



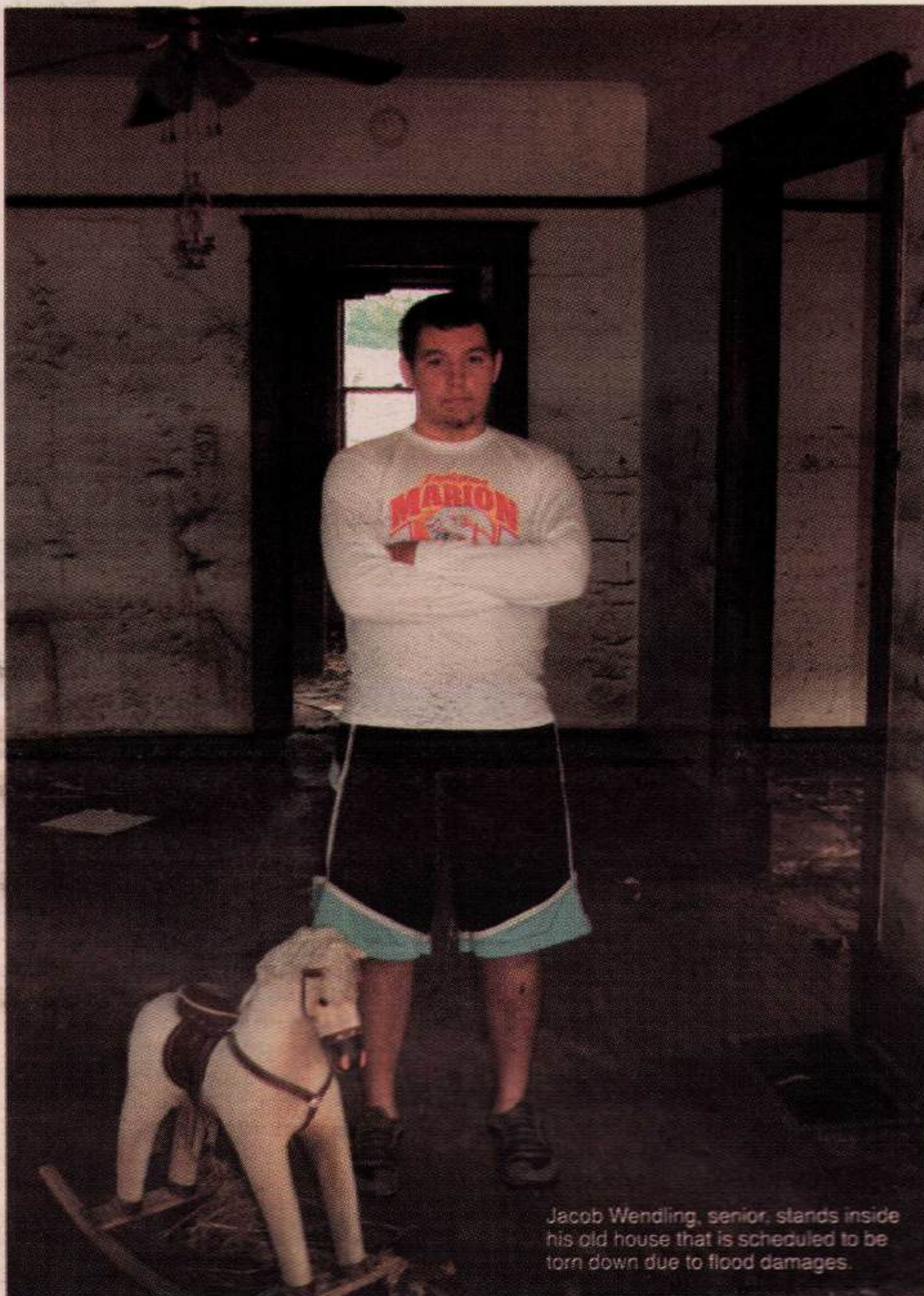
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Life altering effects of the flood



Jacob Wendling, senior, stands inside his old house that is scheduled to be torn down due to flood damages.

By: Samuel Kiburz
[Design Editor]

Living in Marion, some might think that we would never be hit by a natural disaster. But this summer Cedar Rapids was rocked by the Floods of '08. That doesn't really affect us in Marion, but some of MHS students live outside the boundaries of the district. Senior, Jacob Wendling is one of those students.

All of those horror stories that might have been heard on the radio or the news, that is Jacob's story too. Water was in his house, in Cedar Rapids, up to the ceiling, about an inch away from the ceiling to be exact. With all of that water in his house, he had to relocate to his brother's house in Marion. "I really hated living in someone else's house," Jacob stated. He lived with a friend for a few days, then stayed with his 28 year old sister, and then stayed with his brother in Marion for about to months.

On the first day, June 12, water was in his house and it was up to his knees on the first floor, and Jacob had to move all of his electronics and clothes some where else, like his PS3 and his T.V. Every time that he wanted to move something from his house he had to walk through water to get to and from his house. Wendling had to make multiple trips to get everything out that he could.

On the second day, June 13 of the floods, the cops wouldn't even let him and his family, get to his house to even try to get more stuff out. They wouldn't let them because it wasn't safe enough to travel

through the water by foot.

On the third day, June 14 of the floods, was when the Cedar River had finally crested. At that point the water was an inch from the top of his ceiling on the first floor of his house.

Imagine knowing that you might not ever get to back into your house and have those memories that you once had from that house. Jacob had to go through something that no one should ever have to. He lived with this grandma, everything that she owned was gone because of the flood, all of their family pictures and everything memorable.

When Jacob was leaving he thought, "Everything might be gone when I come back, and everything that I and my family owned was in that house."

Jacob will never be able to stay in that house again, it's getting demolished soon. "I never really thought that it was going to happen until it actually did," Jacob said.

Now Jacob has his own place. He lives in his own apartment over by Linn-Mar High School. "It was rough finding apartments because everyone else that lost their houses were doing the same thing, but once I got the apartment it was pretty easy getting all of my stuff there and to move in wasn't that bad," Jacob stated.

All in all Jacob and his family made it out of this experience okay. He has a place to live, and a roof over his head. "It made me think about how stuff can really be taken for granted, and it can be gone faster than you know it, made me realize how natural disasters can affect people in there everyday lives," Jacob stated.

New handdryers, along with other changes, call for adjustments

Well here we are again for another go around. Locker use is up 9000 percent as backpacks have been strictly outlawed. Our hands have never been dryer thanks to the newly installed ultra powerful thermodynamic turbo boosted hand dryers. I actually heard that one of those babies could dry an entire blue whale in 26 seconds flat, which is a world record in case you were wondering. And we now have two Mr. Messerli's. But despite these life altering changes, life at MHS continues on pretty much the same.

Well I still don't know where my locker is. And even if I did, I doubt I'd be able to figure out the lock combination. Seriously those things are hard! In the meantime I'll continue to struggle

Commentary

lugging a pile of books and papers from class to class. It's easier than figuring out one of those genius locks or whatever.

Once again, the class of 2009 was robbed of a victory in the homecoming float competition. I cannot fully express our disappointment at this result. After three years of utter deflation, we figured this year had to be the year. We thought if nothing else we would at least win out of pity. We didn't.

We are now fully immersed in my particular favorite time of the year. The crispness of the autumn air and changing leaves combine to inspire that indescribable feeling that is distinctly and fundamentally fall. And along with fall comes everyone's favorite non-present holiday- Halloween. Sure there's candy and costumes and stuff but the real reason for people's love affair with Halloween is their desire to experience fear. I personally possess a love/hate relationship with that emotion. My most recent (and only) haunted house experience left me screaming and running for the nearest exit, though many of the effects were predictable and cheesy. The three others with me (two were girls) didn't appear the least bit scared, but I honestly had nightmares for some time after. Sad I know. But the prospect of a good frightening still gets my blood pumping.

So back to the new dryers. Because of their supercharged and thus extremely loud nature, we are now able to tell, with little difficulty, who didn't wash their hands by listening for the dryers, which can be heard anywhere within a 400 foot radius. Seriously, I'll be sitting in physics in Z's room and hear it. It's remarkable. So not only do these devices work better than any previous hand-drying method known to man, they also effectively serve as alarms for individuals with unwashed hands.

Well there it is. I'll try to do better next time. And that's a promise.

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By: Matt Barnd
[Photo Editor]

The loss of backpacks just isn't worth it

The negative effects of the new backpack rule overshadow the safety increase.

Editorial

By now everyone has hopefully noticed backpacks are no longer allowed at our school. The rule was put in place this year for health and safety reasons and isn't exactly sitting well with students. The loss of backpacks creates inconveniences in almost every aspect of the day and overall just isn't worth it.

Supposedly backpacks were outlawed for safety reasons such as teachers tripping over bags on the floor, the chance of drugs or weapons being brought into the school, and possible fire code violations with improperly placed bags.

Though these offer advantages to both students and teachers, as far as safety goes, it just doesn't make up for what is lost. Without backpacks to carry supplies, students are forced to use their undersized lockers multiple times a day.

These trips make the day more hectic and waste time and effort. Some lockers barely even have room for the backpack to fit in and very seldom are placed conveniently within a student's schedule. The chances of forgetting something for class are decreased with the use of backpacks because without backpacks, school supplies are not concentrated in a central location. With up to four books to worry about with corresponding notebook and folder plus a pencil bag there's a lot to remember.

The need to use lockers alone is enough to seal the deal to use backpacks but unfortunately it's not the only disadvantage presented.

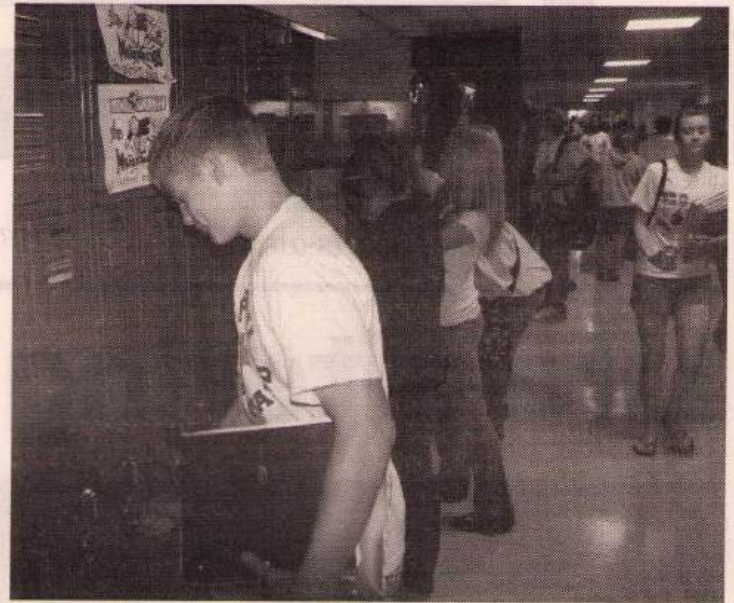
Backpacks do more than just carry books; they carry other items that make the school day more tolerable or are used at some point in the day. Backpacks carry things like your water bottle, snacks to eat, keys, cell phone, wallet, and iPod. Without backpacks these things either clog up your pockets or are just one more unattached thing to forget. Yes, it's true none are essential for the school day but taking away backpacks is almost taking away students rights to have these things. The teachers and administration don't realize how convenient backpacks make the day and how much worse it is without them.

The thing that doesn't make sense is why it is necessary not to have backpacks. If you think about it, the chances of something seriously dangerous coming from the use of backpacks is much less than other things students deal with everyday. For example, a good deal of students drive to school or get rides. Think about how dangerous vehicle transportation can "potentially" be. One wrong move and a student can be on either sides of a crash, taking away their life in an instant. But no one outlaws driving right?

Yes, it is a brash and extreme comparison but if driving was outlawed it too could be described as an inconvenience supplied by the removal of a safety and health risk, correct? And further on that matter how do we know students aren't going to bring guns or drugs to the school in their cars? The obvious, safest choice is to make students walk or ride their bikes to school because that's what's

BEST for them. It may seem like an inconvenience but if the students are responsible and on top of things they will make it work out...see what I'm getting at? There's a certain point where adults just need to stay out of students' lives. When did we get to the point where everything little thing needs to be monitored and backpack use controlled? Do we have so little faith in our students that we really think a mass attack of brutality is an issue or that if asked students won't keep their bag in the appropriate place in the classroom? Face it, the world's not a perfect place and though it is great to look out for dangers to students there are bigger things to worry about than backpacks. The safety risks lost just don't make up for the inconveniences gained.

One positive note on the issue in my experience is teachers allowing male students to carry around drawstring bags to counterbalance females being allowed to carry purses. These provide an excellent place to carry around the other things previously stored in



Hunter Banes, freshman, gains access to his locker before school to grab his books for the day. In years past students could carry all items with them in their backpacks and very few people used the lockers.

a backpack and make the day much easier. Though I'm sure these are against the official backpack laws set in place the teachers acceptance of their use makes the day run so much smoother and is one plus for students in the whole issue. One of my major hopes is that drawstring bags are continued to be allowed by teachers.

So while the removal of backpacks from the high school does offer advantages in safety for both students and teachers in the overall picture it just isn't worth it. There are a lot of things that could be changed to create a safer environment for students but at a certain point things just need to be left alone.

One less or one more?

By: Jenna Koppedryer [Staff Writer]

The slogan "One Less" used for the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine Gardasil represents one less woman infected with HPV. But like all drugs and vaccines there are possibilities for side effects. According to www.gardasil.com some of Gardasil's side effects include pain, swelling itching and redness at the injection sight, fever, etc. But in their list of side effects it says nothing about seizures, chronic headaches, or even death.

Gardasil is a vaccine that protects against HPV and prevents cervical cancer. The Gardasil vaccine is supposed to protect against four of forty types of HPV. Gardasil includes two types that cause most cervical cancers and two other types that cause the most genital warts. HPV is a sexually transmitted disease that causes genital warts, abnormal Pap tests,

and cervical cancer. Each year about 20 million people in the US are infected with HPV. One major problem with HPV is that this virus has no symptoms. So someone who is infected may not even know and may pass it on to someone else without any acknowledgment.

But according to www.cdc.gov/std/HPV/common-question.htm, HPV has no known cure. This virus is rarely lethal but can cause cervical cancer. HPV can cause normal cells on your cervix to turn abnormal sometimes making them cancerous. It is rare that HPV turns into cervical cancer, as long as doctor's advice is followed. In most instances, HPV goes away on it's own after only two years, turning your cervical cells back to normal. If HPV does linger on for more than two years, abnormal cells can be treated or removed but pap tests may be needed

more often to make sure the abnormal cells don't come back.

According to www.cdc.gov/vaccine/safety/vaers/garasil.htm the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) has received 21 reports of death following Gardasil, 17 of these being U.S. reports and 4 foreign reports. 12 out of 17 of the U.S. reports didn't contain adequate information for further analysis. In the five remaining U.S. deaths, one is in the process of being followed up and the other four, VAERS was unable to obtain any patient identifying information, and therefore could not confirm death outcomes. Even though several deaths have occurred the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), insist Gardasil is safe and refuse to further investigate the long-term effects of this vaccine.

Even though the chances of death are rare and the percents are low, you could be part of that percentage. If you aren't

worried about death, uncertain long-term effects may be something of concern. Gardasil has been tested and proven to prevent some strains of the HPV virus but the effects of this vaccine are yet to be determined. The test subjects of this vaccine were at an age of many high schoolers, so it could be years or even decades before we see any real effects of this vaccine. Even though many young women may have no negative effects right now, only time will tell if Gardasil has minor or major effects on the body in upcoming years.

There is still much to learn about the HPV vaccine Gardasil along with its benefits and risks. Since test-subjects are young it may be several years before any real results, positive or negative, show the effectiveness of this vaccine against the HPV virus and cervical cancer. Hopefully, this vaccine will prove to be a positive in the long run and save several lives, but until then waiting to see what will happen with this vaccine may be the best decision for many young women.

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Lowering the drinking age

Now that college presidents are pushing to lower the current legal drinking age, would it create more problems or get rid of the current ones?

By: Chelsey Baner [Staff Writer]

Since the 1800's the legal drinking age has been changed multiple times. Once again there has been talk of changing the legal age. However, this time they are looking to lower it. It has only been 13 years since the legal consumption age has been 21 in all 50 states. In those 13 years the point can be made that there have been just as many bad outcomes as there have been good. Lowering the drinking age could help get rid of many unnecessary problems the United States has today due to alcohol.

The issue has been risen in many colleges across the country such as; Duke, Dartmouth, and Ohio State. College presidents are pushing to lower the drinking age. By lowering the drinking age it could help reduce the number of binge drinkers as well as help make drinkers more responsible. The current drinking age creates a separation amongst underage drinkers and adult drinkers. This division causes drinkers to be immature and irresponsible while drinking. A student quoted on CNN.com said, "If you treat students like children, they're going to act like children." To face the facts there will always be underage drinking, by lowering the drinking age drinkers would be more likely to be responsible while drinking. David J. Hanson an alcohol policy expert at the State University of New York-Postdam comments the rise of the drinking age. He believes it has had the worst possible outcomes. Hanson comments, "Just like during the National Prohibition, the law has pushed and forced underage drinking and youthful drinking underground, where we have no control over it." If we were to lower the drinking age, adults would be able to have a bigger influence on the trends of teens drinking, creating more responsible and safer drinkers.

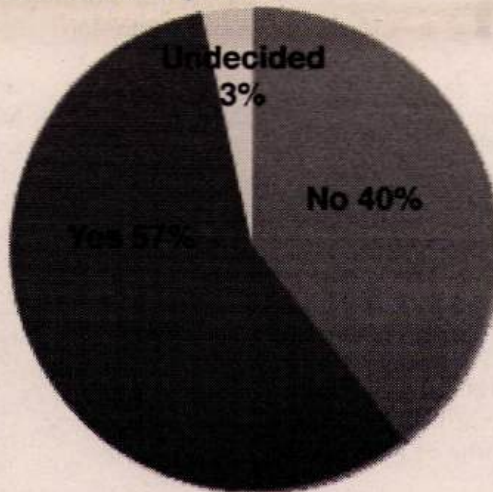
Not only does lowering the drinking age seem to be the smartest thing to do, it seems to be the most constitutionally right as well. Men and women of 18 and older are able to travel over seas and fight as well as stand out and be the voice for our country. But they aren't even allowed to throw back a drink with colleagues and friends afterwards. America is all about freedom, we should have the right to choose whether or not to drink. This doesn't mean that anyone should be able to drink, this might sound like a contradiction but there are reasons everyone isn't sent over to Iraq and reasons why everyone can't vote. Though drinking isn't the same thing as being in the military or voting, it seems as though people who are able to change and protect the country should be mature enough to handle the coincidences and responsibility that come with drinking.

However, changing the drinking age isn't that easy. People still argue that by lowering the drinking age we will create more problems than we currently have. They believe a lower drinking age would create high risk of accidents on the roads. More teens younger than now would take advantage of the situation and pick up drinking, causing greater problems for themselves down the road. Many people also believe the reason for the 21 age limit in the first place was to protect the immature brains of teens.

Even though these are good reasons, they aren't exactly true. The drinking age was raised in mid-1980 not because of research on brain growth but instead from pressure from the Congress. In 1984 the Congress threatened to withhold ten percent of federal highway funds from states that refused to prohibit the selling of alcohol to those under the age of 21. All states eventually complied by 1995 with Louisiana being the last state. This leads to prove that raising the drinking age did actually have an influence on making the roads safer, but by making teens more responsible when it comes to alcohol the problem would cease to exist. Brother Richard Gilman, president of Holy Cross College, comments on the current drinking age on WBST2, "It is making [drinking] a forbidden fruit for some young people, and I think that may be at the root of the problem," he said. "By bringing it out into the light, we can teach moderation and responsibility." By lowering the drinking age we can get rid of the problems we created by raising it.

By lowering the drinking age the problems that were created by raising it would decrease. Not only would it decrease the current problems but help not create ones in the future because drinkers would be more responsible.

Should the legal drinking age be lowered to age 18?



Mrs. Weber is back in action

By: Samuel Kiburz [Design Editor]

This year started out worse than ever. With all of the flooding that happened this summer and everything else that went wrong, students had to know that the year was going to be different than it has ever been before. With all of that extra-added pressure, MHS student came to know that Mrs. Weber job had been cut. Some wondered why her job cut due to all of the budget cuts that the school has suffered. Mrs. Weber has one of the more important jobs here at MHS. She holds down the computer lab all day and she's very good at what she does. When she wasn't here at the beginning of the school year it was kind of chaotic. Not only for the students, but for the teachers as well.



Mrs. Weber,
Computer lab

Since there was nobody in the computer lab, that meant that students couldn't go in there anytime that they wanted. The only way that a student could go in the computer lab was if your teacher was there with you or if another class was in there. So that meant that students couldn't always go into the lab when they needed to. Isn't that the purpose of a computer lab with 40 computers? Think about this, what if it's your open block and you need to type a paper because you don't have a computer at home and the computer lab is closed and the library is full because the computer lab is closed, what are you supposed to do, just not do your paper that is due?

The seniors have been going into the computer lab daily since their freshmen year, and Mrs. Weber has always been there whenever you had trouble saving or you couldn't find your document. Mrs. Weber was always there for you. No offense to any teachers out there, but they are just not up to where Mrs. Weber is when it comes to computer problems. Many times students have had to ask her for help, and if she's not there and the student's teacher doesn't know what to do, what do you do? Nine times out of ten Mrs. Weber will know the answer. Most teachers probably can't do that.

It's understandable why she got laid off, but it just wasn't fair, for her or for the students and teachers. Everyone was affected by her not being around. It's understandable that the school board would cut her job before a teaching position would be cut, but still it's just not fair.

In case, you've been living in a hole for the last month she's back! All of the teachers and administration fought for her job to be put back into the budget. Students should be very proud of our teachers because they all did a great thing to bring back a beloved faculty member, that has helped out almost every student once in their high school career.

Something old and something new

By: Haley Berry [Staff Writer]

It can be anything from a wedding on the beach and wearing your swimsuit to the ceremony, to having your wedding be just like that of Cinderella's, to having your whole invitation list dress up as their favorite Halloween characters. Theme weddings can be quite ridiculous and only okay to a point.


They are only okay to a point because where is the tradition in theme weddings at all? When thinking of a wedding, it's supposed to have the beautiful bride with the amazing white gown, and "here comes the bride" playing in the back ground. There also needs to be a time when your father gives you away, and kisses your cheek under the traditional Vail. That has much more "wedding meaning" then skipping down the aisle as a hill-billy. Also when going to a wedding I don't want to see a woman wearing a bikini to her beach themed wedding. That would be an uncomfortable setting. Imagine your mom or dad seeing you walk down the aisle like that, weird!

Also when thinking about a wedding I like the "something old something new, something borrowed, something blue" cliché. Now think of it as when your walking down the aisle, I want to see people stand up and look at me like I'm the only

person in the room, and be staring at me for the right reason: the white gown, my hair in its original up-do, and being able to notice all the effort that we had put into the wedding. Or you could have it be everyone staring at you because you and your soon-to-be husband (or wife) are dressed up as John F. Kennedy and Marilyn Monroe for your Halloween wedding (true story). To me, I'm going to stick with the more traditional path.

Though a theme wedding could pass off as okay (sometimes), because getting married should be like a fairytale, and if you made it like one in Cinderella, that would be absolutely amazing! Also, theme weddings could add a lot of personality and fun to the couple. The reception could also be a lot of fun, with all the costumes and exciting decorations. Though tradition is something that would be much more worth sticking to.

So just think about your future wedding. It could be the amazing one you have been hearing about since you were a little kid, with all the great tradition, or it could be a wedding in which you're walking down the aisle looking at your soon-to-be husband or wife dressed up as Elvis Presley, John F. Kennedy, Marilyn Monroe, or whoever. That would be really awkward and just be extremely ridiculous!



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Football team bonds at captain's house

Every Thursday evening, the football team gets together to play volleyball which results in great relationships and a great time for all of the players who participate.

By: Lauren Jilek [Staff Writer]

There are two things anyone can be sure to witness when they see or hear about Marion football, tradition and family. Spectators see it on the field and while they practice but it starts before they get dress for practice, even before they warm up for games. It begins with adapting and working together as a team and captain Alex Conway, senior linebacker/fullback, started a tradition last year that seemed to bring everyone together.

Every Thursday night, a good portion of the varsity football team meets at Alex Conway's house in Marion to play multiple games of volleyball in his backyard. Conway explained, "It is just one way we all take the stress off of a big game or a rough practice." Derek Kruger, a senior kicker, agrees with Alex. "I can get rid of any anxiety I have before we hit the field Friday night."

The games tend to get pretty competitive as rules are not always followed, but to this day, there have been no injuries. Alex commented, "We are definitely competitive but we're also very uplifting and encouraging towards each other. It helps our relationships grow so that we can carry it onto the field. Then, even after football is over as well, we will continue to hang out and remain

close."

The outcome of the team bonding that occurs is clearly shown every Friday night, beginning when they first step out onto the field, up until the final team huddle. It has been like this for many years as well. Alex elaborated, "The Marion football program is and always has been rich in tradition. I think this gives us a huge advantage over other teams because of the fact that we are so close and the activities we have together on Thursday night certainly contribute to it."

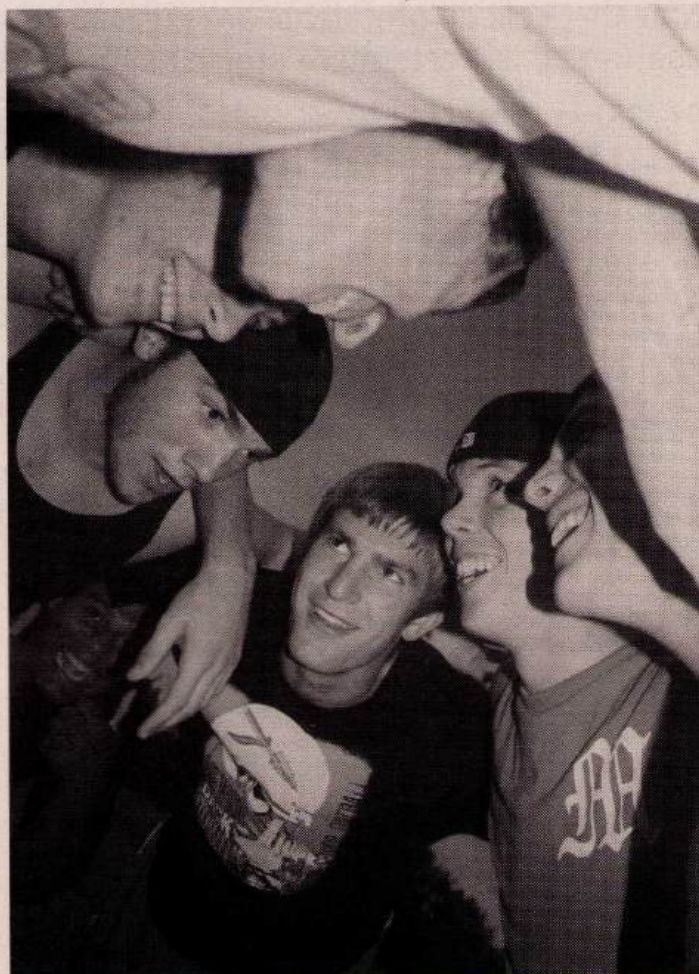
Don't expect these close relationships will ever end either. It can be seen carried through the hallways and out into the community as well. Alex explained, "It has taught me to give respect to people, especially to people who work hard and deserve it. We all come together, it keeps us out of trouble and we have a great time doing it. I think that it really shows too."

These traditions that have been kept up for years also lead into the future as year after year, new players are brought into the family. Conway doesn't seem to be worried at all about the continuation of these traditions of welcoming new guys and continuing to be a close-knit group. "I feel that many of the juniors this year will have no problem keeping up the tradition in their own unique way for next year and others for years to come."

Indian fans should certainly be proud of the brotherhood that has been shown through Marion football for many years and that will show for many years to come. This brotherhood is a positive outcome that comes from bonding sessions like the one that happens every Thursday night. It is always something to always look forward to as it is seen every Friday night under the lights.



Alex Conway, senior



Corey Kramer, Ryan Hubbell, Joel Kane, all juniors, Riley Odean, Matt Hoy, seniors, and Ben Holub, junior, gather in a team huddle to discuss their strategy before a big match against the opposing team. Thursday nights are important as they prepare for the game on Friday.

Marion C.C team works hard to keep it fresh

By: Patrick Tiernan [Editor-in-Chief]

One of the hardest things about playing in a sport is dealing with the same routine day after day. Practices can get very repetitive and monotonous and can wear down an athlete's spirit. One squad that makes it a point



Cody Simon, senior

The team has found many different ways this year to do just that and one the team's varsity leaders, senior Cody Simon, appreciates what the workouts do. Cody elaborated, "The interesting workouts give a different perspective to still be working out." Alternate workouts the Cross Country team has tried

this year include playing games such as Capture the Flag, Ultimate Frisbee, Tag, and Sharks and Minnows, doing swimming workouts at the Marion Pool, and doing a fun race through Thomas Park and the creek known as a Rambo Run. Both the coaches and the athletes help decide the workout depending on the day but never the less they prove effective, Cody commented, "O yeah the workouts are still beneficial because we're still putting in the miles and still putting in the effort."

Cody works hard himself to make the most out of each practice and exerts his full effort for the goals he has in mind, Cody commented, "My goals for the year are to try and get under eighteen minutes and I would like to see either the girls or guys team get 1st place at a meet." Cody is a team first kind of guy and it's shown through his favorite part of Cross Country, "My favorite thing is how were always cheering our teammates on and how much spirit there is. It's just fun to go out and compete." Cody has participated in Cross Country all four years of high school and two years in junior high. Cody explained why Cross Country is something he's continued to do, "Cross Country is a unique sport, it's more individual but the team still counts in the end." As for the most challenging thing about the sport for Cody, "The hardest thing about Cross Country is racing and just having to push on even though you're not feeling good."

Hopefully, the alternate workouts continue to work well for the team and its athletes, both mentally and physically, and help the team to continue pushing on through the year.



Seniors Alexis Bailey, Nicole Pratt, and junior Jordan Barkley, start the junior varsity cross country race.

Volley fan support wanted

By: Scout Morehouse
[Activities Editor]

Parents yelling, footsteps pounding against the bleachers, and the opponents shaking because they fear your fans are going to attack them if they score a point. This happens at the football games, basketball games, and wrestling meets, but do the volleyball players get the same amount of fan support?



Maggie Murphy, junior

the win. Maggie explained, "It's easier to play if someone is cheering you on."

Many volleyball players have different ways of getting more fans to come. The most common one is just telling your friends to come to the game. That's also one of the least effective ways. But there are always those few players who will do something different. Maggie commented, "I'll recruit fans to come watch and then we'll win for them so they'll come again."

The volleyball team is in dire need for more student support and if compared to our student section at the football games is miniscule. If you need help picturing this just think of it like football fans are a jumbo jet and volleyball fans are a 99-cent hot wheels plane. When asked about how many fans Maggie would like at volleyball games she yelled, "104!"

One of the problems why there isn't a lot of fans is the fact that most students believe volleyball isn't a very

competitive sport. If you don't think getting a ball slammed right by your face is pretty competitive then you must be crazy. Also, many may not know this but volleyball players get bruises, cuts, and even broken bones just like all the other sports.

Now have you changed your mind about how attending volleyball games are boring and a waste of money? Well if you haven't there's more to add. It's not only the players that get hurt but even the fans can get hurt. That's right, fans can get hurt. What can get more exciting then watching a friend getting pegged by a ball that he didn't see coming? All the volleyballs that the players miss bounce off the ground and head towards the stands most of the time. So if someone isn't paying attention they could be the volleyball's next victim.

If you are not convinced that you should go to a volleyball game, there's one last thing to say. Volleyball isn't for the weak and faint-hearted and therefore should get the same amount of fan support as the football players. So the next time you hear that there is a volleyball game going on, you should drop by and watch the Marion Indians play volleyball and let them show you how fun this sport can really be.



Corey Kramer, junior, Amry Shelby, senior, and Mitch Vargason, sophomore, cheer on the volleyball team during a home match.

Fall musical tunes up

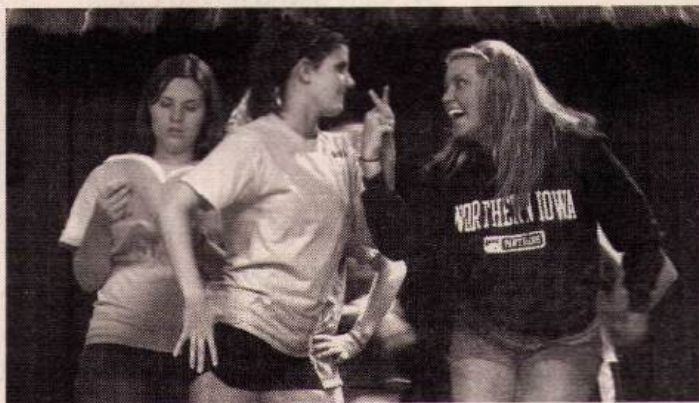
New co-stars Jilek and Waters balance activities and distractions.

By: Liz Smiley
[Staff Writer]

Every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday it's the same routine for Lauren Jilek and Ryan Watters. Lauren is a junior at Marion and is happy to say she landed the lead roll in this year's fall musical. The musical is called "Once on this Island" and Lauren plays the lead roll of TiMoune, a loving, caring, peasant girl.

"It's very hard to manage my life with cheer everyday, the musical, and maintaining good grades, but it's worth it," she smiled. The cast practices every Monday Tuesday, and Thursday from six-thirty to nine and occasionally even later. The hardest thing is the memorization of the music and timing, according to Lauren, but no matter how stressful it gets, practice is always fun. Lauren tries to practice on her own as often as she can while working around her busy schedule. She is involved in football cheer, competition cheer, dance (separate from school), the musical, and she works at Finish Line.

"I like to sing and I'm more confident with my singing rather than acting because I've never been aware of my acting strength, but I'm really focusing on expanding



Senior Erin Peiffer (far left), studies her lines as seniors Sammy Vest (middle) and Lauren Jilek (right) rehearse during practice.

my horizons," she explained. However, Ryan Watters is very confident in both categories, his singing and acting. He explained, "It's really been a boost in confidence, especially the extra support from my friends."

Ryan is a freshman and quite honored to say he landed a lead roll in the musical. Ryan's character is the God of Death, Papa Ge. Although he didn't get the roll he had hoped for, Ryan is very happy with his part. Ryan explained, "Even though I hate my character's name, I love the fact that I meet so many people and make so many friends." For Ryan, time management isn't a problem, but avoiding distractions during rehearsal is. Ryan explained, "It's so

easy for me to get off task."

Both Jilek and Watters agree their passion for singing is definitely what influenced them to audition for the musical. Lauren laughed "I think the fear of embarrassing myself in front of the crowd really motivates me to put forth my best effort, one-hundred percent of the time."

The two students are excited to begin dress rehearsals. The cast will begin dress rehearsals in late October and continue to have multiple rehearsals leading up to the last dress rehearsal on Wednesday, November fifth with opening night that Thursday. It will continue to show Friday the sixth and end Saturday the seventh and should be something worth checking out.

Major committment

By: Casey Burns [Staff Writer]

Conducting a group of musicians on a field is not an easy task. You really have to be on your toes and know what you are doing. You also have to make sure the musicians are moving in the right direction and that they are playing their notes properly and that's what Erin Harrity does.

Erin is one of the two drum majors this year. She has been playing in band for seven years. She usually plays the clarinet, and for this term, she will be conducting the 2008-2009 Marion Marching Band.

"It isn't really hard to manage both band and cheerleading, and it is very time consuming," Erin explains. "During football games I don't get a break at all. I have to cheer for a little bit, run over to the band, conduct them, and then go back to cheer. I don't really get to see my friends or watch the game like I would like to, but it is really fun to do both. When I am done with the game, my friends come up to me and tell me that I did a good job, or that they were really proud of me."

Erin was elected by her band class and her band teacher, Mr. Allard. She had to audition in front of her class, but happily comments, "It was kind of fun."

She really enjoys what she has been able to do. "It's a lot of fun. I love it. But you really have to know what you are doing. The band is really good and they have improved a lot since the beginning of the year. We also have a lot of really good freshman that have joined us," Erin proudly says.

Erin elaborates, "I have wanted to be one of the drum majors since my freshman year, and I am really glad that I am able to be what I've wanted to be." Doing this has really excited Erin and has helped her with a lot of things. She has gained many new friends, helped her focus on school, and boosted her confidence level.

Erin shares, "Have fun. Don't let peer pressure get you from doing what you want to do," she says. It's really important to follow yourself and no one else, and that's exactly what Erin has done.



Erin Harrity, senior

Fall activity season snapshots

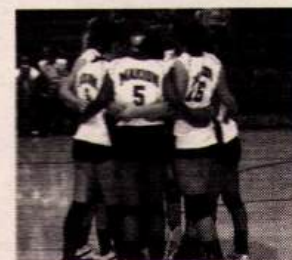
Football

Class 3-A District four has proven to be one of the toughest in the state thus far, with Marion right in the thick of the play-off hunt. At 5-1 prior to their homecoming showdown with 6-0 Union Laporte-City last Friday, the Indians are a game back from first place in the District. The stingy Marion defense has given up an average of 8.66 points per game, while offensively putting up 35. Their lone setback came at the hands of 6-0 Dewitt Central in a 10-7 muddy mess on September 12. But the Indians responded with consecutive blowout victories the next three weeks. Their next three opponents, Union, Maquoketa, and Benton Community are all vying for play-off spots.



Volleyball

Marion Indians Volleyball have proven well deserved of their third place ranking in the state for Class 3A. The Indians have an overall record of 31-4 and 6-0 in the WaMaC conference, if the Indians win their next game versus unranked Clear Creek Amana, they will have secured their West WaMaC Championship. In order to achieve their goal of winning the entire WaMaC conference, they play next Thursday (Oct. 16) at home and then again the following Saturday (Oct. 18.) at Mount Vernon. The Marion Volleyball team is well on their way to making a state appearance, with winning three out of five of their last tournaments. Brittney Thomas, Shelby Perkins, and Sam Rinehart, all seniors, are just a few of the leaders that are ushering them to victory.



Cross Country

The Marion Girls Varsity Cross Country team was confident coming into the season, even after losing two very talented seniors. These two leaders were replaced by two first time cross country runners, Kelsey Labs, senior, and Sadie Magnifico, junior, and have filled the positions with their gifted running abilities. Kelsey and Sadie's varsity experience in track transfered over easily to cross country, both of them have made great appearances at the state track and field meet. But Kelsey and Sadie aren't the only highlights of the Marion girls cross country team. Monica Kelly and Chelsea Burhite, both seniors and four time varsity letter winners for the cross team, have made great strides toward another state cross country appearance.



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In the mood for food

There is a place to get good food during the middle of a hard day at school, for a very reasonable price.

By: Chelsey Banes
[Staff Writer]

After a long break, everyone is finally back in to the swing of things, remembering their homework, getting to class on time as well as not going to bed at one in the morning. Although we've got the hang of things again we are just starting to remember all fun exciting things about going to school. For instance the benefits of having our very own school store.

The school store is located in room 30 at the end of the English hallway. Mrs. Gerdemann's class runs the store. They put advertising around the school to promote the store as well as run the cash register in the store. The service is always friendly and always quick. It's a great place to stop in between classes to grab a snack to hold you over until lunch.

The school store has a variety of treats. They offer delish muffins, pretzels, gummy



Danika Sam, junior, waits for her change after purchasing some food items from the school store. The school store offers low prices and friendly service throughout the day.

bears, chips and even Capri Suns! It's hard to pick a favorite among the munchies, the Chocolate Chocolate Chip muffins seem to be on the top of the list, there have even been kids that run down the hallway to get one before they run out. The braided pretzel twist are a great blend of sweet and salty.

They also have a good variety of baked lays which are exceedingly popular with the students.

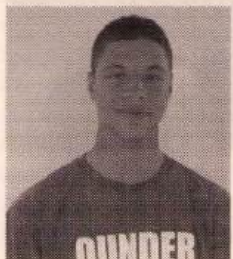
Although the avid school store users may have noticed an increase in the prices from last year, the prices are still better than those offered in the vending machines. The price isn't the only advantage of going to the school store. It is often more convenient when you are on the opposite side of the school or when you have a crinkly dollar that won't work in the vending machines. The selection in the school store seems to vary more than that from the vending machines or cafeteria as well.

For those of you who didn't know about the school store before and those who merely forgot, get there soon, you wouldn't want to miss out on the friendly service and delicious food. The school store is open almost everyday and is ranked a five out of five for its friendly service and satisfaction of customers.



"[I enjoy the school store], because they have a lot of food that's reasonably priced and it's better than the vending machings."

-Brea Collins, senior



"I think [the school store] has a delicious array of foods and I like their Fruit by the Foot."

-Tre Kinney, sophomore



"I think [the school store] has very nice products available for us students to get for when we have a hunger issue."

-Hunter Sade, Junior

Burn After Reading is uniquely humorous

By: Matt Barnd [Photo Editor]

Few filmmakers are able to seamlessly intertwine dark and suspenseful elements into comedic pictures. It often makes for awkward moments where the viewer knows not whether to laugh or shudder. However, the Coen brothers blend these opposite aspects very well in their new outrageous comedy *Burn after Reading*.

Starring George Clooney, John Malkovich, Frances McDormand, and Brad Pitt, *Burn After Reading* provides many memorable moments. The opening scene sets the tone for the rest of the movie. John

Malkovich, a CIA analyst, is called to the office with several of his superior ranking officials. Here he receives the news that he is being relieved of his position in light of a drinking problem. Malkovich's reaction, involving humorously vulgar language culminates with his storming out of the office leaving the three officials awkwardly alone.

This cast of eccentric, self-centered, characters interacts in irrational, and often over the top situations. Brad Pitt, in a role different from a vast majority of those we are used to, plays an overly enthusiastic gym employee who, with his co-worker Frances McDormand, try to blackmail Malkovich after finding a disc at their gym containing sensitive information. Their incompetence leads to several sticky situations. Clooney enters

the picture as a womanizing CIA official, who develops complicating relationships with Malkovich's wife and eventually McDormand, all while being married himself. His character, much like Pitt's and McDormand's, would also be considered, well, very stupid by most. These relationships, and the way

Several moments throughout the picture cause extreme surprise and your emotions to take a complete 180 degree turn, but only temporarily. This adds to the uniqueness and variety of the film.

in which all the characters are ultimately intertwined, becomes ironically humorous as the movie progresses further.

The mixture of suspense and comedy, at times very dark, makes for a very entertaining 90 minutes (that's right it's only an hour and a half). Several moments throughout the picture cause extreme surprise and

your emotions to take a complete 180 degree turn, but only temporarily. This adds to the uniqueness and variety of the film. It will keep you on your toes from start to finish. At times your laughter at a moment in the movie will be abruptly interrupted by a shocking event. For the most part, the opposite emotions are integrated quite well. There are only one or two moments that leave the viewer wondering, "Did that really just happen."

The witty, different, and outrageous humor of *Burn After Reading* combine for a very interesting comedic experience. From start to finish it offers off the wall humorous, zany characters, and awkwardly outrageous situations. *Burn After Reading* is definitely worth the price of admission.

Burn After Reading facts

- Directed by Joel and Ethan Coen (also directed *Fargo* and *No Country For Old Men* among others).
- Stars George Clooney, John Malkovich, Frances McDormand, and Brad Pitt.
- Rated R for pervasive language, some sexual content and violence.
- Running time is one hour and 35 minutes
- Barnd's Rating: 4/5

Infinite Playlist a hit

By: Scout Morehouse [Activities Editor]

If you enjoyed watching *Juno*, and you like listening to music, then *Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist* is the movie for you.

Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist was produced and directed by Peter Sollet. Actor Michael Lera (Juno) plays the character of Nick who plays in his own band. After playing a gig he meets Norah (Kat Dennings), a girl who enjoys listening to the mixed tapes he makes for his old girlfriend, Tris (Alexis Dziena).

Norah's drunken friend Caroline (Ari Graynar) was being watched by Nick's band and she snuck off and started roaming around New York City. For the rest of the movie Nick, Norah, and Nick's band go on a crazy adventure to try to find her and this mysterious band called Fluffy.

While trying to find Caroline and the band called Fluffy they meet very interesting people. Nick owns a small yellow Yogo that many people mistake as a cab. So a couple force themselves into the car making it so

that Nick has to drive them somewhere and making it even harder for them to find Caroline. More events like this occur making it even harder for them to find Caroline and Fluffy.

Since it's a comedy it could've had a bit more funny moments in it, otherwise they did a good job making the movie. So, if you're looking for a good movie to watch with your friends then I suggest watching *Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist*.

Nick and Nora facts:

- Rating: PG-13
- Length: One hour and 30 minutes
- Genre: Comedy movie with some romance
- Scout's rating: 3.5/5



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Is Frightmare Forest really that frightful?

Ghosts and zombies walk the earth once again at Frightmare Forest

By: Scout Morehouse [Activities Editor]

The cold wind is blowing; causing the creepy old windmill to slowly move and make a sound that sounds that resembles a high-pitched voice repeating the word creek. It's Halloween time and Frightmare Forest is open for business and ready to scare the innocent people that go through it.

Frightmare Forest wastes no time in presenting a scary atmosphere with the customers forced to slowly make their way to the ticket booth. Right before the destination is reached the customer is faced with a startling surprise that definitely isn't expected. After this scare the ticket booth is finally reached and two options are presented. The first is the long way through Frightmare Forest, which costs thirteen dollars, and the second is the normal way, which costs nine dollars. The price of both can also be decreased with a canned food item that goes to the Frightmare Forest food drive that takes a dollar off the price.

After paying, the walk to the mansion follows while surrounded by various people dancing to music about people dying. The customer walks up old wooden steps and finally enters the mansion. In the mansion one of

the hallways encountered is an illusion where it seems like the room is spinning and the passerby is doomed to fall but slowly the participant makes their way out an enters a torture chamber.

The first room is the torture room. Inside the room there is a creepy old lady standing there telling you what she does to the people in a voice that would make you want to use the torture machines so that you don't have to listen to her. After walking through a hallway with black curtains in your way every time you take a step there is a room with a man in a cage. Some weird guy walks up and says some pretty interesting stuff. This is probably the best thing in the whole haunted house just because you don't expect him to say something funny like that.

After that the haunted house starts to get repetitive and boring. Some of the rooms that you walk into are completely boring and make no sense. There is this one room with a car crashed into a tree. That's it. It doesn't even say anywhere why this car crashed into a tree. One of the most boring rooms is a room that's really big and is completely dark so you can't see anything. After continuously slamming into walls and your friends because

you can't find the exit, you become tempted to use your phone, but you can't due to their no camera or phone rule in fear of blinding their actors.

After you get done picking up all the teeth you lost from hitting the walls so many times you end up walking into the actual forest. So you walk down the path and you look around and there's a bunch of decorations that people put in their front yard during the holidays. Then there's a checkpoint where they tell people to keep going if they paid, but if people chose to go the short way then this is where the journey ends. The long way is just a long walk into the forest, which is supposed to be actually haunted.

The haunted house wasn't exactly scary but will make you jump from time to time. If you're looking for a really scary haunted house this isn't the place to go because it gets a 6/10 on the scare-o-meter. This is the perfect haunted house to go to if you're looking to have fun with your friends and not get scared or have nightmares on Halloween.

Frightmare Forest Info

Prices:

Main Haunt: \$9.00

Main + Second Haunt: \$13.00

Save \$1 admission by bringing a canned food item.

Directions:

From I-380 take the 42nd St Exit in Cedar Rapids. Turn west onto 42nd street, and continue past Edgewood road, until you see a large school on the right hand side of the road (Xavier High School). Immediately following the SECOND paved driveway into the school, there is a gravel road (If you cross the railroad tracks, you have gone too far!). Turn right onto the gravel road, and follow the signs all the way back to Frightmare Forest.

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The Hills brings too much drama and too little reality

Commentary

Reality television has taken over the airways. It's true it has, don't pretend that it hasn't. What happened to the days when scripted television was on? Those were the days! I remember waking up every morning to a re-run of *Saved By The Bell*, but now that I'm older and watch more mature television, my favorite channel has to be MTV.

How could anyone not love this channel? It's got basically everything a T.V. watcher could need: music, game shows, and of course, the reality shows. Some I like more than others. But my least favorite shows on the airways is... dun dun dun... *The Hills*. In case you don't ever watch *The Hills*, it's about a very ambitious girl from Laguna Beach, California, who's chasing her dreams to be in the fashion world. She has a bundle of friends: Lo, Audrina, Whitney, Brody, and the list goes on, but this show is borderline pointless.

All those girls do is fight, party, and some more fighting while they're partying. The whole premise of the show is to follow

Lauren Conrad around Los Angeles, and to capture every moment of her life, or at least that's what it feels like when watched. The producers do this very well. Viewers see every moment of her life. For some reason this show is the top of the charts. Teen girls have become obsessed with this show. Even some of the Hills enthusiasts have "Hills parties." I recently was exposed to one these parties and it was intense. These girls that will remain nameless, were so excited to see this show that they all started screaming when it came on and

when the theme songs started playing all bets were off, the girls were all belting off their best vocals to the Natasha Beddingfield song. It was an experience I'll never forget. And never want to experience again, in this lifetime.

Everything about this show just makes me mad. I'm as guilty as the next, when *The Hills* first came out I watched it. Back when everyone on the show was nice. Now the show is all about there stupid fights and stupid boyfriends.

It recently came out that the show was a scripted reality show. What does that mean you ask? It means that everything about it is not real! They don't actually have a script for the show but are told what to do. Once they get into a situation they might have to re film it multiple times to get the shot. Reality? I think not.

There are many things about this show that torch me. One of them is, that Lauren Conrad is getting paid \$2,000,000 to just sit in front of a camera and be herself, or whatever the show wants her to be.

One other thing that really makes me mad is that all of these girls have amazing jobs. Lauren and Whitney both just recently got jobs at Peoples Revolution, a fashion show-organizing firm. Weird how they both got jobs there and there both on a reality show. How convenient. Heidi works at Bolt-house Entertainment; they plan some of the biggest parties in L.A. Audrina works at Epic records, on the biggest record companies in the U.S. Weird isn't it?

Deep down I guess I can understand why so many people love this show. It does have the ingredients to a good show.

This show use to be an okay show but that is not the case now. It has become another pointless show that is not worth anyone's time. So please I beg of you, don't watch it! Thanks for listening, over and out.

Guys, gals, and ghouls roam MHS

By: Courtney Stanek
[Staff Writer]

Every year the results for most popular costume change dramatically. Only a few stay on the charts like the classics: vampire, witch, and movie/comedy characters.

One thing that never changes is the love of dressing up in costumes. There are many more choices now than there was five years ago. For example, there was never a Hannah Montana costume and The Jonas Brothers have never before been mimicked. There are more of a variety of costumes now and also more Halloween stores.

In October, Halloween stores and stores that have Halloween

stuff are everywhere. The two main Halloween stores are Halloween Express by the Collins Road Theatres and Halloween Boutique in Lindale Mall.

Most people want the best, most interesting Halloween costume. However, money can be an issue. Since some Halloween stores are very expensive, some people can't get the costume they truly want, but there are some ways to get your favorite Halloween costume cheap. You can use your own combination, find a friend's old costume, or create one yourself by using old clothes and craft supplies. Be creative.

Top Halloween Costumes

1. The opposite sex
2. Pirate
3. Bumble bee
4. Marilyn Monroe
5. Playboy bunny
6. Angel
7. Vampire
8. Witch
9. Comedy characters
10. Wizard of Oz



By: Samuel Kiburz
[Design Editor]



"It's a way to just kick back and have fun, maybe scare a few people doing it."
Kody Matthews, junior



"The costumes are festive and gives people a chance to be someone else for a day."
Mrs. Tursi



"I don't do Halloween; I think it's dumb."
Blayne Brice, freshman



"I think I look like him, so I'm going to dress like Michael Phelps."
Quinton Thatcher, junior



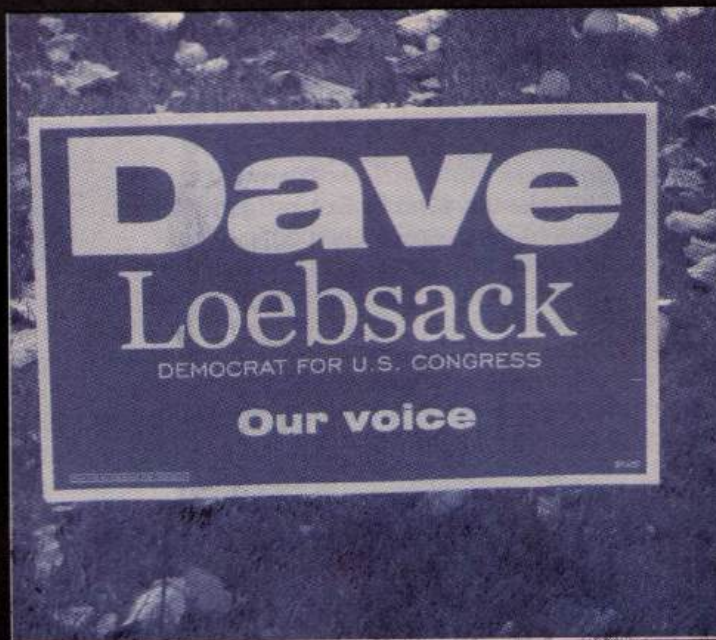
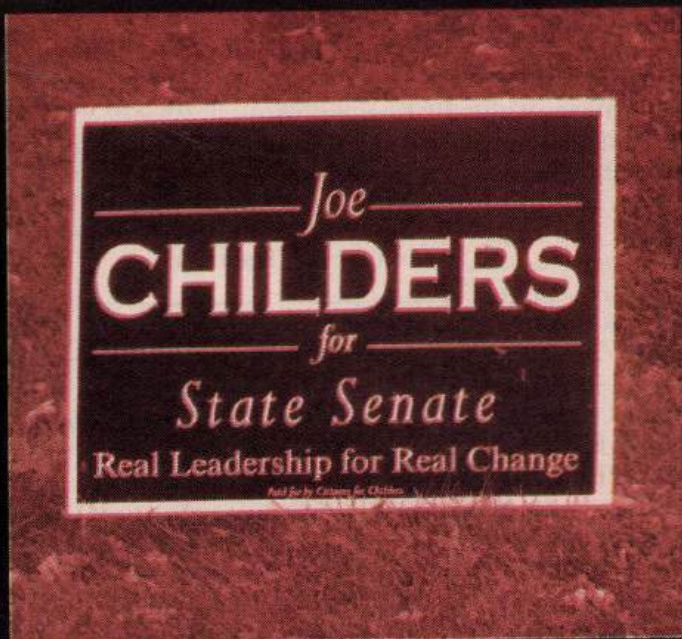
"For my costume I'm going to try and be Iron Man."
Justin Scott, senior



"Halloween is stupid, but the costumes are ridiculously fun!"
Haley Berry, sophomore

What do you think about Halloween?

Choose or Lo



Swati values Dem. politics and family

By: Nicole Pratt [Advertising Editor]

Currently serving a third term as Iowa House Representative for district 36, Swati Dandekar is running this year for the position of Iowa State Senate to replace Mary Lundsby. She has been serving as an Iowa House Representative since 2002. Swati was the first Indian-American citizen to win a state legislature seat in the United States, and previously spent six years on the Linn-Mar School Board. Recently, she announced her candidacy for the Iowa State Senate from Senate District 18 which includes Iowa House Districts 35 and 36.

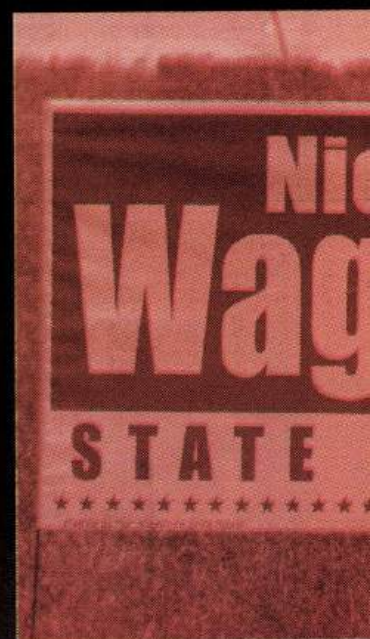
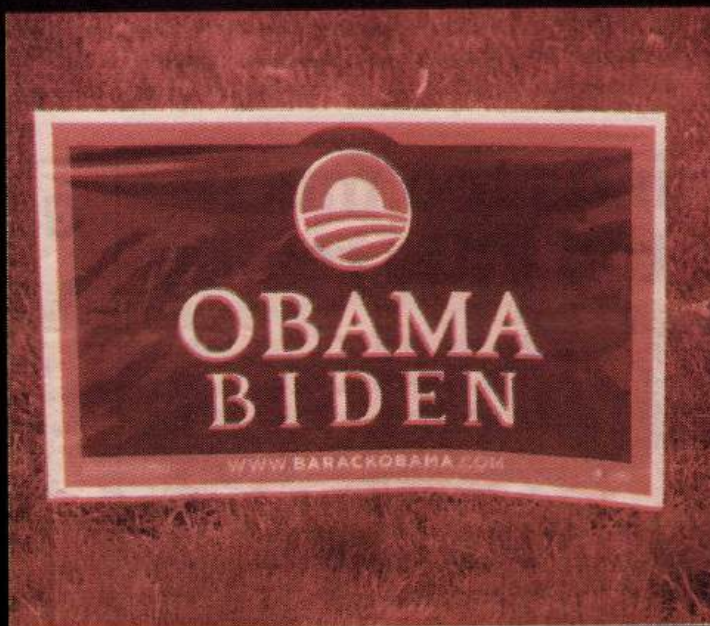
Swati Dandekar received her high school diploma from J.N. Tata Parsi School, Nagpur, and her bachelor science degree in Chemistry and Biology from Nagpur University, India. She also has a postgraduate diploma in Dietetics from Bombay University. Swati Dandekar and her husband, Arvind, migrated to the United States in 1973. Arvind Dandekar is the CEO/President of Fastek International, located in Hiawatha, Iowa. They have two sons, Ajai, '93 Linn-Mar graduate and '97 Stanford University graduate MD/PhD, and younger son Govind, '96 Linn Mar graduate and '00 Stanford University graduate.



Swati Dandekar

"I believe that we need a fiscally responsible government that not only consistently meets its obligations for public safety, children, seniors, the environment, and health care, but also invest wisely in education and growing the economy for Iowa's future," said Swati.

Swati is also a strong advocate of improving educational opportunities in Iowa and believes that public education spending is an essential investment in the state's future. She believes the state should take an active role in stimulating the local economy and creating quality jobs. She also believes in providing property tax relief in order to encourage new businesses to the local area. Swati is on the Democratic ticket, but she works for our entire district and does not divide democrat issues from republican issues. She has said that she represents all the people of her district and if a bill arises from either party that is good for her district that is the way she will vote. She truly cares about what happens and follows through on all she says she is going to do.



It's your future...take

First time voters get involved

By: Matt Barnd [Photo Editor]

As everyone knows, the upcoming presidential election in November carries with it an enormous amount of significance and impact on the daily lives of everyone. The weight of choosing our next president is dispersed throughout each citizen of this country, through voting, many of which will be doing so for the first time. One of these rookie voters is senior Isaac Glidewell.

"Yes I plan on voting in the upcoming election," Isaac confirmed.



Isaac Glidewell, senior

In an election that is shaping up to be as close with this one, the importance of the vote of the youngest demographic is greatly magnified.

"Voting is important because by voting you can

make an impact on America's future," Isaac commented. "It also gives people the chance to put someone in office that represents your views."

With this responsibility, an important factor that can influence young voters' decisions are the means in which they obtain their political information. All too often, they base their views off of biased sources and may not see the whole picture. Isaac tries to use multiple sources. "I listen to the Glenn Beck radio show on 1540 AM as often as I can. I also talk with my dad about politics," Glidewell said. He also uses one of the most popular means, which can be found in almost every American home. "And, of course, TV."

Isaac hasn't always been interested in politics however. "I started taking an interest in politics a couple of years ago," he said. People's reasons for becoming informed are as different as the views that they hold. For Isaac, it was wanting to participate and know what was going on in political conversations.

"I would hear people talk about politics but had nothing to add when they would ask me my opinion, so I decided to get informed."

As for Isaac's candidate: John McCain. "I am supporting John McCain because I believe that he is the more qualified and experienced candidate to lead our country," Isaac explained. One of the most recent polls shows almost a dead heat between the two. The first time vote appears to be slanted slightly toward Obama, however. "I also believe that he has a better plan for the energy crisis than the other candidate." The two have had several debates, and the controversy between which candidate is the best rages on.

As November 3rd edges closer and closer, this topic will continue to heat up. Whatever the political opinion voters hold, the importance of being involved and informed is beyond measure. Not only will it impact the immediate future of our country, but quite possibly many years down the road.

Off to Des Moines

By: Courtney Stanek
[Staff Writer]

There are many students at Marion High School, but none of them are quite like this 17-year-old, athletic brunette. This girl has a quality that one wouldn't really expect her to have. She is very interested in politics.

Nicole Pratt, senior, is very intrigued in politics. Nicole hopes to attend a four-year university next fall. Her major will possibly be in political science, pharmacy, or nursing. Nicole likes to be involved and aware of what's going on with our country.

"I have always been really interested in the general government system and in politics," she said.

Nicole's family is also very interested in politics. Nicole and her grandmother are both on Swati Dandekar's campaign committee for her senate campaign.

"My family has always

really encouraged me to be self-aware about Iowa legislature and what's going on in our country and other countries and also to make my own opinions on politics, not just to follow theirs," she stated proudly.

Nicole is graduating 3rd term this school year. On January 15th she is leaving to go to Des Moines, Iowa. There she will be a Senate Page. The duties include: responding to requests from Senators and staff, assist Senators and staff in Committee meetings, and sometimes assist with the handling of Senate materials and supplies.

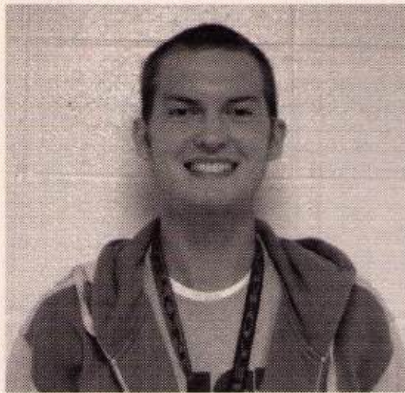
"I don't know for sure what my career is going to be, but the Senate page should help me decide," commented Nicole.

If she doesn't know what she wants to do by then she'll know by the time she goes to college. Nicole is very excited to start on her new future.



Nicole Pratt, senior, takes a picture with State Senate candidate, Swati Dandekar. Nicole has been helping Swati campaign for her election since this summer.

responsibility



Name: Samuel Kiburz
Main Activity: Cross Country, Football Games
Other Activities: NHS, SODA, FCA, Track, FBLA, Champs, Quill/Vox, Front row student section.
Season Highlights: JV All-Star all four years.
Best High School Memory: Everyday in journalism. Lauren Jilek coming to Marion... Cat baseball. When Kayla McGrew fell everyday at school freshman year. Admiring Nicole Pratt.
Favorite Quote or Advice to Leave: "Do what's right for you, not what's right for others."

Future Plans/Goal: College and major in graphic design, or marketing.



Name: Alex Dean
Main Activity: Football
Other Activities: Wrestling, Track
Season Highlights: Coming back from behind and beating Oelwein.
Best High School Memory: All the fun I've had with friends, winning season in sports, and all the people.
Favorite Quote or Advice to Leave: You've got to hate to lose more than you love to win.
Future Plans/Goal: Go to Iowa State to become an electrical engineer and get rich!!



Name: Casey Cram
Main Activity: Volleyball
Other Activities: SODA, FCA, Champs
Season Highlights: JV winning our first tournament at Jefferson. Going to Drake to watch Angela Bys.
Best High School Memory: Having my brother Jake in my class when I was a freshman. Also winning the cookie dough fundraising challenge.
Favorite Quote or Advice to Leave: Be true to yourself and don't let anyone change the way you are.
Future Plans/Goal: Attend Mt. Mercy College for Secondary Education. Become a high school history teacher and volleyball coach.



Name: Jacob Wendling
Main Activity: Football
Other Activities: Wrestling
Season Highlights: Playing on varsity, going to the playoffs, and beating Waukon 30-0
Best High School Memory: Meeting my girlfriend, Morgan Jordan.
Favorite Quote or Advice to Leave: It goes too fast to waste, so work hard all the time. If you want to succeed you need an education.
Future Plans/Goal: Four-year college and becoming a cop.



Name: Erin Harrity
Main Activity: Football Cheerleading
Other Activities: Basketball and Competition Cheerleading, Tennis, Band, NHS, FCA.
Season Highlights: All the fun cheers we make up and being with all the girls. We have such a good time and laugh constantly
Best High School Memory: Finding Nemo, Marching Band parties, calculus with Megan, cheerleading and coffee with Carissa, hamburger-cakeing Aaron Taylor Robinson running down the street.
Favorite Quote or Advice to Leave: Never let anyone else's concept of who you should be and what you should do affect

who you are and how you act. Don't be afraid to break stereotypes and be your own person. Always listen to your mother when she tells you to wear socks!!

Future Plans/Goal: Attend UNI and major in Middle/Secondary Education and become a middle school English teacher.



Name: Lindsey Ludwig
Main Activity: Band
Other Activities: Choir, Vocal Varietas, NHS, Tennis, Winterguard
Season Highlights: Getting a Division I at State for Marching and Concert Band for the past three years.
Best High School Memory: Going to Washington D.C. for band and choir and having our bus break down at three in the morning; going to Kansas with Vocal Varietas and playing with the robotic panda!
Favorite Quote or Advice to Leave: Always be yourself because those that matter don't mind and those that mind don't matter.

Future Plans/Goal: Attend UNI to major in biochemistry.



Name: Sarah Gard
Main Activity: Soccer
Other Activities: Band, Choir, Vocal Varietas, Drumline, Speech, NHS, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Creative Ink, Winterguard.
Season Highlights: Not getting ten-pointed by Xavier in third round, all the Marching Band performances and competitions, Division I's at State.
Best High School Memory: "Lindsey... your posture is disgustingly good!"; prom with Laura, Lindsey, Brooke, Katie, Sarah, Ian, and Jen; the music trip to D.C. when our bus broke down about every five minutes;

shiny colorguard flags!; pool parties after band camp; "Ladies, get physical with your poles!" (-colorguard clinician); winning in double OT/ double shoot-out against Anamosa; Alex's French songs; random Google pics with Lindsey and Erin.

Favorite Quote or Advice to Leave: "I can do all things through Him who gives me strength," Philippians 4:13. "The people who are the hardest to love are the ones who need it the most."

Future Plans/Goal: Four-year private college for English, international business, or social work, and travel to Europe, Asia, and South America.



Name: Nicole Pratt
Main Activity: Cross Country & winning Daily Duels with Matt Barnd
Other Activities: Varsity Basketball Cheerleading, campaigning for Swati Dandekar, SODA, FBLA, Quill/Vox, Volunteering, NHS, Win With Wellness, ATOMS, & dominating the Front Row of the Student Section.
Season Highlights: Rambo Runs, Coach Logan threatening me to have Mr. Thornton sit next to me and "toot," spending every bus ride with Boots, Chef Monique, Klabz, Sammy Boy, & Dan Van Gorp, almost dying at the Cascade meet, being serenaded by Leah, Kels, & Burhite, watching Sam hang upside down, watching Monica own girls

every meet, seeing woodland creatures on the trail, photoshoots with Sammy K.

Best High School Memories: Playing cat baseball in Jouno, The Wig Man, The Corner, Mr. Bates, Booting the Jun, making homemade paste on Austin Hanna's car, having the most weirdest, yet most amazing friends anyone could ask for.

Favorite Quote or Advice to Leave: "Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind." - Dr. Seuss

Future Plans/Goal: Go to Des Moines third & fourth term this year to work in The Iowa House of Legislature as a Senate Page & Go to a four-year university & hopefully not become a failure at life.

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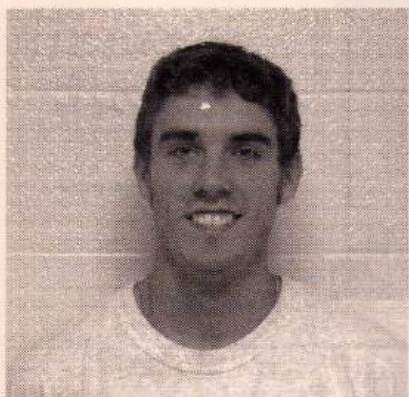
Name: Brittney Thomas
Main Activity: Volleyball
Other Activities: Track, Student Senate, NCYL, NHS
Season Highlights: Winning the Linn-Mar tournament last year, getting first team all state for volleyball.
Best High School Memory: State freshmen and sophomore year, every volleyball tournament. Friday night football games. Building Homecoming float every year.
Favorite Quote or Advice to Leave: Fate is given to you, however, you create your own destiny.

Future Plans/Goal: Study business and

finance and play volleyball, college undecided (be friends with Jenna Koppedryer for life).



Name: Matt Hoy
Main Activity: Football
Other Activities: Call of Duty 4, XBOX LIVE
Season Highlights: The comeback victory over Oelwein 36 to 35 in overtime.
Best High School Memory: When I could carry around my back pack at school.
Favorite Quote or Advice to Leave: Always bring your lunch card on Wednesday.
Future Plans/Goal: To become a software engineer



Name: Matthew Barnd
Main Activity: Football
Other Activities: Baseball, Basketball, Track, NHS, NCYL, Journalism, Student Senate Proxy, Science Club (kinda), Thursday night volleyball, float construction crew.
Season Highlights: Coming back from 21 down two different times to beat Oelwein, team dinners
Best High School Memory: Playing a close game with the eventual state champs, Keokuk, last year, Journalism pranks, Coach Sloan's stories
Favorite Quote or Advice to Leave: Help other people whenever you have the chance;

you never know the impact it could have

Future Plans/Goal: Attend a four year college, major in something.



Name: Shelbi Hudgins
Main Activity: Football Cheerleading
Other Activities: Basketball Cheer, Competition Cheer, track, SODA, gymnastics
Season Highlights: Making all-stars, and doing a full down at a game.
Best High School Memory: Watching Erin Harrity trip over the side of the track high school year.
Favorite Quote or Advice to Leave: Be your own person, don't let others tell you how to be.
Future Plans/Goal: To go to Coe College and major in biology.



Name: Jason Scott
Main Activity: Band/Choir
Other Activities: Bowling, Fall Musical, youth group, Vocal Varieties
Season Highlights: Going to state for bowling and getting a division I for marching band for every year.
Best High School Memory: Bus rides to and from bowling competitions. Washington D.C. trip my sophomore year. Band bus ride to Waukee. Kansas City trip with Vocal Varieties. Indoor Marching Band Classic.
Favorite Quote or Advice to Leave: Don't waste your high school career by just sitting around and doing nothing. Find out what your

interested in and take advantage of it.

Future Plans/Goal: I plan on going to Kirkwood for General Education and Social Work and continuing to a four year college later to finish my major in Social Work.



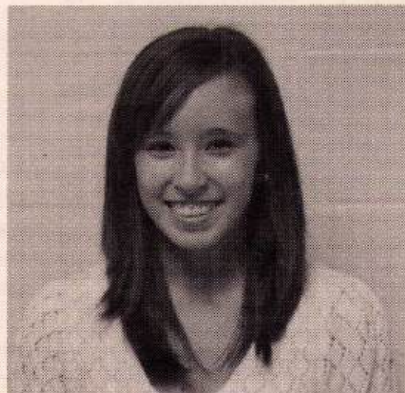
Name: Michael Buh
Main Activity: Quidditch
Other Activities: Wizard Chess, and spell practice. I like to take joy rides on my Nimbus3000.
Season Highlights: Catching the golden snitch.
Best High School Memory: Beating Malfoy in a magic duel.
Favorite Quote or Advice to Leave: Never lose your dinosaur.
Future Plans/Goal: To be an eyelash model/Minister of Magic



Name: Jenna D'hooge
Main Activity: Cheerleading for football, basketball, and competition.
Other Activities: SODA treasurer, volunteering.
Season Highlights: Making All-Star and All-State Cheer. Being asked to join UCA staff as an instructor for cheer camps.
Best High School Memory: Tropical Smoothie runs before football games. Doing everyone's hair. Cheer camps. Performing for state basketball for All-State.
Favorite Quote or Advice to Leave: Never give up on your dreams or goals in life no matter what they are and no matter who tells

you that you can't accomplish them, because it's your life and you can do anything you set your mind to do.

Future Plans/Goal: Going to Arizona State University to cheer and major in photography.

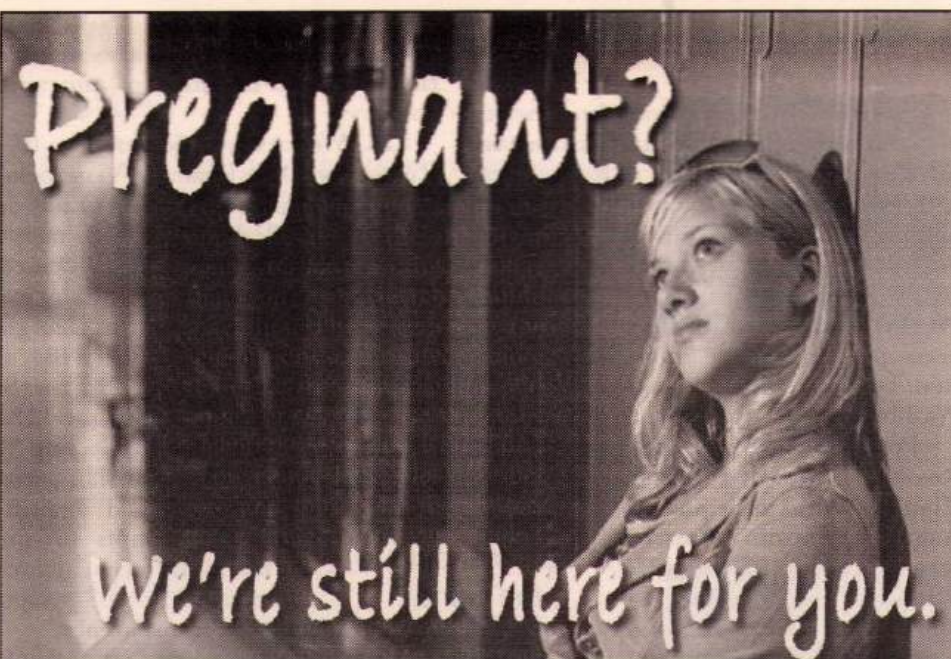


Name: Jenna Koppedryer
Main Activity: Volleyball
Other Activities: Golf, NHS, NCYL, Newspaper staff, Yearbook Editor, SODA, Loving Life :)
Season Highlights: Winning Linn-Mar tournament last year, taking pics of Waterloo East players, eating four ice cream bars at Mid-Prairie, reading minds with Chelby every day, singing "Back at One" with Blit after every away volleyball game, doing the hip-rock everyday at practice, making volleyball trends (aka black stud socks baby!).
Best High School Memory: Everyday of journalism, especially singing obnoxiously

with Sam Rinehart and yelling at Barnd to actually do work or leave the kitten alone, playing get the ginge, riding with Chelb and Blit to football games, every Marion High School football game ever, rushing the field, actually having a student section for volleyball games, Foods class with Alex Dean and Betsy Ryan freshmen year, prom with Alex Conway, playing volleyball at Alex's house, all three years of dating Alex, making Homecoming Court.

Favorite Quote or Advice to Leave: "Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind," "Today you are You, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is Youer than You." -All Dr. Seuss. "I remember two things: one, that I am a great sinner, and two, that Christ is a great savior." -John Newton. Advice: stop worrying, Jesus has your back.

Future Plans/Goal: Attend Mount Mercy and major in Elementary Education.



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Hard times caused by natural disasters

The increase in natural disasters and global warming in the world the two seem to be directly correlated.

By: Patrick Tiernan
[Editor-In-Chief]

Not to be a Debby Downer, but doesn't it seem like there are a lot of natural disasters these days? Of course most recently the historic floods of 08 greatly affected the Marion area but even further than that it seems the world as a whole is facing some difficult times. Not too long ago in 2004 there was one of the most deadly recorded disasters with the tsunami in the Indian Ocean. In 2005 Hurricane Katrina, one of the five worst hurricanes ever to hit the United States, ravished New Orleans. Then in 2007 there were the wildfires in California that burned 500,000 acres of land and left 1500 people homeless.

There's no getting around the facts more disasters are occurring nowadays than ever before. According to the web site theaustralian.news.com as of 2007 the amount of natural disasters in the world had risen 20 per cent from the previous year. That isn't just a spike in 07 either; the same site reported that in 2006 there were a recorded 427 natural disaster which made for a 70 percent increased since the year 2004. A startling fact from the same site is that the number of deaths

from natural disasters since 1996 has actually doubled from 600,000 people to 1.2 million. Some can make the point that an increase in the coverage and reporting of disasters is the cause of the records being set but there's no way to describe 600,000 more deaths being reported besides the fact that the weather on the planet is getting more violent and unpredictable.

To what has caused this increase in weather is debatable but if one thinks about our planet and what major changes have occurred on it to create this change in weather a subject of heated discussion probably comes to mind, global warming. Many dispute the effect of global warming on the planet but the facts are there. Pollution of the air is increasing and in return the amount of carbon dioxide and other green house gasses trapped in our atmosphere is too. The amount of trapped carbon dioxide and other green house gases directly affects the temperature of our planet which is currently increasing at a steady rate and will continue to do so unless certain things are stopped.

According to nationalgeographic.com eleven of the last twelve years have been the hottest on our planet since 1850. The last two decades have proven to be the hottest in the last

four hundred years and possibly several millennia. The increase in temperature is melting more and more of the arctic ice caps and according to the same site will possibly have its first ice free summer by 2040. How all this relates to the weather is complicated and debated but boils down to the temperature of the water and land of the earth getting warmer causing better circumstances for extreme weather to take place. According to edf.org global warming is and will continue to cause fiercer hurricanes, more wildfires and heat waves, increase in droughts, and a higher risk of downpours and floods. As the site puts it "While we can't attribute a particular heat wave or hurricane to global warming, the trends are clear: Global warming loads the atmospheric dice to roll "heat wave" or "intense storm" more often."

Global warming and in turn the increase in natural disasters can be slowed with the cooperation of major companies and the amount of pollutants they put into the atmosphere and individually with the burning of fossil fuels in everyday activities like heating and cooling the house and driving excessively. Though people aren't completely to blame for the increase in natural disasters we certainly play a part.



"Global Warming is sad, because it is hard to see everyone going through so much turmoil."
- Alexis Timp, freshman



"Natural disasters are something that we can't do anything about until they're here."
- Brandina Klein, sophomore



"Global warming is really bad! I do what I can by recycling everything that I can."
- Jordan Rammelsburg, junior



"I saw a polar bear on T.V. that pulled a killer whale out of the water with its claws. It was insane. Save the polar bears!"
- Ben Gustas, senior

Russian, U.S. tensions rise

By: Matt Barnd [Photo Editor]

Over the last several months, tensions between the United States and Russia have increased steadily. In light of Russia's war with Georgia, the landing of two Russian bombers in Venezuela to carry out training exercises, and more recently Russian criticisms of Western views, strain has been put on the relationship between Moscow and Washington.

President Bush met with Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin in Beijing on August 8 regarding Russia's recent invasion of Georgia, a stout U.S. ally seeking to join NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization). President Bush said soon after that the attacks on the former Soviet Union republic "Substantially damaged Russia's standing in the world."

Putin has obstinately defended their military activity in Georgia, saying that it was a necessary course of action after Georgia attacked the Russian province of

South Ossetia. He has also denied that they had any intention of annexing the country.

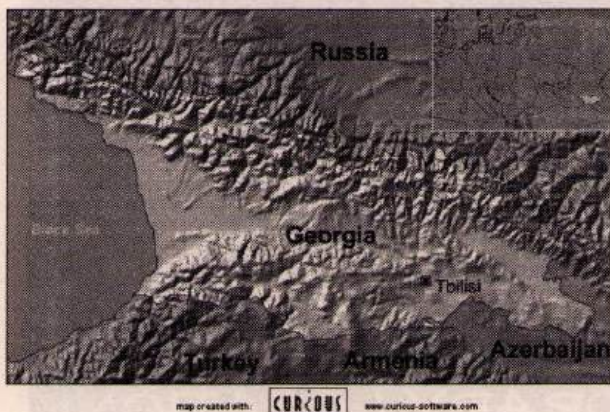
On Wednesday, September 10, two Russian bombers landed in Venezuela after being accompanied by NATO jets on the transatlantic flight. The U.S. monitored the activity. Russia denied that the activity was in any way related to the war in Georgia.

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On September 18, a top Russian diplomat, Sergei Lavrov criticized the U.S. and its allies for supporting "those who killed Russian citizens." He also warned against any Western attempts to 'punish' Russia for its recent actions and alluded to the U.S.'s supposed "lack of transparency."

According to the Wall Street Journal, earlier this month, United States Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice made a visit to Kazakstahn, a central Asian country, to speak with its president. It was suggested from media outlets and other places that this visit was intended to build U.S. relations with Kazakstahn in order to lessen Russian influence in the former Soviet republic. Rice vehemently denied these claims stating, "This is not a zero sum game. U.S. gains do not mean Russian losses. This is not some kind of contest for the affection of Kazakstahn."

There seems to be a common thread with all these occurrences: sources making claims that actions by each respective country were intended to undermine the other are immediately and emphatically denied. Whether or not all of the suggestions are true, it is very clear that tensions between the two powers have been steadily rising throughout the last several months.



The map above of Russia shows where the Country Georgia is located compared to Russia. Georgia, a former Soviet Republic, is located on the western side of Russia.

Violent crime increase

By: Courtney Stanek
[Staff Writer]

You would think that since it is a smaller state and not over populated, that crime would be going down, right? Wrong. In a more populated and bigger state, California, violent crimes have gone down 5,134 cases, and property crimes have gone down 28,567 cases.

Contrary to what a lot of people believe, the Iowa crime rate has been increasing over the past three years. According to the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting center Program (UCR), Cedar Rapids, Iowa violent crimes have gone up 27%.

Violent crimes include: murder and non-negligent manslaughter, rape, robbery, and assault. Rape and assault has almost doubled since 1980. Robbery has gone up by seven cases.

Lucky not all types of crimes have increased. Property crimes have gone down 5% since 2005. Property crimes include: burglaries, theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. Burglary has doubled, and

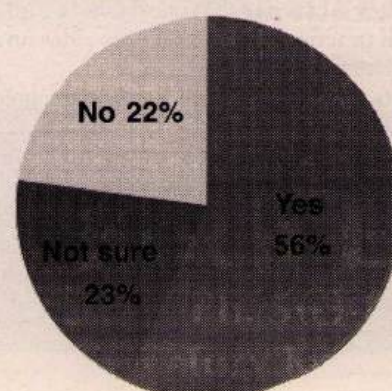
Larceny theft has gone up about 1,000 cases. Vehicle theft has gone down about 160 cases.

All towns have crime. Even the peaceful town of Marion isn't that peaceful. For an example during the summer, a 58-year-old man, Gale Ferroggiaro, was found half naked dead behind Marion Highschool. The case was named a homicide case. This proves that crime can happen right in your backyard.

Help prevent Iowa crime. There are many things you can do like get an alarm system and start a neighborhood watch. You can also ask your local police department to host a community crime prevention event. Another way to prevent certain crimes is make sure your streets and homes are well lighted.

There are many things you can do to help prevent crimes against yourself. You shouldn't go walking or jogging early in the morning or late at night on deserted streets by yourself. You should always lock your car and house doors. Use the ATM during the day so you don't get mugged, and never write down your pin number. When you are at a party or a get together, don't leave your drink unattended to prevent someone slipping a drug into your drink. These are just a couple of tips. There are many more that can help you. Always be aware of your surroundings.

Do you think that the Iowa crime rate has gone up?



The chart on the left shows the results of a survey of Marion High School Students on the status of the crime rate currently in the state of Iowa.

Due to a slander and libel issue,
pages thirteen and fourteen will
appear in the next issue of *The Vox*.

Our sincere apologies,
The Vox Staff

Bates begins new life

Recently retired English teacher finds himself with more free time.

By: Nicole Pratt [Advertising Editor]

After high school you always look back to the many long days spent inside the classrooms and their always seems to be one teacher in

specific that always sticks out in mind, one teacher who seemed to impact you the most in those short four years spent there. For a lot of people that person was their English teacher, Mr. Jim Bates. Bates was one of those teachers who cared about each and every individual he taught here at Marion and was just one of those genuinely caring and friendly people. You would always see him in the hallway with a smiling face that could brighten up your day with one look. Mr. Bates retired last school year, after teaching for 37 years, all of those spent at Marion High School. "The

thing I will miss the most about Marion is the daily contact with all the friendly students and teachers" as Bates recalls. Mr. Bates not only taught for 37 years at Marion, but spent 25 of them coaching football and wrestling.

Since his retirement, Mr. Bates enjoys a variety of activities including; golfing, fishing, reading, meeting for coffee and visiting family. He enjoys a friendly game of golf with Mr. Bailey (who is also retired from Marion)

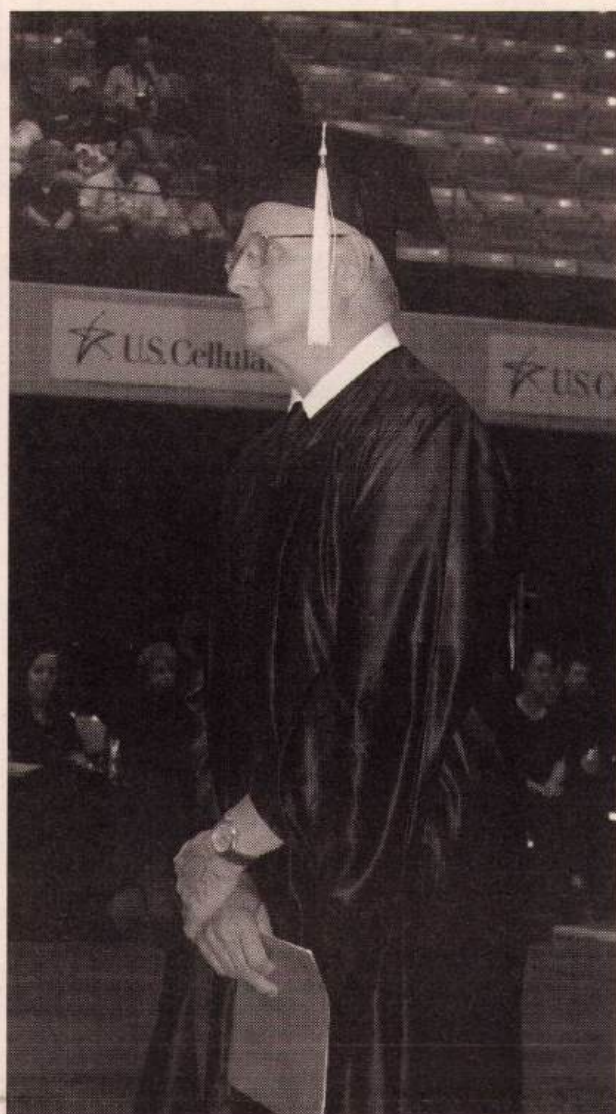
many times a week. The two retirees take the occasionally fishing trip together and meet for coffee with Mr. Sloan many mornings as well. To many the days of retirement may seem easy and luxurious, but not for Bates.

He stays active each and everyday, never a moment wasted. Since his withdrawal from his teaching career, he also has much more time to spend with wife, Sue, and grandchildren, Taylor and Braden. Bates has recently taken many trips to Minneapolis Minnesota to visit his son and grandchildren. "My family is very important to me," says Mr. Bates. He enjoys being able to frequently travel to Minnesota now that he is retired.

Some may think that since retiring Mr. Bates is kicking back and relaxing, but obviously this isn't the case with Mr. Bates, who stays very busy with his newfound free time. After teaching for 37 years, he says it's hard to get back into a normal routine. "I do many things to stay busy during the day, especially reading. I've always loved to read."

Currently, Mr. Bates is reading three books, while juggling all of his daily activities.

Mr. Bates is doing extremely well and is very happy with his new retired life. Mr. Bates will always be remembered here at Marion for his active participation in organizations and athletics. But perhaps even more for his always caring and kind personality toward everyone. longtime teacher, friend and mentor, Mr. Bates will be someone Marion High School will not soon forget.



Mr. Bates listens to one of the speakers at the 2008 commencement ceremony. Bates, after retiring following last school year, is enjoying his free-time

Gaining life experience

By: Patrick Tiernan
(Editor-in-Chief)

It's not often a student in high school knows exactly what they want to do in life. Most have general ideas but very few have their life planned out as specific as senior, Danielle Mikkola. Danielle wants to go into animal care when she gets older and has some big plans. Danielle wants to own her own animal hospital on the Wisconsin-Iowa border and eventually build an animal shelter. Danielle elaborated on the why animal care is important to her, "There are a lot of animals out there in need and it's something I just can't ignore."

Danielle is currently taking steps to make that goal a reality by working at the Linn Animal Hospital for the last year and a half. Danielle has always been interested in animal care and explained, "I've always had a passion for animals and I started working there and it's grown." Danielle started as a kennel cleaner at the hospital and has worked her way up to receptionist/ vet assistant. Things that Danielle does at the hospital include answering phones, holding animals while blood is taken or nails trimmed, running general health profiles of animals, and spinning blood of animals and then sending it out to be diagnosed. Danielle commented on her rise in responsibility, "I think it's cool because when I started I was just a kennel person but it's nice to know I've been able to work my way up."

Danielle worked full time this summer at the hospital and is taking advantage of the training for her future career, "I like working at the hospital because it is a good experience. I'm learning a lot that's going to help with my future, and I love dealing with animals." Danielle is constantly put to the test at work having to deal with different animals but she always up to the challenge, "I enjoy dealing with the more challenging animals because it prepares me for the kind of animals I might have to deal with."

After high school Danielle

plans on attending Iowa State University and getting into the pre vet program. This process would take Danielle a total of eight years and include internships during the second four years of school. After that Danielle explains, "I want to specialize in small animal practice but also have a good knowledge of equine practicing." For those who don't know equine practicing is dealing with horses, an activity that Danielle is accustomed to. A few times every week Danielle takes part in the hobby of horse riding which intertwines both her future and current job. Whenever Danielle

feels like it she makes a short drive out to a fellow Linn Animal Hospital co-workers farm and enjoys riding the co-workers six horses.



Danielle Mikkola, senior

Another animal related activity Danielle participates in is working with animal rescue and support. Danielle has assisted with the Lost Help Animal Rescue organization which is a chain of foster homes for animals and now that she's eighteen she plans on working with animal control. Danielle comments on the why she helping animals is so important to her, "I help because when I look into an animal's eyes and see pain I can't help but feel that."

Whether it's taking care of animals at her job and gaining experience for the future, volunteering to assist helpless animals in need, or enjoying the fun animals can offer through horse riding, Danielle is surrounded by animals in her life and if things go as planned will be when she gets older. From an interest interlocked with a simple high school job to a desire for a lifetime in animal care, senior Danielle Mikkola is one student who knows what she wants to do with her life.

Clark Commits To Iowa

By: Courtney Stanek
(Staff Writer)

Here at Marion High School, students tend to blend in. One student who definitely does not is senior, Drew Clark. A lot of people can't help noticing his 6'4, 280 pound, muscular body and his aggressive look.

Drew Clark, senior lineman for the Marion football team, is a hard worker, has perfect grades, and now, University of Iowa has offered him a football scholarship. Clark has been in football since he was in junior high and has had a growing passion for it ever since.

Clark has always wanted to go to Iowa but didn't get real serious about it until about two years ago, when he started playing varsity.

"I grew up a fan and I have had a good relationship with the coaches there. My uncle also played football for University of Iowa in the '80s," Clark said.

Clark's dad sent out his highlight tape to colleges, which were looking for a lineman, that can move well,

plays hard, and works to get better. Clark fulfilled all of the qualities. There was also an offer by Iowa State, and he was shown interest by Kansas. Clark and his dad looked into all the opportunities, but in the end there was only one choice for Clark and that was University of Iowa.

When Clark sets goals, he works hard to accomplish them.

"Now that I got a scholarship to UI, I want to get a degree in engineering and be the best I can be in football," Clark said, hopeful.

He doesn't spend his weekends like most people. On Saturdays he goes to the Iowa games and reaps the benefits of being a recruit.

"I get recruiting tickets to the Iowa home games," explained Clark.

Sundays Clark watches football game films, preparing for the next Friday night's game. During the next weekdays, he goes to football practice after school and later lifts weights.

"Work hard everyday, and don't take breaks," is Clark's philosophy on life and he certainly lives by that everyday.

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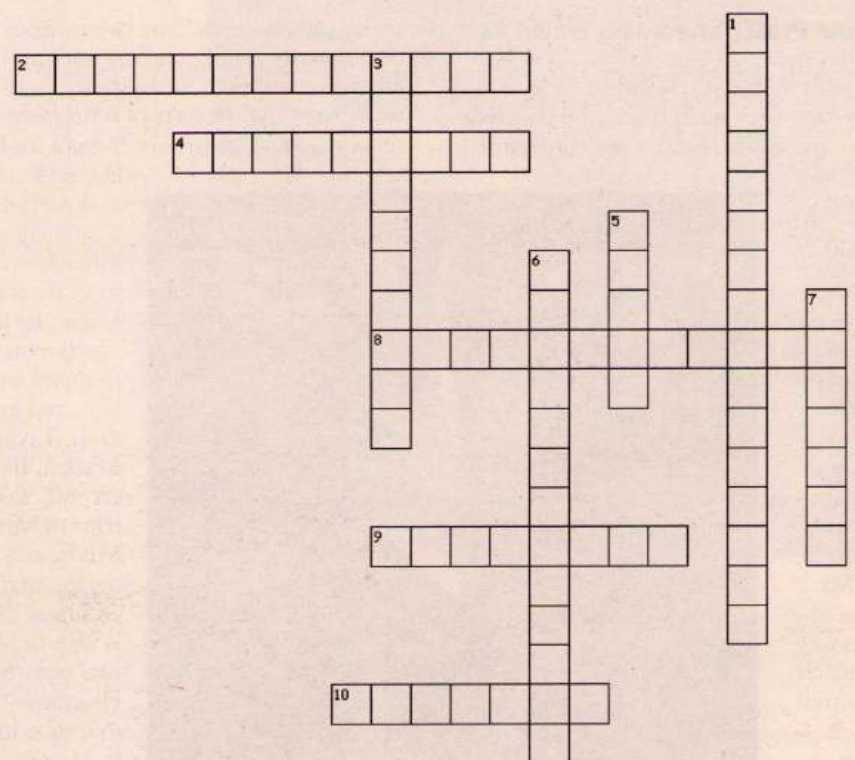
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MHS Crossword



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- Person the city and high school are named After
- Student Senate Advisor
- Marion Fight Song
- High School Principal
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