wanted to get to the other tide

Why don't aliens eat clowns? Because they taste funny

Two snowmen are standing in a field. One says to the other, "Funny, I smell carrots, too."

Why was the Energizer bunny thrown into jail? He was charged with battery

Supremely Silly Statements

Two fish were playing go fish. One fish asked the other, "Do you have a 7?" and the other fish said, "No, go me!"

What kind of money do snowmen use? Cold cash

Why are policeman so strong? Because they can hold up traffic

What type of sandals do frogs wear?
Open-toad

How do you catch a unique bird? U-Neek up on it.

How do you catch a tamed bird? Tame way

Why do golf players wear two pairs of trousers? In case



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What do you get when you cut a banana in half? A banana split

Why is six afraid of seven? Because seven eight nine

What do you give a sick pig? Oinkment

What happens when you drop a duck egg? It quacks

Why were the little strawberries upset? Because their parents were in a jam

What did the math book say to the other math book? I have a lot of problems

AHEAD OF THE GAME

By Ashley Sperry

With the season coming to an end, the freshman girls basketball team has a record of 13-1. The girls have beaten almost every team by ten points or more. The teams only competition was West Delaware, who they beat by three.

The girls are working hard at every practice giving it their all every time they step on the court. The team has learned to work together and look for each other. Jacqueline Kane said, "We encourage each other

at games and in practices telling each other good job. During games we look to pass the ball to each other instead of dribbling."

There are no stars on the team; they spread it out with a very balanced effort. "The ladies are working



Freshman Jacqueline Kane plays tough defense against Monticello. The team beat Monticello 56-27.

hard and are improving well in their fundamentals. The team stands a chance to be undefeated if they keep up the hard work," says Mr. Wikert. Great shooting, defense, and ability to make free throws have led the team to success.

Dominating The Conference

By Ashley Sperry

With a record of 10-1 as of February 1 the sophomore girls basketball team's only loss was to Linn-Mar.

Not only do the girls hustle and push the ball up the court, but they also have astounding team chemistry. There is no fighting, and they keep their problems off the court so they can become a team.

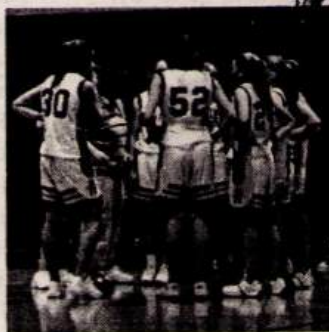
The team is undefeated in the conference and plans to carry that through the season. Coach Humbert is very proud of their success. "We look forward to continue our domination over the conference and bring home the sophomore state championship," she said.

The team is looking strong and is continuing to compete for the top spot.



Jessi Bullis dribbles up the court looking for an open teammate against Linn-Mar. The girls lost to Linn-Mar in a close fight.

Courtney Heims goes up for a lay up against Central Dewitt. Heims is a leading scorer for the sophomores.



The sophomore team huddles around Coach Humbert during a time out to see what they need to do to win the game.

Coming Out On Top

By Andrew Barnd

Imagine waking up at 5 a.m. one Monday morning. Instead of rolling over and going back to sleep, you get out of bed and get ready for practice. Practice you ask? Who would possibly have a practice at this time in the morning? The answer to this question is the freshmen boys basketball team. Along with the freshmen girls, these guys have their practices before school instead of after like every other team. Commonly referred to by Coach Foote as "O'Dark

Hundred", these practices call for the team to be on the court, ready to

anyone would want to practice at such an early time, the answer is quite simple. With six teams and two courts, it's hard to find time for every team to get in the gym after school. So how do the players feel about going

guard for the team, has a positive outlook on the situation. "Morning practices will help build our character. Plus, it makes me look forward to playing next year as a sophomore," he said.

Apparently, the character building has started to pay off, as the freshmen are 11-1 so far, losing their only game to Monticello by three points. "Our team works hard and doesn't like to lose. Everyone contributes," said Owen McGlynn, one of the teams three captains. The team is

coached by Craig Foote, who has now entered into his fourth year as freshmen head coach. Some of the players think he has to do with the team's success. "He teaches the fundamentals well," said Lala. "He also runs us a lot."

So for those of you out there who complain about having to get up and go to school every morning at 8:15, remember this about the freshmen boy's basketball team:

As you wake up to get ready for school, this dedicated group of guys have already completed a full-length basketball practice.



The freshmen boys basketball team huddles as their coach discusses the plans for the rest of the game.

go at 5:50 a.m. For those of you reading this who are wondering why

through all this five times a week? Patrick Lala, the starting point



Freshman BJ Fish plays tough defense while Monticello tries to pass the ball to his teammate.

ON TOP OF THE GAME

By Andrew Barnd

After finishing with an impressive 18-1 record last year, the sophomore boys basketball team knew that it wouldn't be easy to have the same success this year. "Coming into the season after last year's success, we knew as a team we had to work hard to have the same results," said captain Cy Coffman. "So far we've done it." Standing at 6 and 3, the team is still far away from last year when they put up the best freshmen boys record in years. Unfortunately, the talent of the opponents at the sophomore level is quite a bit more than the freshmen level. "The competition is more intense this year," said Coffman.

Not only will this team have to deal with the better competition this year, but there have also been a few surprises for the team. The biggest

surprise so far was when they got a new assistant coach several weeks into the season. Coach Brunson, the former Independence varsity head coach, will be assisting Coach Rahe with the team. Another surprise for the team has been the injuries sustained early on in the season. Both Alec Kiburz and captain Gabe Lynott went down with ankle injuries.

Now that this group of guys is moving up in the program, several members are enjoying the perks of not being freshmen anymore. Marty Tope and Allen Reisner, the team's top scorers, had this to say about their 4:30 p.m. practices: "Practices are way better because we don't have to wake up at the crack of dawn. Plus, they're not as intense and are more fun."

Take' Em Down

By Amanda Grieder

The wrestling team started out their season with outstanding Indian pride. In their first matches against CR Washington and DeWitt, they dominated with a final score of 57 to 3 and 53 to 16. Then, beating West Delaware scoring 42 to 36.

Moving into the second half of the season, the boys have a dual record of 5-3. With the toughest part of the season ahead, the wrestlers prepare for their most difficult meets yet. JV and Varsity WaMaC will be held on January 29th, 2005. Sectionals are also just around the corner. "From what the team has accomplished we should have several boys that should be state bound, state place winners, if not a state champion or two," said Coach Weisinger. "This is the fun part of the season that will show how hard we have worked."

The wrestlers have worked

very hard to get to where they are today. Having a record of 22-0, Kody Blazek overpowered one of his toughest opponents, a ranked wrestler, Tea Toven. Austin Conway is doing well this season also with a record of 19-2.



Conway pinned a state place winner in just eight seconds. Jon Trumpold, who has also had a very successful season this year, has a record of 17-5. Beating a ranked wrestler in the 3A division. There will be much more success to wrap up the season in Indian Wrestling.

AIMING HIGH

By Drew Martin

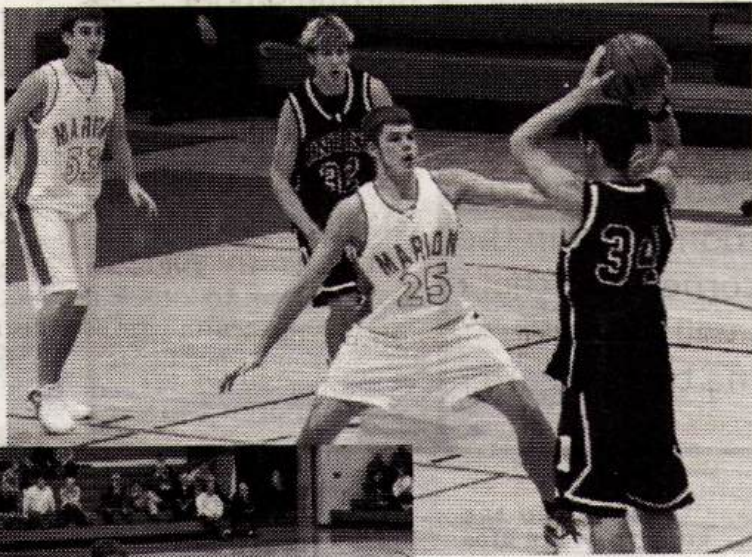
The boys basketball season is off to a good start. The team has great chemistry and they get along great with each other. They are third in the WaMaC and are looking to improve on their 5-3 record.

Even though the team is looking good, they've been slowed down by cancelled practices. They've only lost one game on the road so far. The team has been working hard during practices with everyone contributing to the team. Both the varsity team and the J.V. team left for break on a good note winning both of their games. Over the Christmas break, they worked hard to stay at the top of their game. After the break, the team prepared themselves for a tough match against West Delaware, but the game ended up getting postponed. Their next game was against Independence at home, a game where they came out ready to play. The team looked strong and Independence

just couldn't match the intensity that the varsity brought. Coming off a great win, the varsity looked forward to playing Don Bosco. This was the first game of what they call Catholic week, where they play four Catholic schools in a row. They won the first one, but the next couple of games would be the low part of the season where they would go on to lose two games in a row. "We knew that the competition would be tough but we're happy with the effort and the intensity of the players," Coach Laube said.

As the season continues the varsity looks forward to competing for the top spot in the conference. "Every game we've gone out and competed as hard as we could. It's really exciting being and competing for one of the top spots in the WaMaC," captain Travis Eagle said.

Senior captain Travis Eagle guards an Independence player at a home game. Eagle led the team in scoring during the first half of the season.



Senior captain Curt Hansen dribbles around a Don Bosco defender during a home win. Hansen, a four year starter, became the all-time leader in assists at Marion half-way through the season.

Pulling Together

By Ashley Cory

With the winter activities now in gear, girls basketball, along with other winter sports, are now mid-way into the season. The season started off in a way the girls didn't expect. They struggled from game to game in the beginning resulting in a 0-3 record early on. The girls got together and were determined to change their season around. After a few days of hard work, the girls turned their game around, winning three consecutive games. Since those three games, the girls have played more as a team. Depending on the night though, they've had difficulties

playing as a team. The girls now know what they need to do in order to turn things around and consistently win. Right now the season is a bit of a rollercoaster, winning some and losing some. With the new year now here, the girls are determined to make the second part of the season a successful one. Their record as of now is 5-7. With two of their leading scorers out, captains Niki Kiburz and Ashley Cory, the girls need to pull together to be a winning success.



Junior captain Ashley Cory shoots over her Don Bosco defender's head during their game at home. The girls beat the Dons 60-37.

Sophomore Tara Carsner looks to pass around her Western Dubuque Bobcat opponent. Right now the girls stand at 5-7 overall.



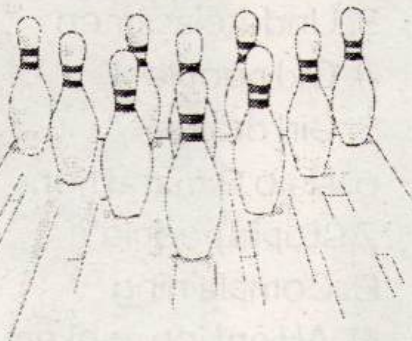
BOWLIN' UP A STORM

By Brandon O'Connell

After winning the state championship last year, some bowlers said that it is going to be tough trying to hold that position. Brock Holub and Chris Jack were some of Marion's biggest components to the bowling team last year. Losing two of their key players means a lot of stepping up for the rest of the team. They not only lost two key players, which will hurt the team, but they also lost two of their coaches. Returning letter winners Dan Teff and Alex Logsdon are willing to step up and accept

their responsibilities as team leaders.

The bowling season started in December and will



go into March. This year state will be held in Des Moines on the first weekend of March, and the team is hoping to make

it there. Team captain, Dan Teff said, "Alex and I have experience going to state and would really like to return." Teff feels

that they are going to need a lot of hard work and effort if they expect to make it to state. The competition is going to be tough. A lot of the bowlers from other schools are returning varsity players. After asking who their biggest competition is going to be this year, Teff said, "Our toughest competition is most likely Oelwein, because they were very good last year and have a

lot of the same returning varsity letter winners."

Although the Marion bowling team thinks it will be a tough season because of the adjustments they have to make, they all agree that they can overcome them and have another successful season.






Correction

In the December issue of the Vox, a girls basketball picture was misidentified as being Angela Bys. The actual person in the picture was Natalie Ryther. The editors regret this mistake and apologize to those involved.

We've been in school too long when things start to
MAKE US CRAZY!!

By Charley Martin,
Nicole Cox, and
Ashley Evans

	People That Try Too Hard	No Heat Issue	Non-support of Programs	Hickeys
C H A R L E Y 	"They are so fake and I hate fake people because your whole life becomes a lie."	"The school is freezing and it's hard to learn when your brain cells are frozen to your thinking lobe."	"As a cheerleader I know we are hated and I know how others feel too. We do the same work as everyone else and try just as hard."	"There are other ways to show your love for someone."
N I C O L E 	"Who are they trying to impress? Who cares what other people think? I wear grunge clothes and it doesn't change the way people think about me."	"The school cut all the other funds so they should be able to afford to heat our chilly bodies."	"It's stupid how some coaches support just the sport that they coach, when instead they should be supporting school unity and pride."	"I just threw up a little bit in my mouth."
A S H L E Y 	"I hate the way people think they need to change themselves for people to like them. If people don't like you for who you are, then you should choose better friends."	"When you walk by the Chemistry room, look in the corner, and there I will be, shivering to my death."	"Some day when one of your kids is a thespian and the other one is football player, you're going to tell them to knock off the bickering. Be a good example for your children."	"Gross. Get a Dum-dum."

YOU SAY:

"People who judge other people."
Paige Plagman

"Freshmen."
Tom Peterson

"KIDS WHO ARE RUDE TO OTHER KIDS AND KIDS THAT DON'T LISTEN WHEN OTHERS ARE TALKING."
MR.MESSERLI

"When girls complain about being fat."
Nathan Nissen

"Juniors and seniors that act like they are 3 years old and are so imature."
Kailee Jordan

"People who act dumb and childish."
BEN MESSERLI

"People that don't smile when they are walking down the hallways."
Hanna Clendenen

"PEOPLE THAT ARE STUCK-UP WITH THEMSELVES."
JOEY SWANSON

"Annoying people." Colin LeBeau

"Sophomores who like to hit on my boyfriend."
Brittnee Musser

"False accusations and drama."
Josh Kane

"When people come back after they graduate."
Danika Johnson

"When my Sega freezes on me and I'm about to beat the game."
Jesse Carsner

"When I'm in the shower and I get shampoo in my eye."
Luke McGee

"Early morning practices."
Riley Quinn

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Top Ten Annoying Things

1. Bad drivers
2. Cold weather
3. Underclassmen
4. Old people
5. Girl drama
6. Halo 2 marathons
7. Stupid people
8. Complaining
9. Attention seekers
10. Smokers

Middle-class Iowa high school kids who try and act like they are thugs."
Drew Martin

"Politics in school."
Keith Steffek

"People that talk about stuff that they think they know all about but they really have no clue."
Thomas Greene

"PEOPLE THAT DON'T KNOW HOW TO DRIVE."
Rick Scott