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“I Can’t Take It  
Any More”

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## From the Editor's Corner:

Susan Bennett

At the time this editorial was written, the controversy was not solved. By the time it was, the paper had gone to press, and it couldn't be stopped.

It isn't usual for me to do this - write a column, in other words - but there's a problem in the school that I think I ought to comment on. And, may I add, for the record, that these comments are simply my own interpretation of a problem, and are MY personal beliefs. Most of you have probably already guessed what I'm going to say. Yes, you're right, I'm going to throw kerosene on the fire, and pitch in my own two cents worth on the Kelly Grishaber affair.

Wait! Before you do, say, or think another action, word, or thought, let me say this - no matter how I happen to personally feel about this, I'm not going to take sides in this argument. My own purpose for writing this is to inform, and to comment, on WHY what has happened has happened. (Think that last sentence over - it does make sense, it just takes one or two readings.)

First of all, for the benefit of those who don't know anyone in the senior class, or for any of those who have been lost in space for the last three weeks, I'll explain the entire situation - or, at least, what I understood has happened.

We might as well start at the begin-

ning, hadn't we? Last year, after Kelly Grishaber died of leukemia, a memorial fund was started in her name. And the fund amassed quite a bit of money - around 500 dollars, I believe; and the Student Senate contributed 200 dollars; then, an anonymous donor donated 150 dollars. For those of you not especial-

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ly proficient in math, that's \$850, all toward a memorial fund for Kelly. Then the question arose - "What are we going to do with the \$500 that the junior class has in the fund?" And the answer came - "We are going to start an award in Kelly's honor, and call it the Courageous Person Award. This idea was then put to a vote to the senior class. Here, my gentle reader, is where the confusion starts. As usual, the senior class, then the junior class, was in a permanent daze, and didn't really stop to think about what they were voting on. As a matter of fact, of the seniors I have talked to, most didn't even vote, and those that did, didn't know what they were voting for. Let us pause for a brief sermon - one which I preach at myself as well as at some of you. We have the

right to vote because it's what makes us a democracy - it's what sets us apart from Russia, people. Voting is a privilege that we don't deserve if we don't take advantage of it. And as I have said before, I aim this sermon at myself too, because, if the truth be known - I didn't vote last year either. This only goes to prove to us that what we vote on is important. And if you don't vote, then you don't really have much right to squabble about what the end result is, do you? And as for those of you who did vote - what in the heck were you doing voting on something you didn't have any idea of? If you had a question, go to the class officers, and ask them what was going on. There, sermon ended. But, as always, there is a different side to this issue, and one which deserves to be heard.

It was the function of last year's class officers to make sure that at least an effort was made to explain to the class what was being voted on. A senior class meeting probably should have been held, one which explained the situation to everyone, explained how much money we had, what our other options were, what the courageous person award was all about, what or who would determine a courageous person, who would pick this person, what the person would receive, and what guidelines would be set up for this award. It should have been explained that the money would stay in the junior class funds, and not travel with the senior class. Then the seniors should have been given several days to mull the suggestion

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over, rather than having one lunch cycle in which to eat, go to the bathroom, and decide what to do with \$500.

And now there are three factions vying for control - those that say the vote was fair, and that the courageous person award should stand, those that say the vote was unfair, because of reported cases of ballot stuffing, and that the money, the entire sum, should go to the leukemia center in Iowa City, and those that say the interest from the \$500 should go to the courageous person award, and that the other \$350 should go to the children's center at Iowa City to buy an exercise bicycle.

Like I said, my stand is unimportant. My question deals with a different aspect of this controversy - the why. Kelly was one person - yet everyone involved seems to see her in a different light. And everyone is equally sure that they are doing what Kelly would have wanted them to do. Who's right? Who's wrong? I guess it all depends on whom you talk to. The decision that will have to be made sooner or later isn't going to please anyone - not completely, anyway.



## Parking lot is home of junk



Ann and Brian pose with their respective "junk piles."

With another year upon us, our school parking lot is being filled with numerous "vehicles." This is what Junk Pile is all about. I'll be reviewing the cars, people and ANYTHING else out there.

At the beginning of the year, high school students were charged ten dollars for a parking sticker. We all wondered, why? We were given an answer, to pay Buck. Then we asked, Buck who? Buck Grange, our parking lot attendant. He's our friend. He'll keep an eye open to any mischief that goes on in our cars. He'll also give us tickets for speeding, for parking outside the lines, for parking in the teachers' or cooks' parking spaces or for parking without a sticker. But this is all for our own good. He keeps control and makes sure no one gets trapped in a parking space. You may get a ticket for something, but just talk it over with Buck and you will work it out.

In our parking lot we have a lot of interesting vehicles, like Ann VanNest's station wagon. It's a 1971 Mercury. Now get this, it has been totalled twice, but it is still running, or should I say rolling along. The driver's side door doesn't open but its window goes up and down. The shotgun door opens but its window has only one position, up. There is no front grill, the paint is fading, and the hood is bolted down. The car does have some good points, it has all four tires, a nice interior, and a rear view mirror. As far as the Marion scene goes, it's been there. This car proudly boasts both of the Marion High School parking stickers in its rear window. It won't be with us next year, but then are we sure it will be with us next week?

With this I shall end my remarks on what Marion High School students refer to as the parking lot, and on its piles of junk. Hopefully, with the help of Buck, our cars, bikes, mopeds, and other vehicles will last yet another year of the reign of Driver's Ed. flunkies, teenage maniacs, and of teachers upset with troublesome students.

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## Off to a big start...

## French club meets

by Roxi Port

The October organizational meeting of the French Club was held in room 52 at 7:00, in which fifty students attended. The purpose of this meeting was to elect the officers that would run the French Club for the remaining portion of the year. Chris Potter and Lisa Vigness emerged as the 81-82 officers.

Our two foreign exchange students, Ewa Lunden and Leena-Mari Viitaniemi, from Sweden and Finland, showed the members slides from their countries. They also showed the various currency used in their countries, post cards of various tourist attractions, and talked in general of their countries. They compared our school to theirs at home and commented that there is much

more freedom of courses here. After Ewa and Leena finished their presentations, everyone had a sample of French cooking in the form of crepes and creme puffs.

One activity in the future for the French Club is the annual French Club dinner, in which everyone prepares a dish. This will be held sometime in May. The other probable activity will be the Christmas caroling in French. This was done last year and was a big success.

The meeting broke up at 8:30. The next meeting will be towards the beginning of December.

## Out with the skeletons and in with the cornucopias

by Cheryl Port

Bang!!

The silent gun of time has been fired, signaling the beginning of the holiday season. Yes, indeed, it is that time of the year again.

It's time to take down skeletons, black cats, and witches and put up turkeys, pilgrims, and cornucopias. Thanksgiving - November 26th - is just around the corner and gaining fast.

When people think of Thanksgiving, they may envision eating turkey,

mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie. This may be true, but there's more to it than that. Thanksgiving is a time of family unity and, of course, thankfulness.

Thanksgiving vacation is also a great time to get away from home. Take a trip in the car before the big snows arrive. Take advantage of the time and have fun.

Thanksgiving is a kind of warning: "Prepare for Christmas; it's next in line."

## Briefs

Now that its time to pull out your winter coats and long underwear; basketball, gymnastics, and wrestling season is also sneaking out of the closet.

Along with them, the cheerleaders are starting their practices. This winter there will be only one squad of twelve cheerleaders for all of the winter sports. There are three smaller squads of four, the A, B, and C squads, in the winter sports squad. Every month these smaller squads will be switched around.

The A, B, and C squads will take turns cheering for girls' basketball, boys' basketball, and wrestling. These squads will work on a rotating basis.

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Another Halloween party? Well, maybe, but something tells me that this was not your average "run-of-the-mill" October 31st social gathering.

For the party you were to wear a costume. You could bring a guest but there was a catch - your guest had to be in uniform also.

It was an evening of fun and excitement for those who could attend.

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If you were intrigued by the enchanting performance put on by the cast of "A Midsummer Nights Dream", you



are probably interested in the upcoming speech events at MHS.

Speech is a great way to improve your acting and speaking skills. Large group speech comes up first. This includes the one act play, readers' theater, duet acting, duet mime, and solo mime. You tryout by reading parts of a play that Mrs. Boyer hands out. This is just to give her an idea of what category you might do best in.

After practicing for about two months, you go to district speech competition. The scores you can receive are a I, which means you are eligible to go on to state competition, a II, which means you did a very good job, a III, which means you need improvement, and a IV, which means you are disqualified.

Speech is a lot of fun, and it really helps you build confidence in yourself, especially in front of a group of people. The first competition is January 23. See you there!

## Five Seasons Concerts- "to be or not to be?"

By Bridget Shoemaker

"Here, at the Five Seasons Center, we are providing an evening of fun and entertainment for people of all ages," says Mike Gebauer, in reference to the concerts held there.

**"We built the Five Seasons Center for everybody. It's here for everyone's enjoyment but if the privilege is continuously abused it will result in the stopping of the concerts."**

The Five Seasons Center holds many concerts, different types for different people. Some people like country music, others like rock music, and although some organizations and parents condemn them, they sell beer.

When people argue this, they don't understand that every person is carded, no matter how old they look. Another point to be argued is the fact that if they stop the selling of beer, the kids that want to drink will bring it in anyway.

The Five Seasons Center has doubled their security, which began at the Blue Oyster Cult/Foghat concert. Mr. Gebauer made it quite clear that "doubling the security" did not mean bringing in more police reinforcement, but it was the plan to bring in more "T-shirt men." He explained to me that they have the "gray jackets", who take the tickets and make sure everything runs smoothly, the city police, who make the arrests, walk the corridors, and confiscate the beer from minors, and there are "the T-shirt Men" who act as volunteers and mainly stay on the floor, protecting the stage, and assisting in the confiscation of beer being drunk illegally.

Some people may think that doubling the security was unnecessary but Mr. Gebauer says, "We built the Five Seasons Center for everybody. It's here for everyone's enjoyment but if the privilege is continuously abused it will result in the stopping of concerts." He says that such action would be sad because everyone blends in with everyone else so well at these events. As Mr. Gebauer puts it, "It's like taking society and putting it in a building." Then what happens? You get a "melting pot" of different personalities and attitudes.

Most people go to concerts simply because it's the "in" thing to do. So, if the privilege of the concerts is abused, our new fad will soon be a part of the past.

## Two MHS girls try modeling career

by Becky Barth

Two MHS seniors have already started working on their careers. Cindy Henry and Carla Cook attended the Corrine Shover School of Professional Modeling Convention held in New York City.

The school lasted six weeks during the summer, two nights a week, four hours a night.

There they learned modeling techniques, make up ideas, proper etiquette, and a few finishing hints.

Cindy felt that everything she learned was worth it. If you are interested in modeling, they both would suggest this school.

Near the end of summer, the Corrine Shover School of Professional Modeling took a group of aspiring models to New York. Cindy and Carla were both in this group. They attended the International Talent and Modeling Convention. They stayed at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. While there they attended seminars and luncheons and were able to talk to many different agencies. This trip cost between one thousand to two thousand dollars.

Cindy and Carla share many of the same memories. They both enjoyed seeing the Statue of Liberty. Carla remembers Coney Island and the Atlantic Ocean. Cindy remembers having to find her way around in such large cities, New York at night and being around the famous designers.

No matter what, they enjoyed this experience.



Cindy in one of her modeling poses.



Carla poses for the picture.



Friends - or not ?

by Lori Brown

How do you know who to please - and when or where to please them? Do you find yourself drinking, smoking, taking drugs or having teen premarital sex in order to be "in" with the crowd. If you find yourself doing any or all of these things, you're a victim of peer pressure. What is peer pressure? It is the pressure placed upon you by your friends to do something you don't feel is right, but you go along with just to be accepted. Your reason is because "everyone else is doing it."

An example is, drinking a few beers at a party, you find yourself the center of attention, but for the wrong reason. You're a "little" intoxicated and you're making a fool out of yourself. Your friends (?) are laughing at you.

Or maybe you're walking down the hall after school and are approached by a couple of "cool" people you'd love to be associated with. A casual "hi" starts the conversation, but you soon are buying some speed. You don't really know what they are or what they do, but you'll try them to be included in the "cool" crowd.

Young people are also pressured into premarital sexual relations. It's not just girls pressured by guys, but guys are pressured by their girlfriends, or others expecting them to live up to an image. Whatever the reasons are, what happens when this results in a pregnancy? The couple has many alternatives, but how do they decide

on the right choice? They are emotionally stunned and need support from each other, friends and most of all, parents.

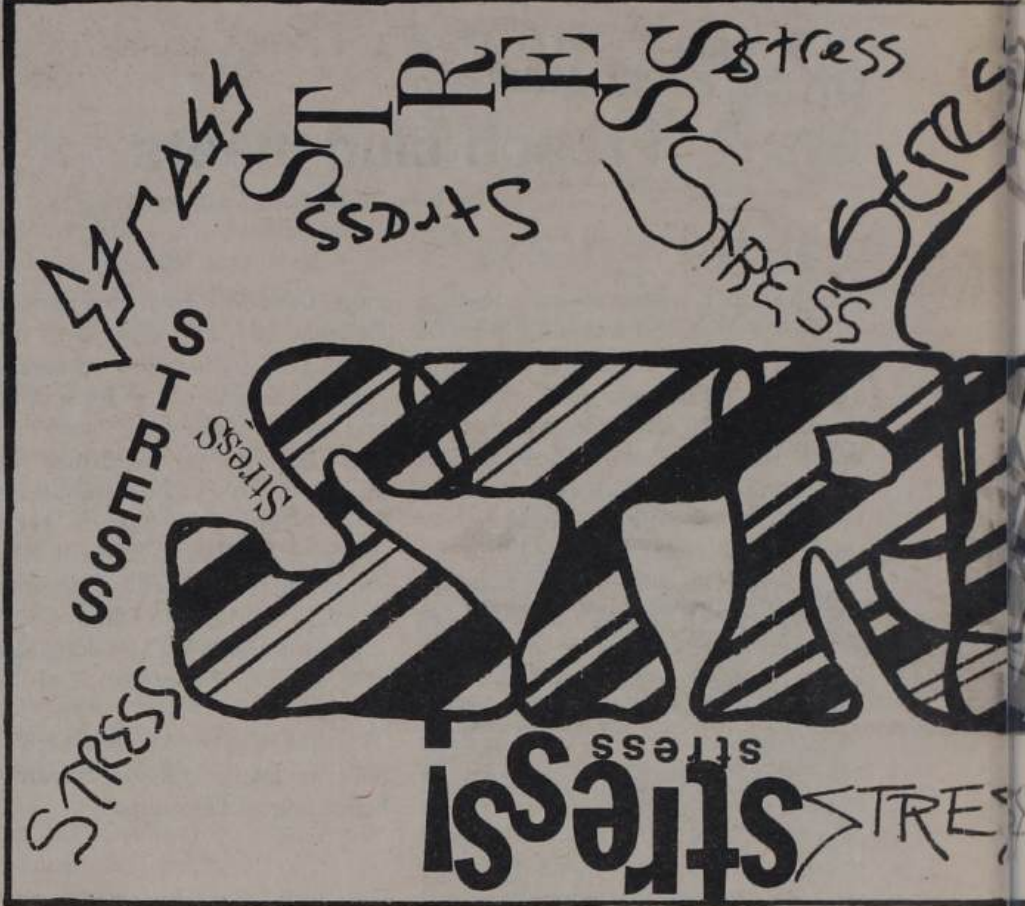
In a recent interview, I found that the majority of high school students at Marion felt that teens needed to step back and take another look at sex and realize its responsibilities. Most of the girls said they would raise the child alone if pre-marital sex resulted in an illegitimate pregnancy. The guys felt they had a right to help in making a decision if they were responsible for a pregnancy. The majority of people I talked to felt that the reason that teens are involved in sex is because they want to feel needed, loved, and want the intimacy of a sexual relationship.

Birth control plays a most important part in a sexual relationship. Everyone I interviewed felt that it was a responsibility that both partners should partake in.

Parents have many unanswered questions about their teenagers, but don't ask because they are afraid of the answers they'll receive.

The Marion High School pregnancy policy is that a student may attend classes as long as it does not affect the health of the mother.

Whether or not one of these examples applies to you, most everyone is affected by peer pressure at one time or another in their life. If people could just step back and look at themselves and their friends, maybe they'd realize that things aren't always as they seem and they'd choose their friends more carefully.



Money needed

by Rhonda Weber

Now that school has started most teenagers find themselves wrapped up with homework, housework, school activities, and being with friends. There seems to be no time for jobs. What motivates most teenagers when they reach sixteen is to get out into the working world, get a job, and earn their share?

Everyone needs money. The cost of clothing, groceries, insurance, gas, and also saving for college are the expensive costs. Then there are the less expensive costs like school activities, going out to eat, plus all of the other little things that seem to add up.

Jobs for teenagers are a need everywhere. Some teenagers would much rather get a job instead of doing nothing around at home after school. Besides, your parents get on your nerves about not having a job. Are you a high school student out on the job market? Where can you apply? There are many places you can go to. Fast food restaurants, such as Hardees, McDonald's, Wendy's, and pizza places. Clothing stores, grocery stores, and specialty shops. There're all willing to hire teenagers. If you'd like to apply for certain jobs with the city, might be Marion Parks Dept., and the police or fire station. Having a background in typing and other office work can certainly be helpful. Nursing homes and hospitals are ideal for those that enjoy helping others.

So many students have jobs. Almost everywhere you go you find young people hard at work. There are many good reasons for those sixteen and over to experience the working world. But before you accept a job somewhere, find out a.) what will be expected of you; b.) what your pay will be, and c.) what your working conditions will be like. What employers look for in teenagers in that they are neat and tidy, accept the responsibility of your work. To have a good attitude and to be friendly.

For all of those hard working young individuals out there, best of luck!!! You are a growing part of America's work force!

Involvement causes

Pressures of harmful, help

by Michael

Do you frequently have that sinking somewhere, and you're late? If you and otherwise, this is very likely to

Extra-curricular activities, however school activity, takes up a large amount involved in a lot of activities, he or she

In sports, drama, music, or any other there are often lengthy and numerous. This leaves less time for homework, most important things in a young person

Any change, such as these, in a person student finds himself (or herself) with them in, he or she may feel bombarded leads to illnesses because of a temporary organs that help the body resist sickness

Stress, such as that experienced in a tial to keep our bodies in good working bodies would have difficulty adapting systems would become sluggish.

Of course, the pressures of being involved almost unbearable at times. But, then people experience, to get involved in

Not being a part of some school activity his or her peers. When a person isn't may be looked down upon as a "nobody"

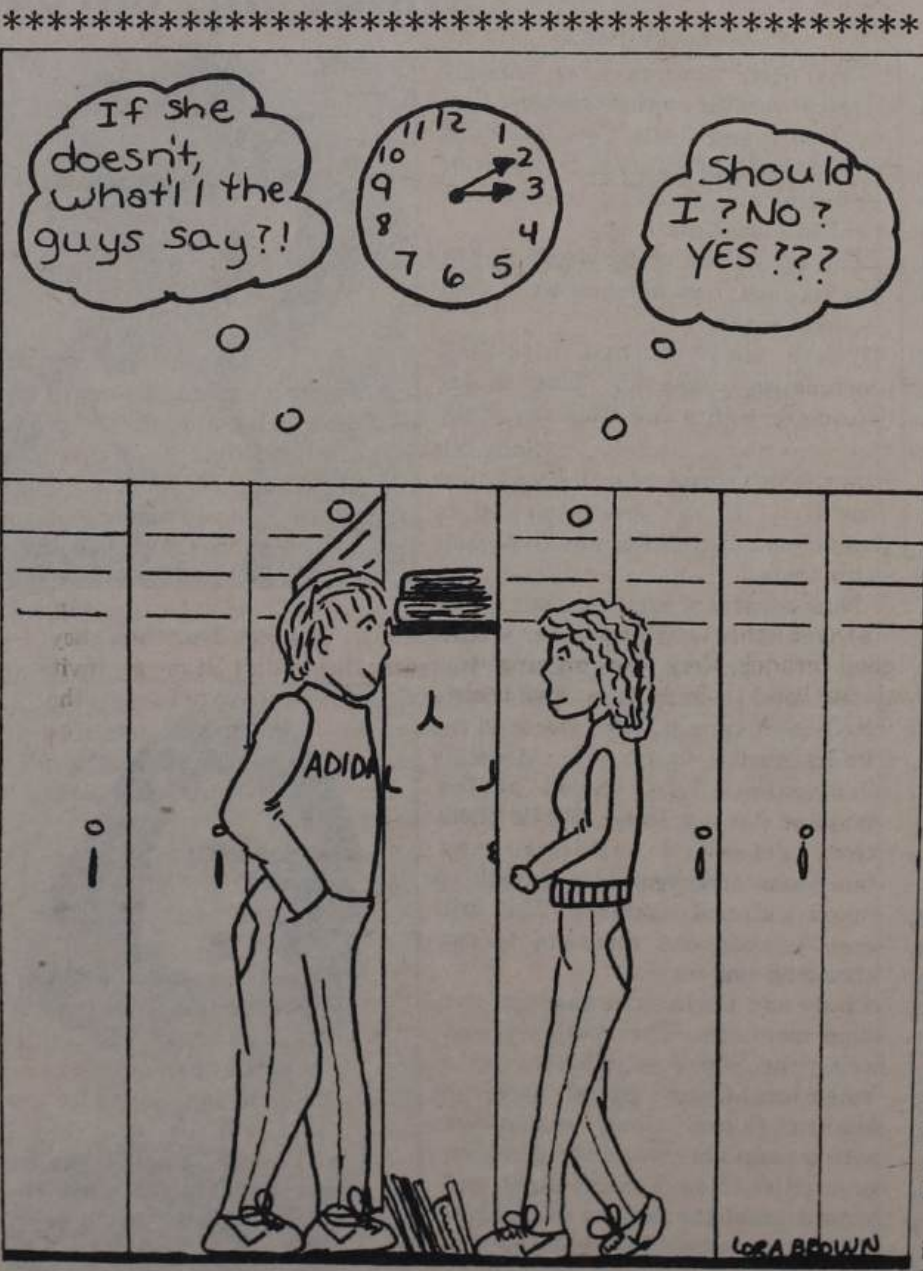
Being labeled a "nobody" makes belonging to some activity can cause good" or totally talentless.

Family and friends may push a young one. This can cause even more stress, because he or she is not contributing, he or she is any good at something, pressures of stress may be felt once

Stress is a part of our daily lives. Being involved in the wrong things, is something about the pressures you face is teachers, coaches, parents, and friends simply talking isn't always enough.

Exercising, like stretching out, or yoga help stress. A certain hobby may also you face. The best "remedy" is probably concentrate on relaxing.

Although a little stress is good, and and your body. So take good care of







## Popularity...is it worth it?

by Becky Barth

*What a feeling, being POPULAR! It seems to be one of the biggest forces around. It drives many teenagers to diets and dermatologists, to orthodontists and designer jeans. We'll do it all, just to be popular.*

But what is this super human trait? Mr. Tesar, MHS Psychology teacher, says popularity is, "Conforming to group standards." Is it, or is it having friends and being liked?

Popularity is all of these things and many more. For athletes, it is scoring the winning points in the big game. It can be having something that everyone wants to use; a nice car, a swimming pool or brains so they can copy your homework. You could be the good looking guy or the beautiful girl that everyone wants to be seen

with. All of these things last only a short time before people forget you.

These types of popularity causes a lot of stress in high school students. So much pressure is put on "being popular," that if you aren't you wonder why. Is it your clothes? If so you spend a fortune on designer jeans and all of the latest fads whether they look good on you or not. We go out for sports or cheer so that the rest of the school will be able to recognize us. We join clubs so people can get to know us. We get up three hours early so we can make sure we look picture perfect before we leave for school.

To get real popularity, all you have to do is be yourself. If we were all to be unique, no one would be able to judge anyone else.

Let's just stop worrying about obtaining this glorified spot in society.

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*A bad day is one filled with much stress . . . .*

## Stress is caused by strains in daily life

by Susan Bennett

To overstrain. To emphasize. Pressure. AKA Stress. The dictionary defines stress as being subject to external forces.

That's a fine definition, as definitions go, but what does it say?

Stress is one of the leading causes of high blood pressure, heart attacks, strokes, and mental breakdowns - but what are the leading causes of stress?

It's strange that one word "stress" can be so simple, and yet so con-

fusing. How many times have you heard someone say "Don't bug me now, I'm under a lot of stress."? Quite a few times, probably.

That's because high school students - teenagers - are frequently subject to many and varied forms of stress. Among the many disguises stress can don are in the form of parents, peers, money, jobs, trying to be popular, and being involved in many activities in and around school.

Stress can be one of the biggest problems in a student's high school

career - mainly because it's hard to find many simple and effective methods for reducing tensions and stress. Stress also can cause other problems, such as sleeplessness, headaches, irritableness, and nervousness. These symptoms, in return, can also cause you to fight with your friends, have trouble concentrating, and usually makes you pretty depressed.

If you're under stress, one of the simpler ways to handle it is to slow down, to try to relax.

## Do good grades promote stress

by Roxi Port

Stress. You see what it does to your friends, family, and yourself. When it comes to high school students, you find that grades, homework, and parents are just a few things that aggravate stress and/or pressure. All three of these can cause it, whether it be alone or all three tied in together. As an example of this, imagine this well known scene: You didn't do your homework, thus your grades went down, and now your parents are on your back, demanding that you bring those grades up. You, in the meantime, are getting all tensed up and angry. Therefore, the score is: Stress 1, Student 0.

On their own, each of the subjects mentioned eat away at you until you're not sure what you're doing. For example, homework. The normal student has four subjects which require homework each night. If each teacher gives you homework, you'll find that your whole evening has been planned out for you. You'll not be able to do what you wanted to do. Instead you'll

have to stay home and do your homework. If this keepsup night after night, the pressure will get to you and soon you'll feel trapped. Stress 2, Student 0.

Grades are really a strain on some students. Every student wants recognition of some sort. For some the answer to this is good grades. With good grades they are proving to themselves, their parents, and their friends that they are something. But here comes the worry. What if they can't make it? If they are truly sincere about it, they just might go overboard about it. If they receive an average score on a test, they'll strive to do better, and soon they'll become too obsessed with it. They push themselves and keep on pushing themselves until they drop. They'll completely exhaust themselves. Thus, Stress 3, Student 0.

You want to go to a party, but your parents want you to study for that big exam tomorrow. You find yourself arguing with your parents. They refuse to give in, so you do. Just this one time you say to yourself. Though

time after time you find yourself staying home while your friends are out having a good time. Pretty soon you find yourself no longer being invited to the parties, so you blame it on your parents. I'll show them, you say to yourself. I'll get good grades and I'll prove to them that I don't mind. I'll be Mr. America and then they'll be sorry they didn't let me go, invite me, etc... So you strive to become that image, but it's not you and soon you can't take it any longer. You decide to resort to something else. Stress 4, Student 0.

Stress and the things it causes can be controlled. Your high school years are the best of your life and you should enjoy them. So take it easy. Push towards the grades you want, but don't push yourself over the edge. There's a time for work and a time for play. Finally, your parents only want what is best for you. The next time they want you to stay home, remember that you'll only be around a few more years. Is the party that important? In the end, you'll be the winner.



## Which college for you?

This is the time of year when many high school seniors are deciding college, if any, to attend. It's a difficult choice, one too often marred by pressure, emotion and chance. But there are ways of making this important decision more logically, if you ask the right questions ahead of time.

A recent survey of new students at the University of Northern Iowa found that the major factors affecting college choice are the courses offered, the type of school, the location and the cost. We'll concentrate on these four areas, suggesting the kind of questions you should ask as you make up your mind.

Start with a good idea of what you want to study. If you're interested in business, for example, don't attend a college with no business courses! But if a college does offer your major, find out whether the program is a good one. What is the quality of the faculty? Do graduates find employment or graduate study positions easily? How many courses are taught, and is the curriculum updated and improved from time to time? Is the college fully accredited? What are the requirements for graduation? In short, what is the academic reputation of the department and college you're interested in? Getting answers to these questions now may save you a transfer later on.

Also important is the type of college you want to attend. Public universities, for example, usually have larger enrollments and lower admissions standards than private colleges, but they also cost less and have more course offerings. Two-year colleges offer a good start for many students, but are often limited in scope. Vocational/technical or health services schools are attractive alternatives for many, but are highly specialized. Coeducational? Church-related? Urban or rural? Only you can decide which type of school you like best. The options are practically endless.

A college's location can also be important, for financial and personal reasons. As an Iowa resident, for example, you can attend a Regents university for considerably less than if you attend a comparable university outside of Iowa. The state also offers tuition assistance if you attend a private college in Iowa. Tuition aside, the cost of traveling back and forth to a distant college can add up, and some students find the cultural

change of moving far from home difficult to cope with right out of high school. However, if a good program in your subject area is not available nearby, or if you want to experience another part of the country or feel the need to get away from home, then those factors should play an important part in your decision.

The cost of a college education is an increasingly great concern for students and their parents. Ideally you should attend the best college you can afford, but what can you afford? Compare colleges on the basis of tuition and fees, room and board, books and other expenses. If you're allowed to live off campus, look into costs for rent, groceries, utilities and commuting. Expect some or all of these expenses to go up during your college years. What, if any, financial aid are you eligible for? Remember to apply early. Knowing how much college will cost and how much you'll be able to spend will help you narrow your choices down to the ones you can best afford.

This four-part process may lead you to a different sort of choice: not to attend college at all. College isn't for everyone. It's expensive, it takes time, and it involves a lot of work. If you're not committed to the idea of going to college, than make other plans. You can always change your mind and attend college later on.

The decision-making process should include information from parents, teachers, counselors, friends and the many published college guides, as well as the admissions offices of the colleges you're interested in. But don't let this input turn into pressure. Your parents may want you to attend the college they attended, or your friends may want you to go where they're going. Try to make up your own mind. Decide what's right for you on the basis of what you want to study, where you want to study, how much you can afford and the type of college you want to attend.

One more thing. While your choice of colleges is important, the world won't end if you make a mistake. Transfers can be disruptive, but they're easier to make than ever before. You can always change majors or even drop out for a time without feeling that you've somehow failed.

So there are ways of bringing a little logic to the choice of which college to attend. Of course, you can simply pull a name out of a hat and hope for

## Smile, yell, do it well

by Michelle Tibodeau

The crowd grows silent. A wave of apprehension sweeps over them. All of a sudden an enthusiastic chant of "Go, Go, Go, Go," fills the air. Soon the bleachers are bursting with yells from loyal Marion High School football fans.

The cheerleaders have succeeded once again in getting the crowd involved in supporting the football team. But this is their job, their purpose, right? Of course! But this isn't always an easy task. The crowds like simple cheers that they can yell along with. But there are only so many ways "Go, Fight, Win" can be incorporated into a simple chant. And now that the cheerleading squad has been cut from ten to only six cheerleaders, each must yell even louder and remember more cheers and chant twice as fast as before.

Everybody likes to see a bouncy, peppy, smiling cheerleader. These are all traits a good cheerleader must have. What you may not realize is that having a good memory is also important. Besides all this, having good leadership qualities, the ability to react on the spur of the moment, easily covering up your mistakes, and a tolerance to cold weather during football season are essentials.

Cheering at the games is the most important part of a cheerleader's job. At many schools this is all the cheerleaders do, besides having pep assemblies. At Marion, the cheerleaders think that this isn't enough to keep up the support of the players.

Every week locker signs are made, by the cheerleaders, for each football player's locker. One big sign is usually made and put up in the lounge. On Thursdays the cheerleaders bring cookies and Koolaid for the football team after their practice. None of these things are required, but the cheerleaders feel that the "extra" things they do are important to the team.

Homecoming was, as always, a big

event for the cheerleaders. Spirit week was planned by the Junior Varsity squad. Both Varsity and J.V. made signs to put on the football players, coaches, and managers doors at their homes. The homecoming pins bought by 325 MHS students and other people, were sold by the cheerleaders. The bonfire and pep assembly were results of hard work and cooperation between Varsity and J.V. cheerleaders, Pom pon and Student Senate.

Pom pon is also an important part of the cheerleading program at MHS. This year the squad, cut down from twelve to ten, hasn't suffered at all.

In fact, Mrs. Fennel, one of the cheerleading and pom pon coaches, recently said, "They are efficient, practice hard, and are doing an excellent job!" This is a result of devoted young girls willing to go to camps and learn new routines, plus a lot of creativity, and eagerness. Practice attendance has increased from last year, even though the squad has decreased.

Pom pon performs at half-time of most of the home football games. It isn't easy to smile, dance around on the football field, and keep in time with nine other girls throughout a whole song! But this year the girls hard practicing has shown through.

Girls and boys cross country, and volleyball, both have the pom pon squad to thank for the signs in the lounge, plus the locker signs they get. This is not any part of their responsibilities, but they do this to make the players feel recognized.

As you can see, the jobs of the cheerleaders and pom pon squad are certainly not easy. For the most part, though, they enjoy what they do.

The next time you see a cheerleader that has lost her bounce, try to remember: there is a lot more to cheerleading than smiling, yelling, and jumping all over place. For once, we should give a cheer for the cheerleaders!

## Leena is welcomed by MHS

*"I think Marion High School is great, the people are really friendly and I just love it here, I'm proud of MHS and I hope the rest of this year is going to be great."*

by Sheila Driscoll

Braving the elements on that cold October night of our annual Homecoming game, she stood in front of the Marion crowd and was informally introduced as an honorary queen. She was Leena-Mari Viitaniemi, foreign exchange student from Parkano, Finland.

Living in Iowa only three short months, Leena has become active in such groups as French Club and band (she plays flute). She enjoys music, dancing, and sports; especially skiing and ice skating.

Now 17, Leena decided she would like to live in a foreign country for a

year. She left her parents, Riitta-Liisa and Teuvo Viitaniemi; Matti, her nineteen year-old brother, and Sanna-Mari, her eleven year-old sister to come to Iowa and attend MHS. She is staying with Roger and Joan Kinsey until she returns home to Finland in July 1982.

Leena has always wanted to come to America and she really enjoys it here. "I think Marion High School is great, the people are really friendly and I just love it here!" she says, and "I'm proud of MHS and I hope the rest of this year is going to be great." So do we Leena, enjoy your stay!

## Student senate gets going

Student Senate has started yet another year of work. This year there are many old and new members.

Senior members are Stephanie Bennett (President), Dave Luzum (Vice-President), Becky Barth (Secretary-Treasurer), Mike Lembke (Executive Board Member), Tamra Anderson, Ellen Ervin, Lisa Hauser, Cindy Henry, Judy Luse, and Brenda Mork.

Junior members are Laura McComas (Executive Board Member), Tim Adams, Patty Arjes, Todd Twachtman, Nancy Vernon, and Mark Wright.

Sophomore members are Amy Gran-

nan (Executive Board Member), Lanie Crowley, Sheri Dutton, Karla Jackson, Kelly Sondag, and Heidi Twachtman.

Freshman members are Ron Livingston (Executive Board Member), Joelle Miller, Chris Sieck, and Debbie Trimble.

The senate members meet twice a month, on Wednesdays. Students in Study Hall or Lounge are invited to attend.

This year Student Senate has tried something new, Ghost-o-Grams. They were in-school holiday telegrams. They were sold one for 10¢ or three for 25¢. Santa-Grams and Love-o-Grams will also be sold on their respective holidays.



## New Feature...

## Super Sport: Denise Deeney

By Greg Hapgood

This issue, and in the future, the Signal sports department will choose an athlete who is outstanding in their particular sport. Consideration will be taken towards ability, attitude, character, and performance of the candidate.

This issue, the staff has chosen Denise Deeney, a junior. Denise is starting forward on the varsity girls basketball team. Starting her athletic career in 6th grade, Denise has developed through hours of practice into an excellent shooter. Driving to the basket, an essential part of girls' basketball is also one of her talents. Encouraged by her parents, she went to basketball camps at Marion and Upper Iowa College.

"Coach Jackson has helped me alot. I think we have a pretty good team this year, and if we listen to him, work hard, and play as well as I know we can, we will have an excellent shot at the WaMaC title. Maquoketa will be pretty good also, but, if we get it together, WaMaC will be ours."



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## Indians fair well in WaMaC statistics

by Greg Hapgood

Capping off the regular season with a 56-12 rout of Vinton, the Indians maintained the WaMaC championship and finished with an excellent 8-1 record. Marion led the conference in several categories and also set a new conference record for average number of total yards on offense per game (446.3). Defensively, Marion led all teams with only 190.2 yards allowed per game.

Individually, several Indians topped or placed high in numerous other areas. Leading the individual rushing column was Marion's own, junior Todd Twatchmann. "Night Train", chugged for a total of 921 yards in 90 attempts (an average of 10.2 yards a carry). Close behind was senior Mike Skilling with 846 total yards in 87 handles (9.7 yards a carry). Curt Hall, in ninth place, totaled 413 yards in 91 tries (4.5 yards a carry).

In the scoring department, Skilling led the pack with 15 touchdowns and 3 extra point tallies, for a total of 96 points. Hot on his trail in second place was Twatchmann, with 11 TD's, 4 point after kicks, and 1 two point conversion, for a total of 72 points. Not far behind was Curt Hall with 38 points and Dan Dixon with 36 points.

The lone Indian in the individual pass reception column, senior Dixon, topped all with 20 catches for 404 yards and 3 touchdowns.

Jim Koeppen, senior quarterback, placed fourth in number of passing yards with 510 yards. He completed 29 for 63 (46% completion rate) with 4 touchdowns.

Rounding out the statistics, junior Scott Painter took 2nd place in average number of yards per punt, with 38.3 yards a punt, missing first place by .4 of a yard.

Beating the odds, Marion gained a play-off berth and played Waterloo-Columbus at the Indians field. Winning the game, 8-7, the Indians next faced C.R. Prairie in the semi-final round at Prairie. In a very evenly matched, exciting contest, the Indians "played their hearts out," but lost, 28-22, in overtime.

All in all, it was a very good season. Full of excitement, tough opponents, pride, and hard work. Through it all, the Indians showed a great amount of poise, class, and character. Maybe that's why Indian football is the way it is, year after year. Very successful.

Sports



## Sophs finish strong, go undefeated

by Greg Hapgood

Finishing with an undefeated season, the sophomore football team dominated its opponents, ending the season with a 51-20 thrashing of the Vinton Vikings. Here is a summary of their season: Marion 12, Linn-Mar 8, Marion 20, Prairie 0, Marion 14, Independence 6, Marion 36, West Delaware 0, Marion 20, Maquoketa 12, Marion 37, Anamosa 0, Marion 22, Monticello 8, Marion Tipton 8, Marion 51, West Delaware 20. Congratulations players and Coach Bates.

## Indians shanghai Sailors, 8-7 first round

by Greg Hapgood

Gaining the first round of the state play-offs, the Marion Indians advanced to the semi-final round by defeating the Waterloo Columbus Sailors, Wednesday, at the Marion field.

The two teams were pretty evenly matched, as the score indicates. Scoring first, on a 48 yard pass play right before the end of the first half, the Sailors went into the lockerroom with a slim 7-0 lead.

Quite fired up, the Indians came out of the lockerroom ready for action. After a tough first half, the Marion squad was muddy, but their intent was pretty clear. Another shot at C.R. Prairie was what they wanted. If Marion won, and if Prairie downed Fairfield, the Indians would get a chance to avenge their lone loss of the season.

Make no mistake, Columbus came to play, but they were no match for the Indians this foggy, eerie night. Marion, starting the third quarter, went to the air on a 27 yard strike to senior split end Dan Dixon, giving the Indians a first down on the Columbus forty-one yard line. On the next play, fullback Todd Twatchmann got the call and bulled his way to the thirty-two. Curt Hall carried the ball the next three plays. First to the twenty-seven, next to the twenty, and then a real nice run, into the end zone. Quarterback Jim Koeppen threw the two point conversion pass to Dixon, putting Marion ahead, 8-7.

Columbus did have several other chances to score, twice off blocked punts alone. But alas, the Marion defense shut them down. One of those scoring attempts reached the Marion sixteen yard line before Marion's rugged 4-4 defense stuffed them. Columbus tried to kick a field goal from the Marion twenty-two yard line, but Brad Winger's kick was low and off to the right.

The Sailors tried to rally very late in the game, but Marion's Steve Panek intercepted a Mike Berry aerial on the last play of the game.

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## New Cafeteria Rules

By Connie Milburn

Memo to: Students

1. Vegetables are illegal on school premises. Students bringing them from home will need a note from their parents giving permission to have them, or they will be confiscated by the office and held until dismissal time.

2. Locker inspection for thermoses containing hot vegetable soup or other nutritious dishes will be held periodically without warning. At that time, students will be instructed to go to their lockers and stand at attention. **DO NOT UNLOCK YOUR LOCKERS UNTIL A TEACHER INSTRUCTS YOU TO DO SO.**

3. Because of student demand we are selling fresh fruit by the door in the cafeteria. This is on a trial basis.

If we find that this is all the students are eating for lunch it will be discontinued.

4. Teachers have reported to the office that raisin boxes and milk cartons have been found on school grounds. We know there are students out there who have sneaking nutritious foods on the premises and for this reason teachers are instructed to take the names of any students seen with health food.

5. Your principal will be patrolling the lunch room where he wants to find potato chips, candy bars, tortilla chips, soft drinks and ice cream. Remember, junk foods build soft bones, soft teeth, and make you sleep a lot.

## MOVIE

By Connie Milburn

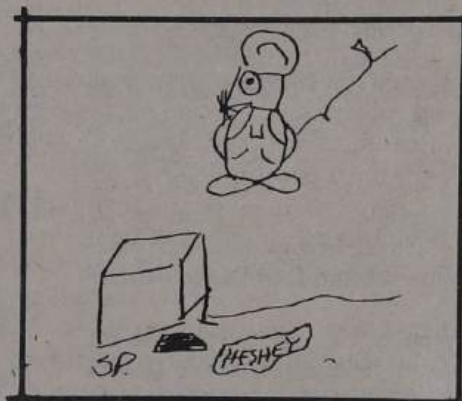
Continental Divide

Certain movies are enjoyable and that's all there is to it, and that's "Continental Divide". This movie is about a mismatched love affair between John Belushi, who plays a Chicago newspaper columnist, and Blair Brown, a nature loving ornithologist. As actors, Belushi and Brown are very well matched. Belushi falls for Brown because they're isolated in the mountains.

A movie between two overly attractive people this is not. But Belushi and Brown are attractive in another way - they're interested in the life they live and not the way they look on the outside.

Belushi is relaxed and easy going and has no trouble disregarding the role he played in "Animal House". Blair Brown played in "One Trick Pony" and "Altered States". She looks like a girl that might seclude herself in the mountains. Both parts are portrayed well.

"Continental Divide" has a laid-back approach that keeps you interested. It also has an added boost that will keep you happily in the air.



## FUSSY!

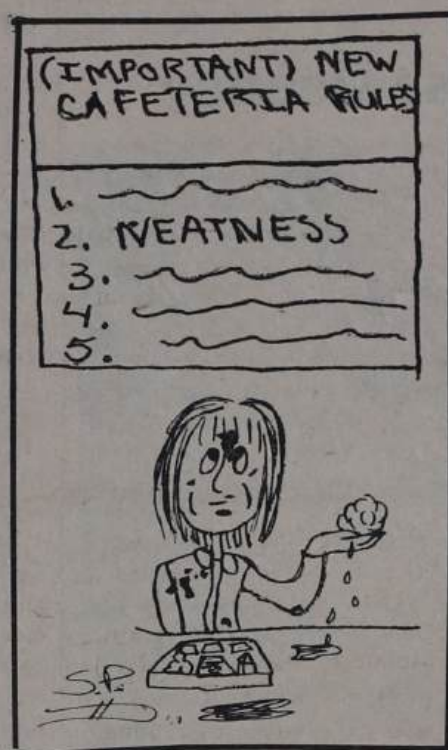
by Connie Milburn

Many stores have had a decrease in the selling of mouse traps. This could be due to the fact that mice prefer chocolate over cheese.

The British Consumers Association reports that mice actually hate cheese and would prefer to munch out on chocolate, nuts and dried fruits.

But, what the association failed to point out was that it is almost impossible to place an almond securely inside a mouse trap.

**WANTED:** Anyone with information on how to securely place an almond in a mouse trap please contact the British Consumers' Association.



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## Crowd Packing Concerts

by Bridget Shoemaker

First, you're standing among a crowd of thousands, seeing a few familiar faces, observing the many different styles of apparel, hair, and make up, then suddenly, all you see are elbows flailing on each side of you while your nose is begging for mercy as it hits the back in front of your time and time again. You now know what it feels like to be a roll-on deoderant as your nose meets the armpit next to you. You see your friend whisked away, only to meet him/her again inside. Suddenly, you surge forward after being jostled, punched, and sandwiched between the door, and the guy next to you. Ah! You've made it through! What now? Now it's time to enjoy the heavy metal rock of Van Halen. Many people, crowded as they were, really rocked to such songs as "DOA," "Everybody Wants Some," and the all time favorite, "Dance the Night Away."

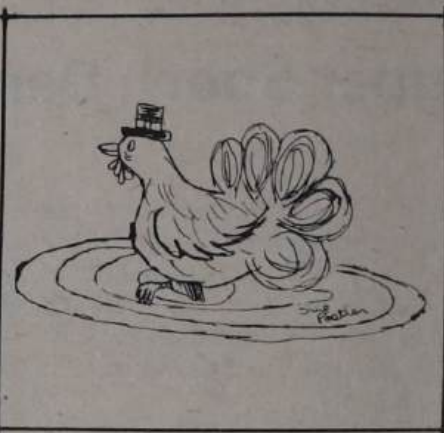
I, personally, thought it was an entertaining evening.

We, at Marion High School, wouldn't be caught dead at the Blue Oyster Cult/Foghat concert...or would we?

I saw many fellow enrollees at the concert, enjoying the hard-driving rock of Blue Oyster Cult and Foghat as they brought people to life with BOC's "Burnin' for You" and "Little Lady" and Foghat's "Fool For the City" and "Slow Ride."

The concert was worth the money as Foghat came on with a 10-minute show and a 10-minute encore and BOC brought out a huge Godzilla, shooting beams of red light and spitting clouds of smoke.

However, in personal opinion, Van Halen put on a better show than Blue Oyster Cult and Foghat.



## No peace for Tom

by Becki Supple

Hello, my name is Thomas T. Turkey. I never knew what the T. stood for, but anyway, you can just call me Tom.

I hate this time of year when it gets close to Thanksgiving. I know I shouldn't but I do. It's all because of old farmer Jackson.

It all started about three years ago when I was a young turkey. I was walking along, minding my own business when all of a sudden some old farmer can running and shooting at me saying, "I'll get you, you old turkey. You'll be sitting on my dinner table golden brown on Thanksgiving day."

I thought to myself, "What an old fool. I better run, and I wouldn't call myself old." But the faster I ran the more he would shoot at me. Luckily I ran into a bunch of bushes and that old farmer Jackson ran right by. I stayed there for at least two days after Thanksgiving was over to make sure I was safe. I said to myself, "I made it the first year alone."

The second and third year was more or less like a game I played with that old farmer. What I would do was let him get within 20 feet of me, and get his gun all aimed and ready to fire, thinking that I was asleep. Then right before he would fire, I would jump up and scare the old boy right out of his pants. Then we would go through that old chasing bit again and again, time after time, until the old farmer would get too tired to chase me.

It's that time of year again. He won't be able to get me this time. He wasn't able to get me for the last three years. There's old farmer Jackson! I've got to run now! I'll talk to you later when I find my new place of residence.

Here I am hidden behind a bunch of rocks. That crazy old fool chased me around the forest for about an hour or so. I didn't think he would ever give up. He'd probably still be chasing me if he didn't trip over that log. I've got one more day to worry about, I think I'm going to go to sleep now.

Ahhh, Thanksgiving Day! What a wonderful day! I out ran old farmer Jackson again. That old fool will have to settle for ham this year. There's no way he'll come hunting today. If he did, I would just outrun him again. Besides that, I wouldn't have to worry about him next year because I'll be too old and tough to eat. I am going to live to be an old gobbler, "Hey old fat farmer!" What ever happened to you when you said, "I'll get you old turkey?"

"That's exactly what I'm going to do!" BANG!! And farmer Jackson smiled.

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