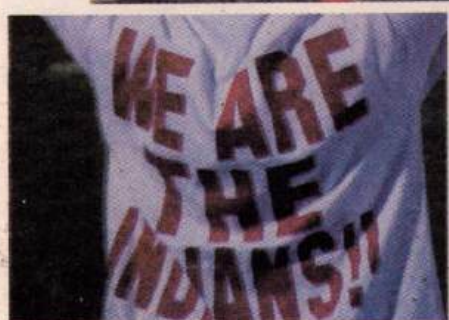


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Marion High School



Back To School

By: Nicole Pratt

Coming back to school after a long, relaxing summer break is always tough. Going back to school shopping, getting school supplies, registering for

school, and comparing classes with friends are many of the things students do to prepare for the big day.

"Coming back to school, I was a little nervous, being a freshman

and all, but I really like high school. You have a lot more responsibility and privileges then at Vernon" says freshman Maggie Murphy. Like many freshman, the first day is a little nerve-racking with the

move from middle school to high school.

Although saying goodbye to sweet summer time is a huge bummer, there are pros to this situation such as getting new clothes for school, seeing all of

your friends that you were "supposed to hang out with" this summer, and all of the excitement that goes along with FOOTBALL SEASON!

Worth The Risk?

By: Chelsey Banes

Alcohol and sex play a big part of every student's life. Many students go through middle school thinking drinking is the 'dumbest thing' you could do. As time goes by, student's thoughts about drinking change. This change in decision can have a big impact on your life and even people that make the decision not to drink.

So why do people start drinking? Senior Tara Carsner said after she found herself hanging out with the wrong crowd it was easy to get involved with drinking. She always saw them having fun and began to think, "Well if they get away with it and have so much fun, why can't I?" Drinking was the worst decision Tara has ever made. It didn't help get rid of her problems like she hoped, but actually created more. Not only did Tara have to sit out from basketball, but also she had to deal with the feelings of letting not only her teammates down and her friend and coach, Mrs. Gaffney-Paige.

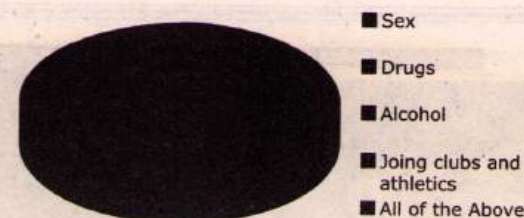
Even though her punishment is over she still has to take responsibility for her decision. "My parents watch my actions way closer and I have less privileges than I had before I got in trouble and I'm 18 now." Tara said. She also gets a lot of flack from people. But after all that's happened Tara says, "I hate that I did it, but I'm glad I learned from it. I also think that from my mistake, others learned a lesson too."

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-Tara Carsner '07

STD's, broken hearts, and even regret. With so many negatives that can come from sex people still do it. So why do people have sex? Some would say they were in love, some got peer-pressured into it, where others say they were just following a trend.

What MHS students think they get peer-pressured into the most.



Whether you make the decision to have sex or to drink is up to you. Don't let other people push you into what they think is right. Because after all your decision will have the biggest impact on your life. If you don't make the right decision to start with learn from it. Remember to take into consideration not only what you are going to be gaining like a good time, the night of your life, or a three week boyfriend but as well as the stuff you could lose.

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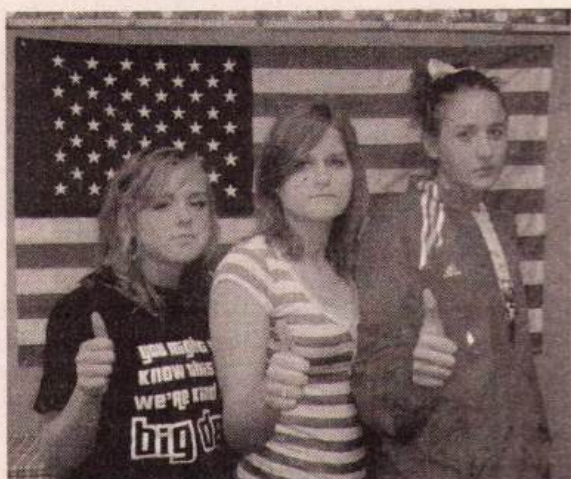
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The Pros and Cons of MHS



The size of our school is an advantage. It is really easy to be involved. At bigger schools, it is harder to be involved in two completely opposite activities. In high school, each student should be given every opportunity to do the things that they want to be involved in. By having fewer students, everyone is given that chance. Because there are less people, it is easy to get to know everyone in the school. There will always be some you don't know, but for the most part you can recognize everyone.

One of the best kept secrets of our school is the School Store. Often call the 'The Store' by many students. Located at the end of the hallway in the Special Education room. The store is successfully ran by the whole Special Education department. The students help the customers and help pick out what is sold. It is open everyday except Fridays, when the students take a field trip to get items to stock their shelves. The Store has been a successful way for them to earn money.



One thing about our school that has it's disadvantages and its advantages is finals. At most schools they have a final on the last day of school that is a huge portion of their grade, and after they are finished they are able to go home. At Marion, our final is just like a normal test in most classes, and then we are required to stay in class the rest of the time with nothing to do. It would be nice to get out early, but at the same time, who wants a huge test to study for?

Our vending machines also come with many pros and cons. Who remembers back in the day at Vernon when we used to get twix bars for lunch? Now in our vending machines all you see across the strip is "50% less fat," or "fat free." This comes as a pro and a con. It's always nice to go home knowing you didn't eat a king size snickers for lunch, but at the same time during lunch all you can think about is the king size snicker bar.



It's only October, but we all know that Iowa is the coldest state in the world, and it's already snowing. We find this ridiculous. To add to this, our school's heat is just not cutting it this year. We're sitting here shivering and our fingers are a light shade of blue. It's cold. We know that our school doesn't have a ton of money, but can't the heaters be turned on in the morning before we get to school?

We walked into the cafeteria on the first day of school, and were greeted by the amazing sight of Pepsi in our pop machines. We love to have Propel or juice or water in the morning, but what about at lunch when we want a Mt. Dew to get me through fourth hour? I think the school would make a lot more money if the pop machines were left on all day, but at the same time, we would probably weigh quite a bit more if we had Mt. Dew available to us 24/7.

Crossed Out

By: Jordan Garretson

Despite being out for 60 percent of the cross country season, junior Owen McGlynn remains motivated by the chance of finally being able to reprove himself. While many may laugh off the immature escapades that McGlynn and six friends participated in to provoke the suspensions that he and fellow cross-country runners, Matt Jordan, Zack Putnam, and Keith Steffek will serve, Owen takes his come back seriously.

Confused? You might be. You might be asking yourself, "Why were they suspended?" Have no fear, because I, Jordan Garretson, am here.

You see, because I was one of the 'hooligans' involved in the sophomoric (literally) prank that seemingly went too far. It may ring a bell to some of you once you hear the phrase "g-balling," but still, some of you may not understand. I, and six other friends, including Owen, engaged in a series of "lawn ornament theft," if you want to get technical. However, that's not what I'm here to tell you about. I'm here to tell you about a Marion student athlete who is determined to show anyone and every-

one who wants to watch that he has learned from the past and is for real.

McGlynn, 17, has resided in Marion all of his life and also competes for the Basketball and Track teams, respectively. He has had the most success in his cross country career, however, including his first season two



McGlynn, who averaged 17:29 his sophomore year, returned from suspension on September 29.

years ago where he shattered the Marion freshman records. He followed it up with an outstanding sophomore year as well, running an average time of 17:29, good enough for fourth on a solid Marion varsity squad.

When asked about how the suspension would affect his performance upon his return, McGlynn replied, "I won't benefit from the fact that

I won't have experience but at the same time I will be much more focused."

"I feel sort of like I let them down," said Owen regarding his teammates losing a crucial part to the team. "But at the same time, everyone is very supportive, including the coaches. They understand that it was just intended as a prank and they don't treat me any differently."

It would be all too easy for McGlynn to just give up and not try to improve at practice. However, Owen is determined to make a strong come back and improve upon his phenomenal freshman and sophomore seasons.

"I miss the competition factor the most," said McGlynn, who, like most great athletes, has a natural hunger to compete and compete well. While it can be hard just having to practice every day, and not having the chance to compete in meets, it makes McGlynn all the more hungry to excel when he returns.

While at this point many people may not be taking McGlynn's inevitable return as seriously as he is, he explained, "Opposing cross country competitors should expect to see the back of my jersey when I return." Just maybe they should be.

Uncharted Territory

By: Matt Barnd

When a softly hit ball rolled to senior pitcher Matt Holland there was one thing on the minds of everyone in the Marion dugout. It's finally happening. As Holland bobbled the ball, time stood still and he gathered himself and threw the ball to first, narrowly getting out the runner.

The last out of the 2-1 back and forth victory over Mount Pleasant in the substate finals sparked a celebration unlike any other in Marion baseball history. The dugout cleared and all the players and coaches ran on the field to celebrate. For the first time in Marion base-

ball history the Indians were going to state.

By defeating Mount Pleasant 2-1, Marion qualified for their first

"The experience of walking on the field at Principal park was something the team will remember forever."

-Coach Fish

ever State Baseball Tournament, a long-time goal for Coach Steve Fish. "It's the goal and dream of all players and coaches to participate in the State Tournament yet it shouldn't be the end all measurement of athletic success," Coach Fish said.

After several years of having very good teams and not finishing down the stretch reaching state was even more special. "It was an awesome feeling to celebrate with my players, coaches, and fans."

Marion lost their opening round game in the state tournament to Carroll 1-0. Despite losing the team took many things from the experience. "The experience of walking onto the field at Principal Park was something the team will remember forever," said Fish. "I think it will help us focus for another run next year."



The baseball team hoists their state baseball participation trophy at Principal Park in Des Moines shortly after their tough 1-0 loss to Carroll. The team put up a great effort in the classic pitchers duel.

CURSED?

By Jordan Garretson

There are a wide variety of curses in sports. The recently 'broken' curse of the Bambino, and the Cubs' Billy Goat curse are just two. However, no other curse is as unique as the "Madden Curse".

The video game *Madden NFL* was first produced as *John Madden Football* for the Apple II in 1989. The first version of the game for the Genesis arrived the next year, and the first for the SNES the year after that. The game has been updated yearly by EA Sports since *Madden '92*, with the most recent edition being *Madden NFL 07*, which was released on August 22nd of this year.

The appropriately named curse refers to the belief that whoever the cover athlete is for the game will go on to get injured, and or have an unproductive season.

Beginning as a relatively unpopular concept a few years ago, the theory has recently picked up more support ever since the 2004 version featured the Atlanta Falcons' Michael Vick on the cover. In the most ominous chapter of the curse, Vick would break his right fibula in preseason action, the day after the game was released.

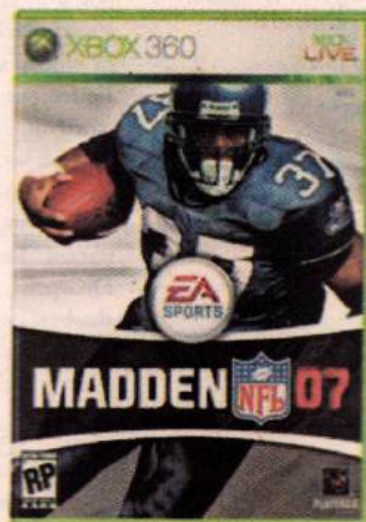
The first edition featuring a cover athlete was 2000, when former Detroit Lions great Barry

Sanders earned the spot. Oddly enough, Sanders would abruptly retire a week before training camp. Former Green Bay Packer Dorsey Levens was featured on the PAL version of the game, which is European release of the game. He would follow up a 1,034 yard rushing effort in the 1999 season with only 224 the next year.

In 2001 Levens was cut by the Packers and went on to retire in 2004.

Former Tennessee

Titan Eddie George, the featured athlete for the 2001 version of the game, is perhaps the least legitimate candidate of the curse. George rushed for a career best 1,509



completely, bobbling a pass from Steve McNair in a playoff game versus Baltimore, where the pass was picked off and ran back for a touchdown. The Titans would lose, with George getting injured the next year and never producing a year as successful ever again. Ironically, the player who picked off the pass was Ray Lewis, who you will hear more about later.

Current Dolphins quarterback Daunte Culpepper was featured on the 2002 cover, playing for Minnesota at the time. The Vikes earned a dismal 4-7 record to start off the 2001 season before Culpepper injured his knee and they finished 5-11.

In 2003 the cover athlete was Marshall Faulk, co-MVP the previous year. Faulk was never the

same, suffering an ankle injury in the 2002 season. He never again rushed for 1,000 yards.

After breaking his leg in the 2003 preseason, Vick returned for the final 5 games of the season as the Falcons struggled to a final mark of 5-11.

In 2005 the cover featured Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis, who wasn't able to make a single interception in 2004 for the first time in his career. Lewis tore his hamstring in the 6th game of the next season, missing the rest of the year.

Last year's cover featured Philadelphia quarterback Donovan McNabb. McNabb was troubled by a sports hernia through the first 9 games of the season before missing the last 7. His feud with Terrell Owens was well documented, and the Eagles missed the playoffs for the first time in 6 years.

Last year's MVP, Shaun Alexander, graced the cover of this year's Madden. In week 3 he suffered a broken foot in a game against the Giants. He is expected to miss 2-4 weeks from the time of his injury, but it will remain to be seen how he performs upon his return.

Whether you believe in the curse or not, come next year in your fantasy football draft you may want to think twice about taking the player who is on the cover of Madden.

Fresh Talent

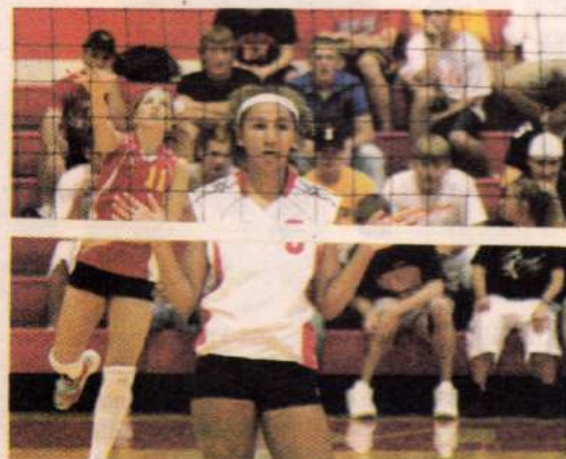
By Nicole Pratt

Morgan Paige, the only freshman privileged and skilled enough to play on the Marion High School Varsity Volleyball team, says, "I don't think we have even touched the potential of our playing." Paige refers to the volleyball team many times saying what a good season this is and how much potential they still have. This is Morgan's third

year of playing volleyball. "The level of play is so much different in high school, especially being on varsity. The teams are much better, stronger, and are harder competition than in middle school." She plans to stick with volleyball all through high school, but isn't yet sure about playing in college, because she wants to focus mainly on basketball.

She says she has learned a lot so far this year and

gained much experience. Her most memorable game this year was most definitely the game versus West Delaware, ranked in the top two in the state. Although a loss, Marion was able to stay with the team and took one match. Morgan hopes that the team makes the finals for conferences and succeeds through the district playoffs.



Morgan Paige waits for the opposition to return a serve by Rachel Dullea's at home against Vinton. Paige has been a key player all season for the Indians.

School For Scoundrels

By Carly Huffman

I went into *School For Scoundrels* with high expectations. It is from the same director as *Old School*, which is a comedy classic. I left the theater smiling but slightly disappointed. It made me laugh, but it didn't fulfill its awesome potential.

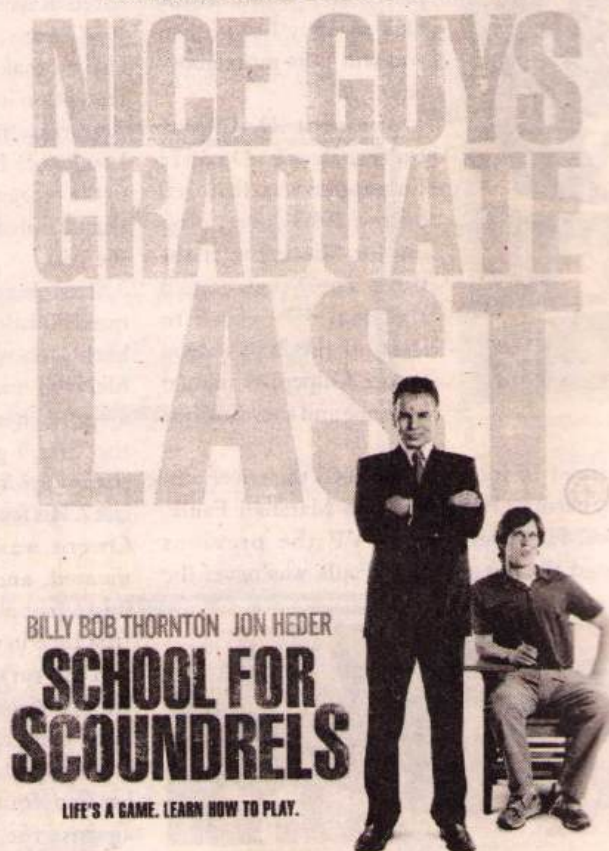
Jon Heder plays a character much like he did in *Napoleon Dynamite*: a nerdy loser named Roger who can't get girls. Roger finds out about a secretive class taught by a cool, successful ladies man named Dr. P played by Billy Bob Thornton. Things start going really well for Roger, and he even gets a date with his cute Australian neighbor, Amanda.

Dr. P decides he wants to steal Amanda. Conflict ensues, and I'm sure you can guess who gets the girl.

By far the best part of this movie is the cast. I went to see this with someone who is just as obsessed with movies as I am, and every 5 minutes we would see someone that we loved in another movie. Sarah Silverman, David Cross, Todd Louiso, Artie Lange, and Horatio Sans are all comedians that if you don't know who they are yet, you should after this movie.

Overall, *School For Scoundrels* won't go down in comedy history, but it also isn't a waste of a Saturday night. Especially if someone else pays for the popcorn.

A NEW COMEDY FROM THE DIRECTOR OF "OLD SCHOOL"



The Departed

By Carly Huffman

The Departed is a masterpiece. If Martin Scorsese doesn't win the Best Director Oscar, I'm going to start a riot. It's basically a cop movie, but it's so much more. You never know who to believe or whose side anyone is on. It took me a while to figure out what was going on, but the effort was worth it. Layers keep being added and you never know who is going to get shot next.

I know I said that *School for Scoundrels* had an amazing cast, but that was before I saw *The Departed*. Jack Nicholson, Matt Damon, Leonardo DiCaprio, Alec Baldwin, Martin Sheen, and Anthony Anderson (of all people) give the best performances of their careers.

I really can't say enough good things about this movie. As long as you aren't squeamish about realistic blood, I think everyone should see this movie.




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Rage and Hatred



By: Natalie Ryther

Imagine, an older man comes into our building with a backpack on, full of explosives and says he is going to set them off unless our administrators do exactly as he says. Sound realistic? Not really, but it is. How would our school react to such a situation and are we prepared?

If you would've asked any school in the area ten years ago what action they would take in such a situation,

many responses would be "I don't know." But in today's society, their better be a plan, and one that is

"Our school has an Emergency Procedures Guide that all teachers are to follow..."

-Mr. Semler

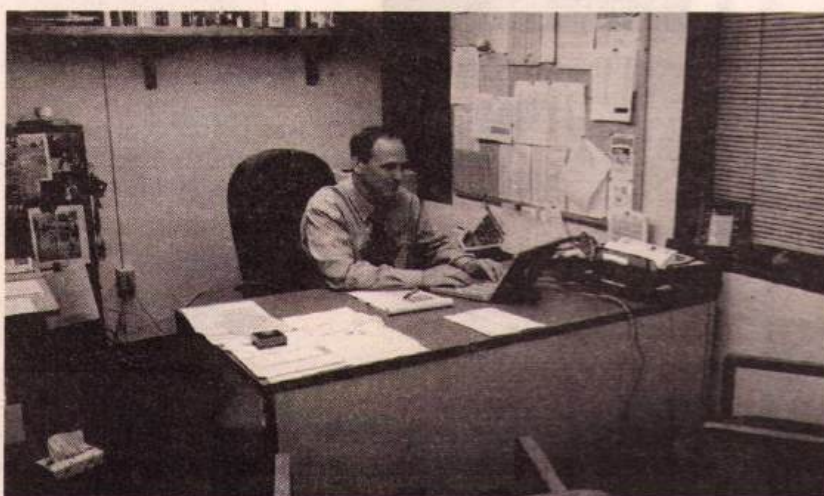
going to work.

"Our school has an Emergency Procedures Guide that all teachers are to follow in case of an emergency." States Mr.

Semler. The Guide has everything from Suicide Attempts to Radiological Incidents. It would be

confidential for Mr. Semler to go step by step only because of the threat of someone planning on an attack on our school.

Our school is prepared under any harmful circumstances and has plans to keep everyone safe.



Mr. Semler reviews the schools safety procedure guide online. Teachers are to review this handbook periodically in order to ensure safety to all students.

Recent School Shootings:

April 14, 2003

-New Orleans, La. One 15-year-old killed, and three students wounded at John McDonogh High School by gunfire from four teenagers (none were students at the school). The motive was gang-related.

April 24, 2003

-Red Lion, Pa. James Sheets, 14, killed principal Eugene Segro of Red Lion Area Junior High School before killing himself.

Sept. 24, 2003

-Cold Spring, Minn. Two students are killed at Rocori High School by John Jason McLaughlin, 15.

Sept. 28, 2004

-Carmen de Patagones, Argentina Three students killed and 6 wounded by a 15-year-old Argentinian student in a town 620 miles south of Buenos Aires.

March 21, 2005

-Red Lake, Minn. Jeff Weise, 16, killed grandfather and companion, then arrived at school where he killed a teacher, a security guard, 5 students, and finally himself, leaving a total of 10 dead.

Nov. 8, 2005

-Jacksboro, Tenn. One 15-year-old shot and

killed an assistant principal at Campbell County High School and seriously wounded two other administrators.

Aug. 24, 2006

-Essex, Vt. Christopher Williams, 27, looking for his ex-girlfriend at Essex Elementary School, shot two teachers, killing one and wounding another. Before going to the school, he had killed the ex-girlfriend's mother.

Sept. 13, 2006

-Montreal, Canada Kimveer Gill, 25, opened fire with a semiautomatic weapon at Dawson College. Anastasia De Sousa, 18, died and more than a dozen students and faculty were wounded before Gill killed himself.

Sept. 26, 2006

-Bailey, Colo. Adult male held six students hostage at Platte Canyon High School and then shot and killed Emily Keyes, 16, and himself.

Sept. 29, 2006

-Cazenovia, Wis. A 15-year-old student shot and killed Weston School principal John Klang.

Oct. 3, 2006

-Nickel Mines, Pa. 32-year-old Carl Charles Roberts IV entered the one-room West Nickel Mines Amish School and shot 10 schoolgirls, ranging in age from 6 to 13 years old, and then himself. Five of the girls and Roberts died.

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"I think the school shootings are scary and I'm pretty sure if it happened here I would cry."

- Junior, Chelsea Cimaglia



If there was a school shooting at MHS, everything would change. I mean people wouldn't be able to trust anyone. It would be a sad event."

- Freshman, Morgan Paige

Keeping Traditions

By: Sam Rinehart

Throughout the years, homecoming has been a highlight of every football season. Homecoming celebrations really get fired up the week before the game and the dance. Everyone scrambles to get signed up for the balloon toss and the pie-eating contest. During spirit week there are different days assigned to dressing a certain way, including PJ day, class color day, formal day, and red and gold day.

Many students enjoy dressing up and showing their pride during spirit week. Other favorites of homecoming are the burning of the M, the game, and of course the dance, but in the past there has been more choices for festivities. Those choices consisted of cinderfella and the senior skit. Cinderfella is when the junior and senior boys are chosen by the varsity cheerleaders to dress up in dresses and act like a lady. The senior skit was a tradition among the senior girls. "I was always excited to see

Senior Allen Resner tosses his balloon for his partner Marty Tope. They went on for a tie win with Kevin Schuver and Gabe Lynott.



Sophomore Matt Barnd has a water balloon pop on him. Him and his partner, Nick Tuetken stayed strong until the second to last round.

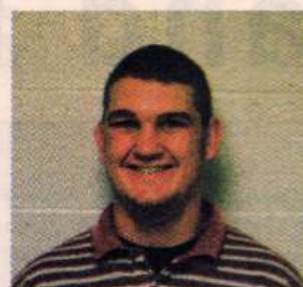
what the seniors were going to do for the senior skit," Micaela Kelley. These events were taken out of Marion's parade/pep rally because Dr. Thomas wants a more positive outlook on the week and they can offend people such as parents, grandparents, and other members of our community. He says he would allow anyone who wanted a positive routine, to do one that represents Marion in a good way and had to

do with the week of homecoming. Seniors wanted to start a new tradition in powderpuff football, but Dr. Thomas won't allow it because "It is too dangerous and there would be injuries."

Some rumors have been started that other

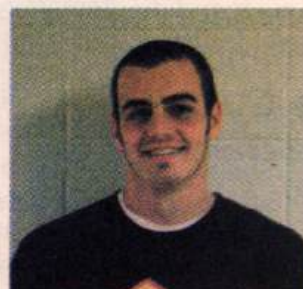
events will be taken from Marion also. Homecoming Court is still one of our main traditions and is still here. It is a big part of homecoming and it is

a tradition that is here to stay.



"It was fun being on homecoming court. I thought it was exciting riding in the Corvetts."

-Kody Bellach, '07



"It was an exciting experience, [being on homecoming court]. I remember watching past years and wondering if I would ever be on it."

-Cyrus Coffman, '07



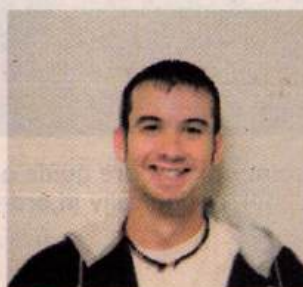
"It was fun and also an honor being one of the five guys on homecoming court."

-Tyler Hillesheim, '07



"It was pretty cool being on homecoming court. Even though it was cold, it was still fun."

-Owen Kane, '07



"It was an honor to be with such extreme royalty and the corvette reminded me of Kit from Knight Rider."

-Kevin Schuver, '07



"It was exciting being on homecoming court. I thought it was really neat that my class voted me on it."

-Mackenzie Brown '07.



"To get ready, I curled my hair for an hour and a half and threw on my clothes because I was running a little late."

-Tara Carsner, '07



"I enjoyed being on homecoming court and my mom was really excited for me too."

-Elissa Cook, '07



"It was a lot of fun to be a part of court with friends and ride on the sweet car in the parade."

-Allison Lint, '07



"It was a fun experience. It was an honor to be queen, but even more to be elected onto the court."

-Natalie Ryther, '07

Showing Spirit

By: Amanda Greider

After having a long week of hard work, the winners were picked. Each class put their all into making their float, door signs, and banner.

In the end, the junior class swept the entire contest. "It was a bummer that we lost everything, but at least we worked hard on everything and had fun doing it," says Jessi Bullis.

Friday Night Thriller was the winning idea. Having a Michael Jackson look-a-like, choreography, music, and a tomb to match their thrilling theme, the junior class hard work and pride showed through. "We worked really hard on making our float look good. We really wanted to win this year, and we did," says Derrick VanDermillan.

At the Pep Rally on Thursday night, two traditions took place. The first being the balloon toss. Some

students wait all year for this. After strategizing, each student 'tosses' the balloon to their team made on the other side of the yard line. Most get out after the first time but for those that are balloon-tossing champions, make it to the last throw. This year there was a tie

between two teams. The shared glory went to Marty Tope and Allen Reisner and Gabe Lynott and Kevin Schuver.



Winner of the pie-eating contest Ryan Clark, '08 checks out his competition before he scarfs down his pie.

Next on the Agenda for the Pep Rally, was the Pie Eating Contest. Each member gave it their all and ate most of their pie. The winner, Ryan Clark, ate the most pie in the most efficient and quick way. "The win was unexpected, but in the end it all comes down to effort and

commitment," says Ryan Clark.

Junior Derrick VanDermillan plays Michael Jackson on his class float. The Junior class swept the contests, the banner, the door signs and the float.



Senior Interviews



Name: Alicia Zanzie
Main Activity: Cross Country
Other Activities: Track, NHS
Season Highlights: Winning State as a team sophomore year, and individually getting 14th at State junior year.
Best High School Memory: Cross camp in Virginia, going to Dairy Queen after every meet, team dinners, and bus rides.
What Will You Miss Most About Marion?: I will miss my friends, teachers, coaches, sports, and seeing everyone everyday.

Favorite Quote or Advice to Leave: Live with intention. Walk to the edge. Listen hard. Practice wellness. Play with abandon. Laugh. Choose with no regret. Continue to learn. Appreciate your friends. Do what you love. Live as if this is all there is.

Future Plans: Go to either Iowa or UNI and probably run track and cross country.



Name: Madeline Godar
Main Activity: Marching Band
Other Activities: Concert Band, Creative Ink, Work, volunteering in hospitals, Science Club, etc.
Season Highlights: Being a Drum Major this year has been a lot of fun, I'm really glad I got a chance to do it.
Best High School Memory: The music trip to Florida my sophomore year was great and all the laughs and even the tears. We all learned a lot about each other.
What Will You Miss Most About Marion?: I'm really going to miss some of the people here, and the environment in general. Marion is a great place to be.

Favorite Quote or Advice to Leave: We make a lot of great friends in high school, but we also need to remember that we have our whole lives ahead of us. So don't be afraid to go out and try new things, even if you're alone in it. Don't let anyone stop you.

Future Plans: College and then medical school.



Name: Kyle Hacker
Main Activity: Cross Country
Other Activities: Tennis.
Season Highlights: Starting out in first place at Linn-Mar and West Delaware, and having all of the JV people freak out about it.
Best High School Memory: Driving a moped, never talking to my brother, getting disqualified from a meet for chanting at another team, and anything in Braun's class.
What Will You Miss Most About Marion?: Everything except these kid's and their lack of name tags.
Favorite Quote or Advice to Leave: Live fast, die young. Don't smoke crack, and Eat Mo' Pie.



Name: Natalie Ryther
Main Activity: Volleyball
Other Activities: Wrestling Cheerleading, golf, student senate, F.B.L.A., S.O.D.A., Take Charge, Champs, Lean On Me, NCYL, Journalism, NHS
Season Highlights: When I dove for a ball and I left sweat on the floor, then Jessi went to set the ball in the same spot and she almost sprained her ankle. Coming into the season ranked 3rd was cool too.
Best High School Memory: Going to state for volleyball my junior year, Kara tackling Amanda, and going to football games with friends.

What Will You Miss Most About Marion?: All of the teachers and sporting events.

Favorite Quote or Advice to Leave: "Always go to other people's funerals, otherwise they won't go to yours." -Yogi Berra

Future Plans: Go to the University of Iowa to get a teaching degree, get married and have babies.



Name: Josh Busenbark
Main Activity: Football
Other Activities: Baseball
Season Highlights: Winning Athlete of the Week
Best High School Memory: Got to state in baseball for the first time in school history.
What Will You Miss Most About Marion?: All of my friends and sports.
Favorite Quote or Advice to Leave: Go hard all of the time, you never know when it will be over.

Future Plans: 4 year college to play football or baseball.

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Name: Matt Boardrow

Main Activity: Football

Other Activities: Working on my Mustang, watching sports, and hanging out with my girlfriend.

Season Highlights: Actually having fans at the football games. At my last school not that many people came to the events.

Best High School Memory: Meeting all of the different types of people Marion has to offer. That and playing a game with a broken foot my sophomore year in California. I had a good game.

What Will You Miss Most About Marion? : The football. Students and fans are great about supporting the team. Even the guys that don't play a lot.

Favorite Quote or Advice to Leave: Idolize no person, respect all.

Future Plans: Find the best that life has to offer and obtain it.



Name: Angela Bys

Main Activity: Volleyball

Other Activities: Tennis, S.O.D.A. class representative, F.B.L.A., Take Charge, E.L.P., Champs, Volunteering, N.C.Y.L., WWW

Season Highlights: Going to state last year and this year's season.

Best High School Memory: Upsetting Waukon in five games sophomore year.

What Will You Miss Most About Marion? : My friends and youth group.

Favorite Quote or Advice to Leave: "A belief is not an idea you possess. It is an idea that possesses you. There is power in belief."

Future Plans: Go to Drake University, play volleyball and major in secondary education.

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Name: Andrew Tyne

Main Activity: Football

Other Activities: Baseball

Season Highlights: Making it to State-for baseball.

Best High School Memory: Hanging out with all my friends, going to games, and playing with everyone supporting you.

What Will You Miss Most About Marion? : Friday Night Football.

Favorite Quote or Advice to Leave: Go 110% all of the time because you never know when your not going to be able to play again.

Future Plans: Go to college.



Name: Amanda Grieder

Main Activity: Marching Band and Football Cheerleading

Other Activities: Competition Cheerleading, NHS, NCYL, S.O.D.A., Take Charge.

Season Highlights: Cheerleading sleepovers and bus rides.

Best High School Memory: Seeing Holden ride a unicycle.

What Will You Miss Most About Marion? : The School Store.

Favorite Quote or Advice to Leave: It is confidence in our bodies, minds and spirits that allows us to keep looking for new adventures, new directions to grow in, and new lessons to learn - which is what life is all about.

Future Plans: Go to Coe or Loras to study criminal justice and psychology.

American Eagle vs. Wal-Mart

By Rachel Smith

The new school year has just begun, and the new fall trends are appearing everywhere you go. As you walk down the halls, you can see a variety of different outfits. There are lots of layers, plaids and stripes, leggings, and bright colors. But where do you go to find the clothes to keep you 'in style' with the

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- Chelsea Cox, '08

fashion world? Are you the type of person who spends every cent you make on expensive, brand name clothes, or will you go to any length to find a bargain that will keep you looking amazing?

So where do you go to find the clothes to fill your fashion needs, American Eagle or Wal-Mart?

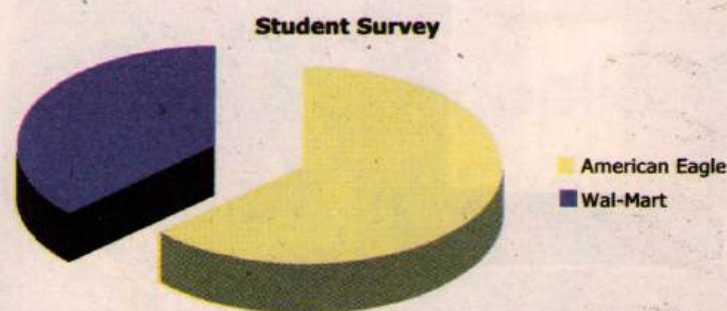
Wal-Mart is the place to go to make your hard earned money go further. You can find a lot of really great clothes that will keep you looking good. Here anyone can spend as little as four dollars on a t-shirt or tank top, and jeans are anywhere from \$10-\$50. Freshman Courtney DesForge says, "Basically my favorite part of any shopping is clothes. But Wal-Mart has the absolute best t-shirts when it comes to smart-allic comments." At AE the starting price for basic jeans is around \$30 but get as low as \$15 when on clearance.

American Eagle is a little more expensive than Wal-Mart, but that's what you get for wanting a brand name. AE provides trendy, in-style clothes. AE isn't all that bad if you search the clearance racks. They have great sales all of the time, if you just keep your eyes open. AE has great clearances with their graphic tee's their

clearance prices range from six dollars to around \$15. If you decide to go on a shopping spree, you can get some pretty awesome clothes from AE. Junior, Chelsea Cox shops at American Eagle, and said, "I love American Eagle. The sales are amazing and I am definately a sale shopper."

When asked which store the students prefer 63 percent said they like American Eagle and only 37 percent shopped at Wal-Mart. (See chart below.)

So whether you are trying to stay in style, or just stay comfortable, you should know where to go and what to look for. If you're a bargain shopper Wal-Marts the place, and if you love sales you should check out American Eagle.



American Eagle picture found at <http://www.shop-squareone.com/square/storeimages/americaneagle.jpg>



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Must List...

Football Friday 2006:



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8 Know the game and what
you're cheering for!



7 Bring your vocal cords
for all the screaming!



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after game!



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underarmor etc!



3 Car Keys and maracas for
shaking!



2 Unfinished Business
t-shirt!

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Senioritis

By: Brittney Railsback

Being a senior comes with many responsibilities. Senior pictures, graduation, credits, applying for college, money to afford college; basically anything to end high school and move into the next chapter. With all the work students put into pleasing parents and college administrators, what senior has time to be in a high school class?

Some people put off the boredom of ending school by staying involved. For example, senior Darcy DeLong is involved in everything from dance and cheer to speech and band. "Sometimes, I freak out because there is so much to do!" says DeLong about all the commitments she holds as being an involved student.

Other students, who haven't been involved in school activities as much as others throughout high school, find it even harder to come to school and make classes. Ryan Dickenson comments that even though he is involved with his job at Papa John's and playing his guitar, coming

to school everyday gets harder when you're almost done. "I don't have time to be involved with stuff through the school, but I don't regret not doing anything either."

Studies show that senioritis, or senior slump, starts once most students are accepted into college. They have no reason to try in their classes anymore, they were already accepted and are already planning things outside of high school that are more important towards their future.

Even though it is your senior year, there have been cases where, after acceptance, the admission has been revoked. Take the University of Michigan for example; an incoming freshman let his grades slip during his senior year to party and during orientation for college, his admissions was canceled.

So, seniors, even though it is your senior year, you can't slack off yet. Not like any of you are going to take this advice because you are a senior and you have paid your dues.

Facebook Phenomenon

By: Riley Quinn

Facebook started as a website to connect college students, and help them keep in touch. It has exploded into a phenomenon including schools, corporations, and politicians all connecting and socializing. Facebook has even become a verb. It's not uncommon to hear "I'm going to Facebook that" after someone says something funny, or a good picture is taken. Although some people have resisted the urge, there is no denying that Marion High School is addicted to Facebook. But does anyone know how it actually got started?

Mark Zuckerberg founded Facebook in February 2004. After a couple of weeks, it had spread throughout the campus. A couple months later, Facebook expanded to other schools in the

Boston area, along with Ivy League Universities. Facebook continued to spread rapidly, and by December 2004, the number of registered users reached one million. Almost a year later, Facebook has grown to the largest college-focused sites in the US with 20,000 new users registering daily. Zuckerberg

The addition of new members has led to the expansion of features throughout the site. Some of the most popular ones include writing on friends' walls, joining and creating groups, and searching for people through global search. The most recent feature added is the news feed and mini-feeds. The news feed ap-

off. Many people don't like the mini-feeds calling them very "stalkerish." This is what Jessi Bullis had to say, "I don't like the mini-feeds. They confuse me sometimes. It is weird that everyone knows every little thing I do." Aubrey McElmeel said, "I don't like them at all. It makes it so everyone can know every second of my life on Facebook."

Another controversial topic on Facebook is putting inappropriate pictures and or inappropriate information on your personal profile. These pictures can cause students to lose eligibility in athletics, get kicked out of certain clubs, or even cause you to not get a job. Many schools now investigate Facebook to try and find underage drinking and violations of dry campus policies. Even employers look at possible employees Facebooks to find out more

"Facebook is awesome because you get to see what everyone is doing and all the gossip."

-Rachel Dullea, '08

is hoping to sell the site for \$2 billion to a social networking site.

So why so much hype on just a website? "Facebook is awesome because you get to see what everyone is doing and all the gossip," said Rachel Dullea.

appears on everyone's home page displaying the most recent Facebook activities of a person's friend. Mini-feeds keeps a log of similar events on each member's profile page. If the member doesn't like them, they can manually delete them or turn them



information about them. So everyone who owns a Facebook should be aware of what they put on it because it could come back and haunt them in the future.

As most of you know, Facebook has been blocked from the Marion High School server. Many people think that this is a good idea, but oth-

ers think differently. "I think it's garbage because it gives you something to do in class when you're bored. It keeps you out of trouble too," stated Luke Walters. Even though the site is blocked at school, it doesn't keep people from obsessing about it.

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NeWickeDream

By: Matt Barnd and Patrick Tiernan



Above: Sophomore guitarist Ben Gustas shows off his skills.



Above: Jeff Madland, Chris Barry, Kris Wagner, and Ben Gustas pose for a group picture by the Cedar River.

Many of you have probably seen black t-shirts with the word "NeWickeDream" written in green across the chest being worn by a lot of students at MHS. However many of you also have no or very little idea about the band behind the name.

NeWickeDream is a band consisting of four guys: Kris Wagner, Ben Gustas and Jeff Madland, and '06 Marion grad Chris Barry. They are an up and coming band that has been together for about a year. The band holds occasional shows and also recently recorded four songs at a recording studio in Charleston, Illinois, a suburb outside of Chicago.

All of the members of the band have been

involved in music for a good amount of their lives. Guitarist Kris Wagner has been playing the guitar for almost ten years, and Ben Gustas has been playing the guitar for about three. Jeff Madland has been playing



the drums since he was three. Getting an early start in music has greatly benefited the band.

Not only did they

start playing young, they continue to work tirelessly to improve themselves. "When I'm not at practice then I'm at home playing the guitar," said Ben Gustas. Practice for the band is usually two or three hours long, three

will be more work as we get more established"

Regarding the future, the band members have several goals. "My goal for the band is to get a record deal and a tour, it would be sweet," said Kris Wagner. "My idea of success is to be able to live off of music," stated Gustas. The band plans to record more songs at the beginning of next year at the same recording studio in Charleston. Jeff Madland also has high hopes for the near future. "I want to play at Taste of Chicago next summer and record a full length CD," Madland said.

Madland and the band will continue to play concerts in his basement until they move on to bigger and better places.



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-Jeff Madland



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-Kris Wagner



Left: Ben Gustas plays his guitar as the crowd watches at a concert in drummer Jeff Madland's basement. Multiple concerts have been played here along with numerous practices.



Right: Ben Gustas plays the guitar while Kris Wagner leads the vocals: Wagner plays the guitar in some songs and in others sing.



Where are they now?

By Carly Huffman

Do you ever surf past Nickelodeon or the Disney Channel and see a show that brings back memories of growing up? Do you ever wonder what happened to the stars of these shows that you used to idolize? Here are a few updates on the stars of our childhood.



Joey Lawrence

The brother from "Blossom" who coined the unforgettable catchphrase "Whoa!" is still working in TV and movies such as "American Dreams"



Andrea Barber

As Kimmy Gibbler on "Full House", she annoyed the Tanner family. Now she has left show business and is living with her husband in England.



Melissa Joan Hart

Melissa Joan Hart taught young girls many life lessons on "Clarissa Explains it all" and showed us her witchy side on "Sabrina". She is now living with her husband and raising her baby boy named Mason.



Ben Savage

Ben Savage will always be remembered for starring as Cory Matthews in the TV show we all grew up on: Boy Meets World. He grew up to graduate from Stanford, and now is an intern for a senator in Pennsylvania and well on his way to a career in politics.



I dress up and scare little kids with all my friends.

-Austin Weisinger '10



One time me and my friends dressed up like ninjas and ran around neighborhoods being sneaky.

-Nathan Nissen '07



We put up haunted houses, and I usually watch scary movies on the weekend.

-Erin Peiffer '09



One Halloween we all dressed up and went trick-or-treatin' and watched my clumsy cousin trip up the stairs and spill all over her candy, then we ate it.

-Christine Mikkola '07

Trick-or-Treat?

By Chelsey Banes

Halloween is just around the corner and although it has changed a lot since our younger years, we still enjoy celebrating it. In elementary school everyone was dress in a costume as someone they inspired to be such as a doctor, teacher, or a fireman. Some kids still dress up and some even still go house-to-house trying their best to fill their pillow cases full of free candy. While others attend a costume party no longer dressing up as a doctors but as something that is capable of drawing

a little more attention.

Besides trick-or-treatin' and attending costume parties, many students attended haunted houses. Haunted houses like nightmare forest, the haunted cornfield, and the haunted police station are around the Cedar Rapids area. Although these haunted houses might test your guts how would you feel being in an actual house with real spirits and ghost. Cedar Rapids has many places that are haunted such as, Coe College, Brucemore, Willwood Apartments, and even Dominoes Pizza. At the Willwood

Apartments, its been said that you can hear the innocent cries of a man who was beaten to death. Coe College has had reports of a ghost named "Helen" who died from influenza in 1918. The grandfather clock from her dorm room was donated to the school. Sometimes she leaves the clock to play the piano or pull covers off of sleeping students.

When making plans this Halloween try something new. Pile inot a car with your friends, and travel to one of the many haunted houses around here and wait for the ghost to come out.



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