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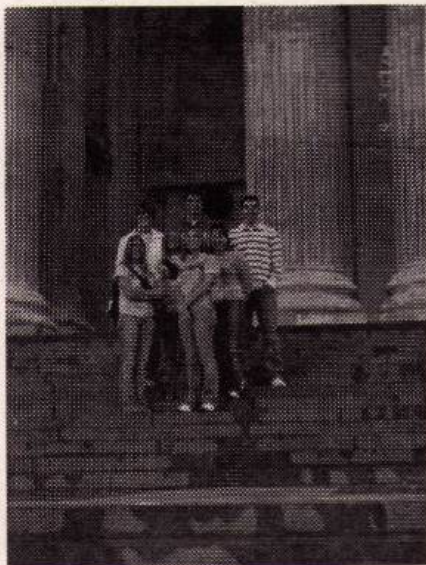
Marion High School

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A Time To Get Away

By Jaimie DeLong



A few of the Marion High School students, as well as Ms. Martin's daughter and Jaime Johnson, spent their spring break in London. On their first full day, they toured St. Paul's Cathedral. Traveling together were Ashleigh Derby, Blake Hacker, Paige Johnson, Jamie Johnson, Josh Immerfall, Katy Boyer, and Andrew Barnd.



One of the highlights of Blake Hacker's trip was holding Jimi Hendrix's guitar. He was visiting the Hard Rock Café museum.

March 18 was the beginning of the week every student and teacher looks forward to. It's a time to get away from the stress and drama of school. A time to travel down to a warm, tropical place. A time to hang out with your closest friends, stay up all night, and not have to go to school the next day. Yes, that's right; that week is spring break.

This year, spring break goes found it very popular to hit the Florida scene. Even Marion's own band and choir groups went to Florida over break. The two groups boarded

Greyhound buses on the 16th for a 26-hour ride down to the sunny state. Both band and choir members competed at a competition in the Saratoga Springs Resort at Walt Disney World. The band came out in second place and the choir came out with excellent rat-

ings. After the playing and singing was through, the students and chaperones spent their time riding rides and seeing the thrilling sites of Florida. All of the 98 students that went on the trip had a great time and came back with many great memories.

As for the other students at MHS, where did they go, and what did they do? Most students stayed at home and spent their time relaxing, a few followed the crowd and went to Florida, and others set the plans in different areas. Kali Schoon and Trevor Sietz took a trip with their parents down to Jamaica, Bryan and Alyssa Clark went on a family trip out to California to spend a week with their aunt, and a group of journalism students, including Ms. Martin, took a trip to London. With some quick planning, the small group of eight took a couple days off, away from Iowa life. The group saw all of the main highlights around England, and agreed that the free time proved to be most fun. Many hours were spent just wandering the crowded streets and laughing at the weird things. A trip to Abbey Road was also a huge highlight.



Kelsey Thornton, Ian Ster, and Krystle Schoon stopped by a London telephone booth while visiting attractions in Orlando.

Now that vacation is over, school is back in full swing. But don't stress, the next big break is only two months away: Summer.



Alyssa and Bryan Clark pose in front of the Newport Pier sign while out in California. They went out to the Los Angeles area this spring break to visit some of their relatives.

The band and choir students gather together to take a quick snap shot near their hotel. They visited Disney World as well as the beach while they were in Florida.

Top 10 Spring Break Spots



Panama City, Florida



Cancun, Mexico

- 1.) Panama City, Florida
- 2.) Cancun, Mexico
- 3.) South Padre Island, Texas
- 4.) Lake Havasu, Arizona
- 5.) Jamaica
- 6.) Mazatlan, Mexico
- 7.) Daytona Beach, Florida
- 8.) Keywest, Florida
- 9.) Rosarito Beach/Ensenada, Mexico
- 10.) The Bahamas



THE BAHAMAS
The Bahamas



South Padre Island, Texas

Some Earth-Shattering Revelations

By Holly Grieder

Some of you might know that I recently had the opportunity to take a quarter off of school and live on my own in Des Moines. I was able to be a page at the State Capitol, specifically in the House of Representatives. A page is basically a gopher, as in we "go-for" what the Representatives and their clerks wanted us to do. This may sound like the worst possible job in the world to some of you, but for me it was a piece of heaven for three reasons:

I LOVE politics, I'm planning on it being my major next year.

I really needed a break from high school. I was getting really stressed out with the everyday things that go on while you're in school.

I got to experience living on my own in a city double the size of Cedar Rapids. There is a lot more to do in Des Moines, which was something I really loved.

Explaining what a page does or my reasons for doing so isn't why I want to write this article, though. I want to share with you a few things that I learned while being out of high school and in the "real-world."

The first thing I learned, and probably the most liberating, was that when you're out of high school, there truly is less drama. Well, I guess there isn't necessarily less drama; it's just handled very differently. All of the other pages were high school students, and we really became very close because we were all each other had in a city away from our families. For the most part we got along, but I'm not going to lie to you; we had our share of disagreements, especially with our respective roommates. The difference from high school to the "real world" was that when we had a disagreement it stayed between ONLY those two people, and also, when it was over, it was over. It wasn't like someone brought it up constantly and tried to stir the pot again.

The second thing I learned is that your family is a lot more important to you than you think.

Before I left, if someone asked me about my family, I probably would have told you that they were good people, but we're just tolerating each other until I move out for good. Now, after being away from not just their cash flow, but more importantly, their support, I understand the saying "blood is thicker than water." This is probably really corny to put in here, but I especially realized the bond I have with my sister. Sure, I had a roommate, and Sarah was nice, but she wasn't anything close to my sister. Also, with the whole roommate situation, be ready to be open-minded because chances are they are

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going to be a whole lot different than you.

The third thing is one of the most humorous things I learned. One day one of the pages was mad about something someone had said and he said, "Do you know who I am in my town?" He lived in Rockwell City, Iowa, and I'm guessing nobody outside of Rockwell City has ever heard of the place. I doubt the reaction he got was what he was looking for when everybody just started laughing at him. What I'm getting at is that after high school, your "social status" from high school means nothing. Sorry jocks but your stats and trophies aren't going to matter to anyone but you. Class presidents, you did a good job while you were here, but every other school has a class president, too. Nerds, you may have been

tormented in high school, but good news! Out in the "real world" nobody is going to know if you were made fun of in high school or not. Cheerleaders, nobody is going to care if you could do the most elite stunts anyone has ever seen. It's great that you were section leader in the band, but in the "real world" section leaders are a dime a dozen. Please believe me when I tell you that I'm not trying to undermine the accomplishments you've made in high school, but you have to realize that in college or in the workforce there are many other people that made the same accomplishments that you did at their own high schools. I guess all I'm doing is giving you a forewarning that wherever you end up after high school, don't be hung up on all the things you did in the past, because the past is over and few people are going to be interested. It's too bad that the aforementioned page had to learn the hard way.

The last thing I learned was that really it's okay to just be yourself. It really sounds corny, I know, but when I was in Des Moines working, I felt more myself that I ever had before in high school. I think everyone will find that as you get out of high school, it gets easier and easier to be who you are. Sure, there will still be people who judge you, but the more comfortable I got with myself, the less stressful my life seemed.

As I reflect, those things were probably the most important I learned. Sure, I learned other things, like when you get outside Marion, it's probably not safe to walk outside alone in the dark, and that in Des Moines there are only two police officers on patrol at a time with radar in their cars. Also I learned an electric bill is a lot more than you think, so thank your parents. Next year, members of the senior class will all find their own earth-shattering revelations, but for the time being, they can either take my advice or leave it, but trust me on this. None of this is bull. It's all stuff I learned out there in the "real world."

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By Charley Martin

In the Stars

Aries March 21- April 19

This time period begins a new cycle. You're ambitious, and ideas slowly and gradually shift towards a new focus. This is a period of rebirth and renewed optimism. Your imagination is vivid during this time, and you enjoy fairy tales, mythology, spiritual, religious, and metaphysical topics. During this time period, deeply rooted and hidden energies are activated and affect you more strongly. You remember incidents and events that you have not recalled in a long time.



Taurus April 20- May 20

Making the most of what you've got, striving for security and stability: that's the impulse that stirs in you as a new cycle begins in your life. Steady, patient, solid is your style now. Defending the weak, undoing injustice, and tilting at windmills can be a big temptation.



Gemini May 21- June 21

A significant personal encounter or confrontation occurs this month. You cannot and probably will not want to be alone now. It's a time to reach out to people and to get other's input or counsel. Listen to your mate or a friend who can enlighten you at this time. You are impatient with people who avoid looking candidly and honestly at root causes and hidden reasons for any problem or situation.



Cancer June 22- July 22

Your thinking is rather gloomy and pessimistic. You see the superficiality, the flaws, and the foolishness or impracticality in other's plans. Communicating with others is difficult now, and people resist what you're saying. This is a time for you to speak out about your thoughts or concerns regarding your work or professional matters.



Leo July 23- August 22

You make yourself very clear at this time, coming across and willing to communicate openly impresses others. It's a good time to give a speech, present your ideas, or express your viewpoints to the people who matter most in your life. This is a time for you to really listen and learn from others. You need other people's ideas and opinions NOW!



Virgo August 23- September 22

A lack of mental concentration, focus, and energy can be a problem for you early in the month – not a good time for making really important decisions. Avoid acting on rumors or unverified reports. Getting your point across to others and understanding what they really mean when they communicate with you is a weak link in your life chain. A lack of information can hold you back, so educate yourself to what's happening.



September 23- October 22 Libra

Your feelings for friends and emotional responses to life in general are deeper and more intense. The need to share, to give and receive love, and to be accepted and wanted is very strong. Dreamy and exotic feelings overcome you now. You are also hypnotized by glamour, romance, and fantasy.



October 23- November 21 Scorpio

Your friendly concern for others and your willingness to meet people benefits your career, reputation, or public image at this time. Errors made in haste, speaking too forcefully, sharp words spoken on impulse, or accidents occurring due to restlessness and impatience are all possible at this time. You feel you have to fight for what you believe in and you are very clear, decisive, and convincing right now, but you also tend to stir up more controversy or competitive feelings than is really necessary.



November 22- December 21 Sagittarius

Your ambitions or career reach a climax or critical point at this time. It's a good time to travel where you will be exposed to new ideas and different ways of looking at the world. Your ability to understand and abstract ideas and your desire to grow intellectually is strong now.



December 22- January 19 Capricorn

Resolving conflict opinions and deciding between opposing views or different options is essential this month. You must decide one way or another. It's easy to be distracted, so study things through to act from a position of knowledge rather than out of ignorance. It's important to address challenges head-on rather than try to brush them off. A lack of appreciation could be a problem at many levels.



January 20- February 18 Aquarius

Your romantic imagination is strong now. Dreams of an idealized true love or feelings of compassion with others emerge strongly at this time. Your perception of people gets rather hazy. It is best not to make firm commitments at this time.



February 19- March 20 Pisces

This is a time for rejuvenation and awakening, new creativity and interests. You are alert, mentally sharp, and clear. Your ability to comprehend new concepts is heightened. This is a good time to make plans and strategies or begin a course of study. This is the beginning of a new year for you, and you feel charged with new energy, vitality, and sense of purpose.



JEL-ing it Up

By Shawna Leonard

Most people know that Josh Immerfall is involved in SODA, Take Charge, and JEL, but most people don't know exactly how involved he is. For JEL, Josh is the commissioner on the Tobacco Use



Prevention and Control Commission. The roles of this group include making decisions for the tobacco division at the Iowa Department of Public Health. Josh is also part of the JEL Executive Council. There are thirty five people on the council, and this council also

makes decisions for JEL, which includes almost 8,000 members. Josh is traveling to Chicago for the National Conference on Tobacco. He will also go to Washington D.C. because his division of JEL won the Nation Group of the Year presented by the National Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids. There is still more on the agenda for Josh. This summer he is traveling to Ottawa, Canada, to speak at their national conference.

Preparing for Prom

By Shawna Leonard

It may seem far away but it's only about a month away. That's right, prom is coming up faster than you could imagine and I'm sure many people are beginning to feel stressed about getting things done. The junior class is already hard at work to prepare for prom. Class meetings started in March and things started off very well. The first meeting was basically to get everyone educated about everything that was needed to be done. The first things that needed to be done were getting students into groups to break down the tasks. There are groups for decorating, invitations, and other important things to be done. The next most important tasks that needed to be done were deciding how to do the invitations and what gifts to give out. So far, the

Invitations Committee has decided to make the invitations as inexpensive as possible so that more money can be spent on decorations and more important things. Overall, prom is coming along very smoothly, and the junior class hopes that it's a blast.



At a prom meeting before break, Kelly from Spielman's talks to the prom committee about what she can offer the group for decorations. The junior class decided on "A Walk through Central Park" for the theme of prom.

COURTROOM Justice

By Nicole Cox

To some students, school is a drag. You have to wake up everyday and put on some clothes just to learn. This might seem hard now, but what if you had to be at jury duty instead? It might make school be appreciated a little bit more. While students were enjoying their days at school, senior Bryan Clark was away for the week at the courthouse serving jury duty, an uncommon thing for a high schooler. This certainly gave him more appreciation towards school and his everyday life.

So what exactly is the duty of the jury? Their job is to decide the sentence for the guilty. A civil trial jury is typically made up of 6 people. In a civil case, the role of the jury is to listen to the evidence presented at a trial, to decide whether the defendant injured the plaintiff or otherwise failed to fulfill a legal duty to the plaintiff, and to determine what the compensation or penalty should be. Verdicts must be unanimous, although the parties in a civil case may agree to a non-unanimous verdict. A jury's deliberations are conducted in private, out of sight and hearing of the judge, witnesses, and others in the courtroom.

Potential jurors are chosen from a jury pool generated by random selection of citizens' names from lists of registered voters, or com-

bined lists of voters and people with drivers licenses. These selection methods help ensure that jurors represent a melting pot of the community. Being summoned for jury service does not guarantee that an individual actually will serve on a jury. When a jury is needed for a trial, the group of qualified jurors is taken to the courtroom where the trial will take place. The judge and the attorneys then ask the potential jurors questions to determine their suitability to serve on the jury, a process called voir dire. The purpose of voir dire is to exclude from the jury people who may not be able to decide the case fairly. Members of the panel who know any person involved in the case, who have information about the case, or who may have strong prejudices about the people or issues involved in the case, typically will be excused.

Bryan had two options: go now and get it over with or have it deferred until summer. Since there was no way he would get out of this responsibility, he decided to risk his chances and get it over with. He wasn't expecting to be selected for the jury considering he is a high

school student. "I didn't think I'd get picked because I'm just a young'n," said he. "I thought this whole thing would be over by noon." Bryan had just turned 18, but this didn't phase the attorneys. He was selected to sit in for a short



trial because he showed no bias.

Each day for Bryan started earlier than school. He had to check in at the courthouse by 8 a.m. His time in the courtroom was filled with witnesses and testimony. On day four, it was time to come to a verdict. All the jurors unanimously agreed to whom they would rule in favor of, but they couldn't decide on how much money to give. This delayed the end of the process, bringing each member back for another round the next day. Once everyone agreed on a dollar amount, the jurors were free.

"It was a good learning experience to see how the court system works firsthand. I knew nothing about it before," Bryan said. "Even though it was awfully time consuming, it's was alright in the end because I got paid." Who knows...maybe this experience cannot only earn some cash, but also a little bit of extra credit in American Government.

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ENTERTAINMENT

By Andrew Reynolds

MOVIES:

Sin City

Review: This movie is set in a rain-swept place called Sin City. Throughout the movie, three different stories are told that are based on comic stories. Mickey Rourke, who has also appeared in *Once Upon a Time in Mexico* and *Man on Fire*, plays Marv, who has found his one true love but finds her murdered while they were asleep together. Marv then searches every inch of Sin City to find the murderer.



Dwight, who is played by Clive Owen, is an ex-photographer who accidentally kills a cop and must cover up for it. Hartigan, played by Bruce Willis, is put in jail for a crime he didn't commit. Along with the already star-studded cast, there are many other big names in this movie such as Jessica Alba, Elijah Wood, Josh Hartnett, Jamie King, Michael Madsen, and Brittany Murphy. It is hard to pick out a certain genre for this movie, but I would have to say it's an action and drama movie.

What I Like: I like that there is a very promising cast for this movie. Also, following three different stories is something different.

What I Don't Like: I watched a trailer on the movie and it showed a lot of the characters but not much about the plot.

Why You Should Check It Out (WYSCIO): The movie has a great cast and the three different stories should be something different.



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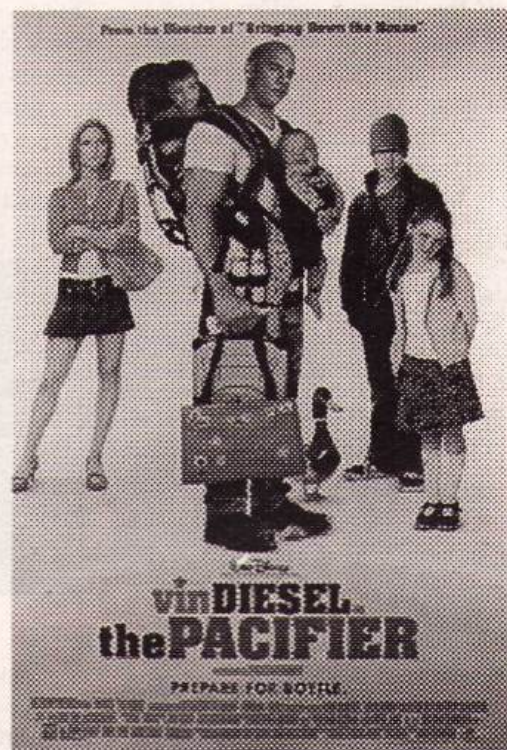
The Pacifier

Review: Vin Diesel takes an unusual role in this movie. He plays Shane Wolfe, an elite Navy SEAL who is assigned to his most challenging job ever: babysitting. Shane must protect five wild and crazy children of an assassinated father who was working on secret government projects. In this film, Vin has to trade in his usual guns and fast cars for diapers and a minivan. This is more of a family film, which is different for Diesel, but it looks very entertaining. This film's genre could be comedy or action. After seeing the commercial for this movie, I think anyone could go and see it.

What I Like: A role other than an action film for Diesel could be something new and fun.

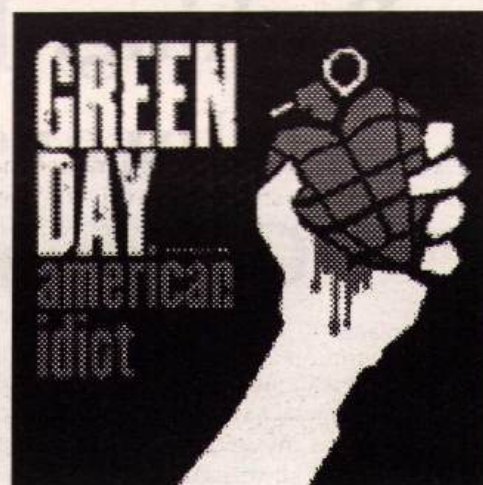
What I Don't Like: After seeing the trailer, this movie might be a little too childish for high schoolers but would be a good film to see with your family.

WYSCIO: It is a different kind of movie that almost anyone could enjoy.



Green Day: American Idiot

Review: This trio of musicians has been around for awhile. In 1994 they had their first breakthrough single called "Longview". After that, it went a little downhill for the group. When the punk rock era broke out a few years ago, it was the perfect time for a new album, and they delivered. American Idiot has already had two major hits and has sold out concerts across the U.S. This CD is great and will have many more hits coming. I think these guys have the stamina to stay around for awhile and will be around after other bands dissolve.



Why I Like It: This album has a lot of great songs and a lot of hits to come from it.

Why I Don't Like It: I really don't have any reason not to like this album.

WYSCIO: If your going to the concert in May, you should, and if you're not, you should see what your missing.

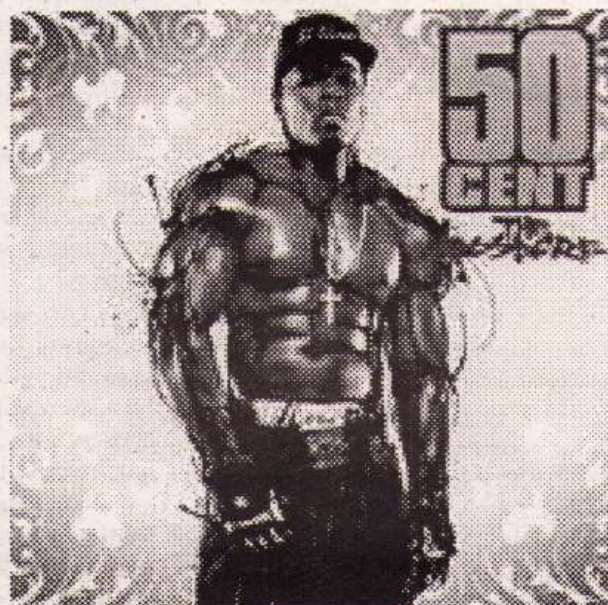
50 Cent: The Massacre

Review: 50 Cent has arguably been the most popular rap artist in the past few years and has released a new album, "The Massacre". 50 Cent's new album has been released, and there have been many mixed reviews about. Many of 50's fans are pleased, but critics are saying that it could've been better. I think this CD will have a lot of hits along with "Candy Shop" and "Disco Inferno" but won't be as successful as his last album.

Why I Like It: This CD will have lots of hits and should provide us with lots of entertainment.

Why I Don't Like It: Some of his songs aren't very good and don't grab your attention very well. Also, some of the songs have way too many swear words in them.

WYSCIO: This album already has two very popular tracks on it, and will have many more to come.



Y u m - Y u m

By Amanda Grieder

There are a lot of things that students complain about when it comes to school: homework, studying, etc. One of the biggest controversies is school lunch. There are a lot of kids that have complaints about what our school is serving.

Even though most students look forward to lunch because it is a break in their day, they don't agree with the amount or the of variety of what is served. A lot of kids think the school doesn't give them enough to eat. Kevin Schuver said, "I'm pretty sure that the amount of

food we get is the same amount that the children eat in Ethiopia."

Sometimes, if you are in the last lunch cycle, the cooks don't prepare enough food, so you have to wait for them to cook more. The cooks at our school do work very hard on making

the lunches nutritional and also delicious. Other students think that there isn't enough variety. "Some days when the snack shack isn't open, there is hardly anything to choose from," Tara Carsner said. "I know you can't please everyone, but it would be nice to have a little more than

just two choices."

Some think that lunch is just gross. Carly Huffman says, "It's cool when we have Subway or Chic Filet, but sometimes it's kind of gross, and I don't want to eat

it." Students need good meals that can get them through the rest of the day until they get home from whatever activities they are doing. The average student goes from school to either a sport, club activity, or their job right

after school. Most don't have time to get something to eat before they

leave. Each student should have a satisfying lunch without having to spend a lot of money.

Others think the cooks are under appreciated for all they do for students. "I think that we, as students, are too hard on the cooks," said Spencer Pflugaupt. "They get here early to prepare our food for the day. We should say thank you to them more and not be so cynical."

On the other hand, some students really enjoy school lunch. "School lunch is so good. I'd like to see the BBQ pork at least once a month," said Owen Kane. "It's my favorite."



Megan Anderson and Alisabeth Caraway chat about their day while enjoying a delicious lunch. Alisabeth's mom is the head of food services, so she finds ways to always appreciate the hard work her mother does.



The lunch ladies work hard to quickly scans kids' cards so they can get through the line fast and efficiently. The hungry children become grumpy if not fed in time.

Parking, JBC'S, Hallways and Graduation

By Josh Immerfall

I was left out of the last issue, I apologize, it basically was my fault. Procrastination is my middle name. And I know you all missed me. So here we go.

I would like to start with some old business. The parking situation here has become a real problem. So yes, kids, I was right. Please refer to the November issue if you don't believe me. Today, Mr. Ehresman blessed us with his presence in government class. He explained how the problem will be fixed next year, which is great. Everything will be great, NEXT YEAR. As of now, the back lot is vacant while the front lot is overflowing. Kids parking in the tennis courts is ridiculous. All because of security. If someone wants to get into our school, they will get in. One entrance or six, they will get in. So it's not an official rule, but freshmen and sophomores that cannot leave, just park in the back. It will make the world happy.

Now to the most serious subject we will cover today. If you love Wendy's like I do, prepare your fists. We shall revolt. Kids, they raised the price on the Junior Bacon Cheeseburger! What!?! This could truly be detrimental to the corporation. By

far my favorite menu item, the JBC, is now \$1.19. Twenty cents is not huge, but seriously, this is horrible. I have contacted my lawyer, and we are checking into the legality of this issue.

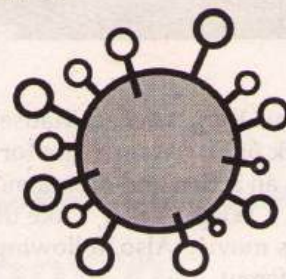
We have now been in school for three terms. Let's start walking in the hallway. I understand that hallway time is social time. But since no one actually uses their locker, use them to lean on and talk. Some of us here at Marion High have not yet mastered the art of gossiping and walking. So cats, talk on the side, walk in the halls.

Finally, I am a bit frustrated. I understand all I have done is complain here, but one must vent somewhere. A rule is in place, saying that, along with the class president, only those who are in the top 10 of their class can speak at graduation. I'll be honest; I would love to speak at graduation. I would not be upset if I had the chance to speak but wasn't chosen. If my name was at least in the hat, I would be satisfied.

So kids, I vented. If you made it this far, wow. Way to go. And thanks, I guess. I may have sounded conceded, my apologies. Hugs and handpounds. Peace, love and harmony.

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Senior Watch

By Charley Martin



Mr. Bailey talks to underclassmen about scheduling for next year.

With the school year getting close to the end, we are all working extra hard to get everything done. This is a very busy time of the year. Many of the juniors are planning for the best prom ever, seniors are thinking about college and what they are going to do after high school, and track, soccer, tennis, and golf are all starting their seasons. Not only are the seniors planning for college, but the juniors should be too. Juniors first need to make sure that they're getting good grades. Your

grades are the first thing a college looks at, and if they aren't good, they won't take you. If your grades aren't the best, you need to work even harder. Most students take their first ACT test their junior year. This gives them more time to take it several times and to study. There is also a class that is offered to help you study for the test. Juniors should check to see when the next test will be given and try to take it. Getting the ACT test out of the way is just one less thing to worry about. Start looking into colleges and see which ones you would fit into. Make sure the colleges you are interested in have the academic opportunities you want and need.

A college is looking to attract the best and brightest by scoring well on various rankings of the best schools. Ranking factors include average ACT scores and grade point averages. Colleges encourage the brightest students to apply early and give their word that they will enroll if ac-

Mr. Bailey shows some underclassmen what to look for when signing up for their classes.



cepted. Colleges also offer discounted tuition to the smartest students. They offer more scholarships to early applicants. Students need to pay extra attention to test scores because they tell them where they might fit in when applying to colleges. If a student is way below the average they will have to do a lot to overcome that. Education is about learning, growth, and discovery; you need to make sure the school is a good fit for your personality.



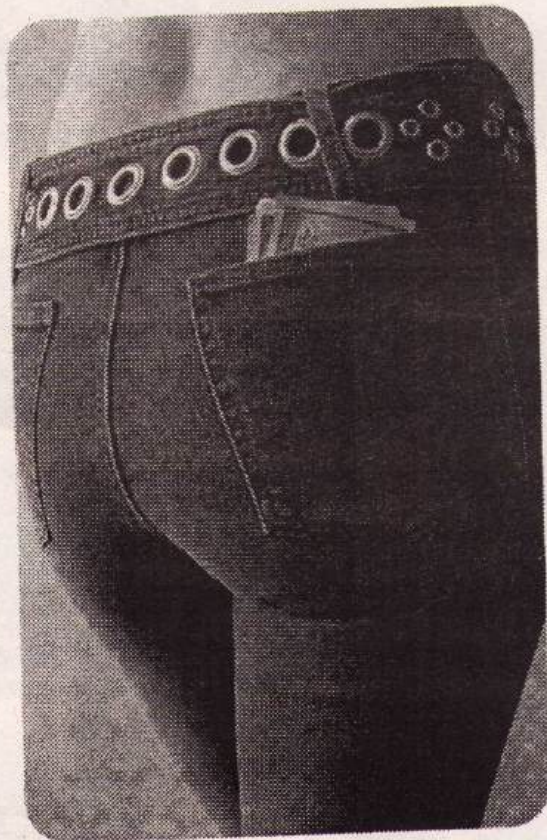
In early March the counselors begin to talk to the underclassmen about scheduling for next year. They want to make sure students are getting into the right classes in order to graduate and to go on to college.

JUNIOR YEAR

APRIL CHECKLIST

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70's



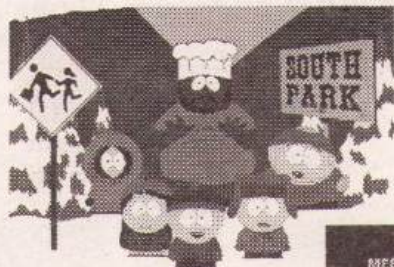
The 70's were a decade of social change. Hippies brought new styles and a new mood to the world with their outrageous fashions and "anything goes" attitudes. The music of the 70's was a big influence on the younger generation with such artists as Bob Marley, Cher, and the Bee Gee's leading the way. Celebrities set the trends and fashions of every decade, so it was no different in the 70's. Most girls parted their hair down the middle trying to look like Cher's long locks or the feathered hair that Farrah Fossett made famous. Boys followed celebs by driving muscle cars or VW vans and going to discos like John Travolta in Saturday Night Fever. When the boys and girls weren't at school or the disco, they spent time going to hit movies like Star Wars and Jaws. They would see the teen idols of the time like Leif Garrett, Richard Gere, and Jamie Lee Curtis in the theater or in concert. When there was nothing to do, sitting at home making creepy crawlers and taking care of the Pet Rock was the excitement of many children's lives. Overall, the 70's were a decade of change.



The Past

90's

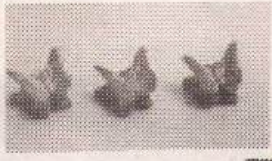
Generation X period, babies of baby boom, a decade of perfection. Looking back, it's about selfishness and shallowness. Shows like *Friends* and *90210*, and movies like *Clueless*, set the bar for teenage girls on how to accessorize and look for that perfect outfit, party, and boys. Boys were more influenced by the movie *American Pie*. They learned how to hook up with girls and throw parties. People's hair in the 90's had many ups and downs. Hair went from the famous tall bangs to long and straight. Shows such as *Friends* caused girls go out and get the Rachel Greene haircut. Boy bands like N'Sync and Backstreet Boys erupted into major stars. Since boy bands were a new trend, it was tried out for girls, bringing in the Spice Girls (who boomed after their first album). Some trends that were picked up from our idols were cargo pants and Doc Martins. Girls everywhere had butterfly clips in their hair. Idols for boys consisted of Michael Jordan, Shaq, or anyone who could play sports well. Girls swooned over Brad Pitt, Polly Shore, and wanted to be like Julia Roberts or Reese Witherspoon. Throughout the decade, a lot of trends flopped with only a few things ruling this time.



Today



This current period has evolved from other decades. The hair looks more like the 70's shag cut, only now girls add a little kick to it with highlights. Stilettos are a hot trend, as they were in the 80's. Cars today for teenagers are relatively new, such as the Neon and Sunfire. Ipods are the new portable CD players, while X-Box is the new Nintendo. Bratz are considered the new Barbie. Cartoons such as *Family Guy* and *South Park* let the kid in us live on. Trends from favorite shows like *The O.C.* and *The Sopranos* are followed. Uggs and broaches are purchased for girls while guys have picked up that laid-back surfer-skater look. Hot music picks among boys and girls include Usher, Eminem, and Avril Lavigne. Blockbusters of this decade include *Star Wars*, *Harry Potter*, and *The Lord of the Rings*. Shows like *Survivor* and *American Idol* have taken the nation by storm with the new age of reality television. How will this decade play out? Only time will tell.



SPRING Fling

By Ashley Sperry

It's that time of year when the snow is melting and the sun is beginning to come out from behind the clouds. It's something everyone looks forward to after those six long, extra weeks of winter: it's spring.

Spring is the time of year where it's not too hot or too cold. It's perfect weather to do that outside activity you love to do. The most exciting thing kids are waiting for for spring

is spring break.

Many students at MHS were asked what they were looking forward to.

They Say...

Torben Reinhardt- "Soccer season to come."

Mrs. Thilges- "I'm going to Kansas City, Missouri, with my husband to see art museums."

Jon Trumpold- "Hang out with my girlfriend."

Jheri Thompson- "New clothes to come out."

AMBER SCOTT- "I'M GOING TO FLORIDA WITH BAND."

Jesse Jones- "Going on a mission trip with my youth group."

Andrew Barnd- "I plan to pet my horses after I get back from London. They are frisky this time of year."

Kendra Christensen- "Baby sitting and going shopping."

Kristi O'Neal- "Warm weather and soccer season."



Name: Brittany Weisinger

Activity: Softball

Other Activities: Volleyball, Track, Senior class. at-large, Student senate secretary, Win With Wellness, NHS, Volunteering, SODA, Take Charge, Wrestling Manager

Season Highlight: Camping out on O'Connor's front step at 5 A.M, eating at Naso's after home games, the random bobby game, campouts on the softball field, and the hamburger and milk chugging contests, Sunday swims, Whitney and her ziplocks, watching Ralphie eat a giant gummy thing while everyone made gagging noises.

Senior Interviews, Continued

What do you like most about your activity? Hanging out with all of my buddies, whether we are on the softball field or not, we are always together in the summer. I like diving after fly balls in the outfield. Being successful and having a great season.

Best High School Memory: Hanging out with my best friends and any of the random spontaneous things we have done. I love you guys.

What will you miss more about Marion? Leaving behind the people I have grown up with; it will be weird not having my best friends with me next year.

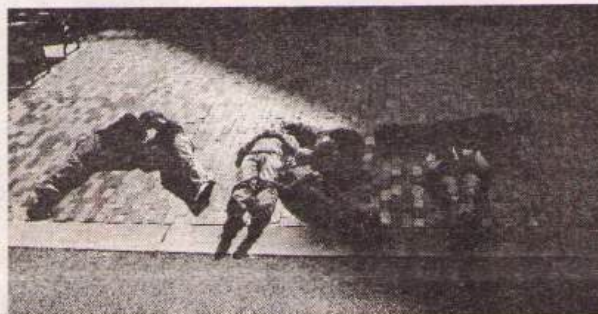
Favorite quote or something to leave the class of 2005: Live, Laugh, Love.

Creative Minds

On February 17, some students had the honor of attending the AP Art trip in Iowa City. Here they went to the Iowa Artisan Gallery, the University Gallery, and the University of Iowa Art Museum. There they had a fun day filled with games, and they gained inspiration from the artwork viewed at the galleries and art museums.



The AP art class takes a break to pose for a picture. The class consists of (left to right) Jon Trumpold, Mrs. Thilges, Travis Eagle, Shane McCallister, Taylor Benter, Courtney Smith, and Brian Garrett. This class focuses on advanced artwork.



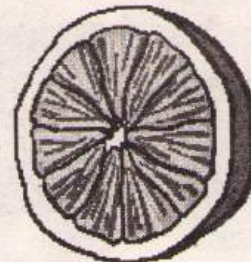
On February 25, there was another art adventure to Kirkwood Community College. Students exhibited their artwork in the Nielsen Hall Gallery and competed for a scholarship. Students participated in individualized critiques with Kirkwood art instructors. A large group critique involved all participating schools.



In a recent visit to Kirkwood, students brought some of their best work for display. Pictured are: Back row: Nathan Young, Aaron Lockwood, Sean Robinson, Ian Barker, Joe Classon. Second Row: Jessica Blazek, Sariah Holder, Alexis Baker, Melissa Shutleworth, Cory Mohling, Kelsey Akers, Amanda Kruk, Floris Bannister. Front row: Allison Lint, Nick Walters.



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Entering the Emerald City Speaking Out

By Megan Anderson

Going to Emerald City seemed to be a fantasy or a part of a childhood fairytale, but on February 26 and 27, it became a reality. With a cast of over 25 people, "The Wizard of Oz" was a success. If asked, any of the cast would reflect positively upon the production and laugh at the memories. Sarah Young, who played Dorothy, said, "I feel we have put a lot of work into it, and it was the best it could have been."

"The Wizard of Oz" was the most profitable student run play in Marion High School's history. Even though the cast got rid of the musical aspect of the show, the improvisational skills of the cast made the show seem new.

What would Derrick VanDerMillen have changed about this production? "I would have made money magically appear so we could have sung the songs,"

he said.

A problem arose towards the end of the production when the director was informed that the cast would be unable to sing the songs they had been practicing. The cost to buy the right to the songs, as well as the script, would have been too high for the drama department's budget, so the rights only to the script were bought. This proved to be an interesting test for the cast, as well as the director, to overcome this obstacle. But this problem was conquered in no time. The end result was possibly better than the original script.

With a successful cast, responsive audiences, and a dedicated director, the show turned out very well. "I was excited to be in this production!" said Tin Man Nathan Young, "I love the theatre, and I love every one that was in it."



During their visit to Emerald City, the Tin Man, played by Nathan Young, gets polished, and the Lion, played by Kyle Rogers, gets a bow in his hair before they visit the Wizard.



Dorothy, played by Sarah Young, follows the yellow brick road and comes across her first friend, the Scarecrow, played by Derrick VanDerMillen.

By Megan Anderson

With two competitions past them, the individual speech team has met with success. They placed fifth at district contest on February 26, with many students going home with special honors. Diana Arnold placed first in storytelling, and Sarah Jewell placed second in acting. The team continued their success throughout many competitions, concluding with State Speech competition on March 19. The team brought home five division one ratings and many great comments. Sarah Jewell earned special recognition by being in the top one-half percent of the performers in the state by being nominated to perform at the All-State festival at the University of Northern Iowa.

With an impressive season finally at

a close, the team can only look back on their successes with pride and good memories. The combined seasons of large group and individual team seasons closed with a total of 51 division one ratings and 15 All-State medals out of 76 total performances. The returning members and coaches look forward to yet another successful season next year and they will surely not be disappointed.



Senior Sarah Jewell performed at All-State on April 4th. Sarah received recognition for her performance in Improvisational Acting.

Rocking the 80's:

Remember leg warmers, neon clothes, and revolutionary music? This year the students from MHS choir brought back the 80's for two nights. Follies takes place once a year as a fund raiser for choir.

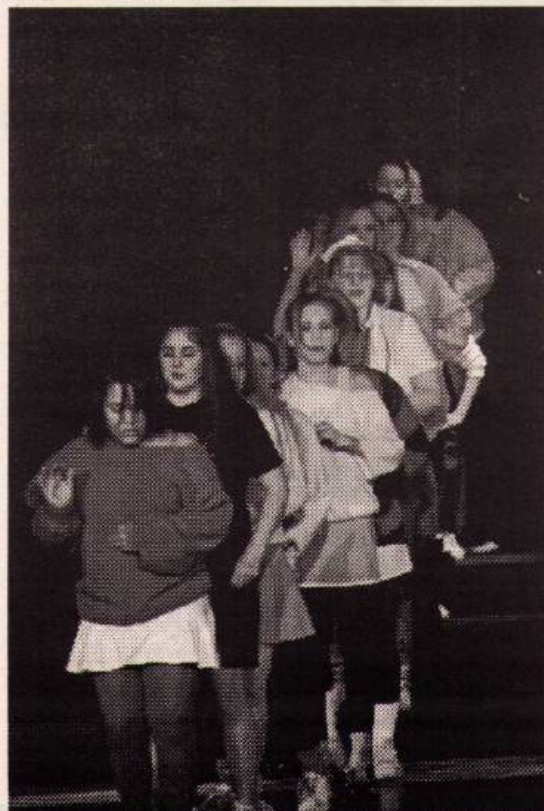


Pictured is Cantorei choir at Follies. They did a number of pieces ranging from "We've Got the Beat" to "Turn the Beat Around" to "Rhythm of the Night". Their dance number was choreographed by Alisabeth Caraway.



Ashley Brown sings her duet with Eric Wagner (not pictured) called "Almost Paradise". This was one of the more popular songs from the "Footloose Medley".

The concert choral choir ends their performance of "Footloose Medley". Alisabeth Caraway choreographed this performance. "It was fun choreographing both choir's performances; both were very cooperative and ready to learn," she said.



Cantorei dances to "Turn the Beat Around", which was one of the three songs they sang. "I had a great time singing and performing during Follies," said freshman Alicia Spurgen. "It was fun dressing like my parents did."

Brian Guler, Anthony Valvoda, and Coulter Page sing with the jazz choir. This was the jazz choir's first performance this year. This is the second year that MHS has had a jazz choir. They have improved greatly since last year.



Name: Courtney Smith



Activity: Golf
Other Activities: Bowling
Season Highlight: The highlight that comes to my mind is when we played South Tama. Molly Lohr and I were getting ready to tee off, and we decided to break the tension by telling our opponents we never win and

we were horrible. They then bragged about how awesome they were... we ended up winning and danced around them.

What do you like most about your activity? I love the "bumpin'" in the burb before golf meets. The other teams stare at us as we pull up blasting Spice Girls or Backstreet Boys. It's how we psych out our opponents.

Best High School Memory: When we made a homemade pie and stormed into Mr. Bates' room. I pied him and he kept trying to knock it out of my hands. But I recovered the pie and pied him several times, making sure his bald spot was covered with pie. He still thinks he is going to get revenge.

What will you miss most about Marion? I will miss the people and the moped gang, but mostly my friends.

Favorite quote or something to leave the class of 2005: Life is a gift; it's all on how you unwrap it.

Name: John Hauskins



Activity: Soccer
Other Activities: Football and SODA
Season Highlight: Every football game where we came out on top through working together and believing in each other.

What do you like most about your activity? I

don't know, I've been playing soccer since I was 5; I guess I just like it. I suppose I like how it's a slow-paced and calculating sport, as opposed to other traditional American pastimes.

Best High School Memory: Make-shift band in front of Target at 9 P.M. with Tom, Ashley, Nicole, and Leo... We made 53 cents. Pretending to be engaged to Ashleigh and going ring shopping at jewelry stores. Going in search of haunted cemeteries and then getting stalked by a full-size van and getting stopped by the cops that the same van had called.

What will you miss most about Marion? My friends that I've made over these four short years. Friday nights under the lights. The great and friendly faculty (most of them anyway). The smells of science classes when walking down the hall.

Favorite quote or something to leave the class of 2005: "Life isn't measured in the amount of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."



Name: Heather Mock



Activity: Golf
Other Activities: SODA, Cantorei, Concert Chorale, Volunteer, Fall Musical
Season Highlight: When Amanda Smith smashed her windshield with a golf ball.
What do you like most about your activity? Getting to know new

people.

Best High School Memory: Everyday in Spanish 3! There were a lot of fun people in that class.

What will you miss most about Marion? All the crazy teachers and people who make me laugh.

Favorite quote or something to leave the class of 2005: Live with no regrets!

Name: Nathan Young



Activity: Track
Other Activities: Lean on Me, Take Charge, The Wizard of Oz, FBLA, NHS, Student Senate, Tar Wars, Hollywood Hillbillies
Season Highlight: I can only hope that I have a peaceful season and the 4x800 makes it to state.

What do you like most

about your activity? I have some good friends running with me at track and we plan to be a great 4x800 team.

Best High School Memory: Pieing Mr. Z in the face and taking a chemistry test in his room right after it.

What will you miss most about Marion? Definitely the teachers and my friends. It will be hard to go off to college and not be able to see them.

Favorite quote or some advice to leave the class of 2005: Let no man imagine that he has no influence. Whoever he may be, and wherever he may be placed, the man who thinks becomes a light and a power.

Name: Derek Hurt



Activity: Track
Other Activities: SODA
Season Highlight: Ok, so this one time it was like 3:45ish, everyone was in the gym, and I sort of had to go to the bathroom, but I didn't go, then I turned around and chucked a football at Alyssa's face.
What do you like most

about your activity? "Intense competition?"
Best High School Memory: Doing stuff with my friends and work.

What will you miss most about Marion? Nice people and Bryan's house.

Favorite quote or something to leave the class of 2005: Try hard in everything you do?

Name: Bryan Clark



Activity: Track
Other Activities: Football, Basketball, SODA, NCYL, and NHS
Season Highlight: Last year at Districts, I got 4th in everything (discus, 4x100, and 4x200) and we had to get 3rd to go to state. It was cool because we were really close.

What do you like most about your activity? Throwing discus is fun and I also really enjoy running.

Best High School Memory: All of the fun times I have had hanging out with friends and junk.

What will you miss most about Marion? All the nice people and my house.

Favorite quote or something to leave the class of 2005: Don't sweat the small stuff. Play to win.



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Amanda Grieder
Brittany Ivey
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Allison Lint
Sara Wirtner

JV Football Cheerleading

Erin Harrity
Alissa Holub
Shelbi Hudgins
Hannah Kaczinski
Kelsey Labs
Jennifer Link
Paige Plagman
Tabitha Scott

Fall Dance

Emily Beadle
Taylor Benter
Jenna D'Hooge
Christina Hamous

Jessie Jones
Jordan Morris
Andrea Oldfield
Heather Rowe
Katie Schultz
Laura Stulken
Sarah Young
Hillary Youngman

Varsity Basketball Cheerleading

Kelly Cayton
Elissa Cook
Nicole Cox
Ashley Evans
Brittany Ivey
Shawna Leonard
Allison Lint
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Luke Walters
Sara Wirtner
Hillary Youngman

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Alissa Holub
Shelbi Hudgins

Jennifer Link
Paige Plagman
Nicole Pratt
Brittney Railsback
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Shawna Van Meighem

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Colleen Curtis
Amanda Grieder
Kara Griggs
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Brittany Ivey
Shawna Leonard
Allison Lint
Sara Wirtner
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Shelbi Hudgins
Paige Plagman
Tabitha Scott

Aceing It

By Ashley Sperry

The girls tennis season is off to a start finding out how many people are planning to go out. They lost ten seniors from last year but are still looking strong with Tiffany Tope and top player Kelly Cayton. Cayton says "I think this season will be a good one because varsity is mainly upperclassmen with experience, and because everyone is working hard at every practice." The boys team had a large amount of people go out last year

and they are hoping those numbers stay up. Sophomore Kyle Clefish says, "We have a lot of younger players on the team, so we



are looking for it to be a rebuilding year to improve our skills. We hope for a great season with more wins." Good luck to both teams for a great season.

Ending Strong

By Amanda Grieder

The wrestling team this year was very successful. They ended the year with a winning record of 7-3 for the sixth year in a row. After taking five wrestlers to districts; Kody Blazek, Zach Blazek, Adam



Spear, Austin Conway, and Jon Trumpold only

one of them went on to state. Kody Blazek took first at districts and

third at state. Austin Conway had the fastest falls of the season with an eight and twenty second fall. Coach Weisinger says, "Overall, this was a good year considering we were a relatively young team. We always want to achieve more,

but we did end up with a final dual record of 7-3. We had a few injuries that kept us from being a strong team, but I felt the young kids improved considerably. I was also proud of the four seniors that wrestled on varsity the whole season. They worked very hard, and were positive role models for the younger kids and had a successful senior year."



Senior Jon Trumpold lets up his opponent from Beckman at a home meet. Jon placed first at sectionals and continued on to districts. Left: Kody Blazek holds his opponent from East Marshall. Kody placed 3rd at state.

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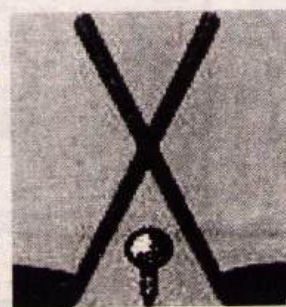
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Swing Away

By Andrew Reynolds

Swinging is in session and the boys golf team looks very promising this year. With seniors Matt Horine and Trent Jordan returning, the upcoming season could have great results. "We're looking forward to a lot of returning lettermen and good young golfers. Also the attitude of the golfers and the potential is very high," said Coach Dave Messerli. The

boys golf team has a lot to look forward to this season and are expected to do very well. Trent



Jordan said, "We are going to shock a lot of people with our raw talent."

The girls golf team is looking equally as promising as well.

Coach Chris Martin said, "I'm looking forward to 6 returning golfers and building on last year's progress." Returning varsity golfer Krisanne Ryther said, "We have a lot of returning golfers from last year. We should start the season how we ended last season." The girls golf team had a strong finish last year and has good reasoning to look forward to the upcoming season. Both teams expect success.

Kickin' It

By Holly Grieder



Here at MHS, soccer has begun, and this year the name of the game is "Rebuilding". Both teams have lost many strong players from last year, including a few players that would have been returning lettermen. It's all going to be in their attitudes though as both teams will make do with what they have.

So far the girls seem to have the attitude that whatever gets thrown at them, they can handle. There are many new girls to the team that will make great additions, such as freshman, home-schooled kids, and transfer students.

With a new team and a good attitude these girls could go far. They started their season April 4 at 3:30, playing in the Jamboree at Marion. They beat Prairie 1-0. The regular season started in a game against Linn Mar at home the following day.

The boys, led by second year head coach Craig Foote, are looking to improve over their 5-7 record of a year ago. The captains for the team are seniors John Hauskins and Tom Peterson. They played on March 31 against Iowa City West and lost, 1-0.

Ready to Run

By Ashley Cory

With spring here, the girls track team has officially started practice and is preparing for another successful year. "We should be very competitive not only in the WaMaC, but also at the state level as long as we stay healthy. I have high expectations for my team this year," said Coach Gaffney-Paige. The team, especially the distant runners, are expected to be good because they won state in cross country this year.

The first week of track is always the toughest and is an endurance builder. It usually consists of a hill workout,

ladders in the gym, and a long jog for 20 minutes straight. The girls admitted they were really sore the first week of practice, but then agreed that all of their hard work will pay off. The girls are continuing to build their strength

and speed up for the season. The team has had two indoor meets so far. The first was held at Wartburg. This meet wasn't worth any points, but the coaches kept track and Marion ended up with the most. They then had an indoor meet at Cornell with all of the



Freshman Floris Bannister and senior Brittany Weisinger run together at the Marion Intersquad meet. This was the first year for the meet to take place.

WaMaC teams, and ended up doing fairly well, considering half the team was gone for spring break.

The girls had their next meet on Saturday, April 2, at Iowa City Regina where they placed second as a team. This was a Co-Ed meet, so it lasted a little longer. The girls

are continuing to build on their season, and the coaches are trying to figure who is going to run which events. Until then, they will just work hard and try to win their races.

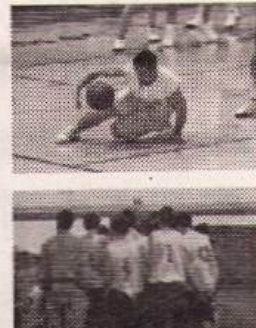
Striding Out

By Brandon O'Connell

Now that spring is here, it's time to lace up the running shoes and step on the track. The boys got a chance to get better prepared with an early start. The athletes who were not in a winter sport began their workouts on February 16 to get in shape early. The boys who were in a winter sport got one week to rest before track started. As of right now, the team has been conditioning and getting prepared for the season. They had an indoor meet at Wartburg on Tuesday, March 15. Wartburg was a varsity meet and helps the coaches decide who should run what race. After their first meet, everyone knew what they needed to work on and will continue to build on their season.



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Varsity Girls
(6-16)



Varsity Boys
(13-9)



Taking the Easy Way Out

By Nicole Cox and Ashley Evans

Cheating in the Workplace

After a long day of school where's the one place you want to be? Certainly not at work. For most Marion students, jobs are a necessity to survive; the money made is used for everything from food to clothes to cars. But when kids get tired from their long week of school, they are bound to slack at their jobs. Studies show that employees are spending approximately one hour or more each day sending and reading personal emails, planning

"Usually I take longer breaks than I should or just stand around when I'm supposed to be doing work."

"I went into work one time when I had a 102 degree temperature. They wouldn't believe me if I called in sick so I went in anyways."

vacations, making appointments, dealing with parents or children, and even surfing the internet while clocked in. Now some supervisors don't allow overtime, hopefully to decrease the amount of goofing off that employees do when they are trying to get a few more dollars for their extra work. Because cheating has become a habit in school, many people carry it over into the real world...cheating on the job.

Top Five Excuses for Calling in Sick

1. Sickness
2. Car troubles
3. Family obligations
4. School activity
5. Death in the family

You Can't Cheat Life... Or Can You?

We all know you can cheat in school and you can cheat on your significant other, but is it possible just to cheat in life? Many say taking shortcuts to get where you're going faster isn't cheating-- it's smart and resourceful.

What about liposuction? Or steroids? They are quick ways to get an ideal body type, but are they fair?

The main reason people cheat is because they have a desire to get something they don't have. In relationships, that something is a new

feeling. At school, kids want good grades. So what do people want so badly that they'll go to any lengths to get? Should a girl shoplift just so she can have the clothes that will make her who she wants to be? Should a boy take steroids so he can be the best out on the field?

The solution is easy. Everyone needs to dig deep and find confidence within themselves. If nobody cared what was considered "cool" and would just be themselves, the category of cheating in life would be eliminated.

"I THINK PLASTIC SURGERY IS SICK AND FAKE"

"IF CHANGING YOURSELF MAKES YOU FEEL BETTER, THEN YOU SHOULD GO FOR IT!"

"YOUR BOYFRIEND OR GIRLFRIEND SHOULDN'T WANT YOU TO CHANGE YOURSELF, SO DON'T DO IT FOR THEM!"



YOUR CHEATIN' HEART

Although many consider high school relationships "real", most know that at the age of 16, nothing can be taken seriously. A new age of beauty is setting in. With today's standards, it seems that the prettier or hotter the girl or boy, the greater the desire. So when a boy's eyes wander to a girl walking down the hall, should his girlfriend suspect something, or would the confronta-

tion cause a major trust issue? What exactly is considered cheating? When does flirting and leading people on become a fling? If you are doing something with the opposite sex that you wouldn't want your partner to find out about, you should probably consider it cheating. Don't make them question your integrity or trust. Be faithful and your relationship will have nothing to worry about.

GET SUSPICIOUS WHEN:

- *THEY BEGIN TO DISTANCE THEMSELVES FROM YOU
- *THEY GET MYSTERIOUS PHONE CALLS AND WON'T TELL YOU WHO THEY ARE FROM
- *THEY BEGIN TO INTENTIONALLY LOOK AT MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITE SEX; SOMETHING THAT THEY WOULD NOT HAVE DONE BEFORE.
- *THEY GET DEFENSIVE WHILE HAVING A NORMAL CONVERSATION
- *THEY WON'T TALK ABOUT THE PROBLEM WHEN CONFRONTED

"If you have to lie to your girlfriend or boyfriend, it should be considered cheating."

"Cheating is one of those things that people deny but everybody does it."



An Easy A?

In today's world, it's easy for kids to accept cheating as a part of life. Ethics and morals are no longer a part of testing. Those who abide by the rules and don't cheat are considered "goody-goody" by others. Studies have shown that 74% of students have cheated at least once during the past school year.

In elementary school, kids have less tendency to cheat, due to the fact that they are learning to read, write, and spell. There is no pressure for them to do well, they are simply there to enjoy themselves while becoming smarter. In high school, however, grades become the main focus, leading to copying, plagiarism, and wandering eyes.

Is there reasoning behind cheating? Not only are the standards of schooling becoming unrealistic, but kids are followers. If one person cheats, you can be sure that the boy next him will look at his answers too. Taking the easy way out: a student's dream. Why do the work when he or she can just copy off of Smart Sally's paper? The choice, of course, is up to the student.

"A lot of people do it... whatever gets the job done!"

Ways to prevent cheating:

1. Schools can adopt a no tolerance policy.
2. Parents can teach their children good morals at a young age.
3. Teachers should be aware of new methods of cheating, including new technology.
4. Students must learn good work habits and not be influenced by pressure from peers.

"There is no way we would pass without it."

"If you cheat now, you'll cheat later in life."

