

Editorial

No to Smoking

By Jennie Balcom

Well, it's time once again for the VOX's annual editorial against smoking in the restrooms. I'm sure this topic gets tiring, but the problem continues without relent.

The title of a recently popular song is "Smoking in the Boy's Room". Whether that title applies to Marion High, I don't know. But it certainly applies when you change it to Smoking in the Girl's Room.

At the beginning of the year a deodorizer was installed, and it at least kept the smoke from collecting. But the deodorizer has reached the end of its useful life; the smoke is getting worse and worse, and more and more people are avoiding the restroom.

What must be done to solve this problem? Do we have to remove the locks or even the doors, of each stall, as some schools have done? Or must we hire a full time attendant to spend their whole day in the restroom standing watch? The VOX is determined to do all within its power; even attempt to publish the names of those thrown out of school for smoking, if that will help.

My own opinion is: If you want to smoke, fine. If you want to ruin your bronchial tubes and risk lung cancer, that's your decision. But do it on your own time. Don't subject the rest of us to hair smelling of smoke and a smoker's cough. Have a little consideration for others.

P. S. If anyone has any suggestions to solve this problem, please given them to a VOX editor. We'll back you all the way. To Clean Air, that is.

WOULD YOU? ? ? ?

If I thought that a word of mine
Perhaps unkind and untrue,
Would leave its trace on a loved one's
face,
I'd never speak it--
Would you?

Band Keeps Busy in Feb.

By Donna Novey

February has probably been the busiest month for the band since the marching season with activities taking place almost every week for some or all of the band members.

The first activity of the month was the Coe College Instrumental Festival held on Saturday, February 2. Students from around Iowa and Wisconsin had the opportunity to audition for chairs in either the junior or senior high band and play new music in preparation for an evening concert. Marion High students attending were Donna Novey, cornet; and Jennie Balcom, bass clarinet; who received third and fourth chair, respectively, in their sections. Both gained new knowledge and experiences under guest conductors Mary Eby Wick, from Linn-Mar Junior High; and Frank Battisti, from the New England Conservatory of Music. The evening concert consisted of two student soloists, the junior and senior high honor bands, and the Coe College Concert Band, and turned out to be a successful and well-attended presentation.

The following week the entire Marion band gave a successful presentation of its own. This took place on February 9 on the UNI campus in Cedar Falls. While

HOROSCOPE

If you were born on the 1st, whatever you have, get rid of it.

If you were born on the 2nd, you need all the help you can get.

If you were born on the 3rd, that's your own hard luck.

If you were not born on any of these dates but you're absolutely sure that you were born and you were there to prove it, write your own horoscope.

Memories of Teacher Linger

By Joyce Suchsland

Teachers are particularly interesting creatures to study, if one enjoys people-watching. I have known many of these strange beings in my short life, and I wish to warn you about one of them. She was my first grade teacher. I dedicate this paper to her, and joyously thumb my nose at her throughout this story.

Actually, I'm glad I met the old crab when I did. I was taught at an early age how to avoid people with green eyes. Although Mrs. Meany was my first grade teacher, she and I remained in the same building for five years after that.

When I was in sixth grade, my childish curiosity was wildly stirred when a question popped into my head. How long would it take Mrs. Meany to realize I was playing on the south side of the building? The question bothered me so much I couldn't even do my school work (not saying I did it anyway). At recess time, I grabbed a rubber ball and sneaked over to the south side.

The south side of the building was off limits to anyone under 5'10". Anyone caught there was put to the mercy of whoever caught them, whether it be teacher or principal.

The window to the first grade room was quite low. It was about five and a half feet off the ground. I stood there, looking up at the big window. I knew I wasn't going to get any attention that way, so I started bouncing my rubber ball right underneath the window. I knew that would get some action shortly.

Thirty seconds or less after I started throwing the ball, Mrs. Meany waddled out of the building over to me. Grabbing me by both ears, she screamed "You're not to be playing on this side of the building! You are also disturbing my class!"

She then pulled me into her room by the ears.

I had gotten myself into more trouble than I had wanted. I was very concerned about my ears, as I thought I felt them stretch under the pull. That was all I needed, a doctors' bill for having my ears bobbed to normal size and shape.

Green eyes blazing, she dragged me over to the bookshelf in the room. As she pulled out six encyclopedias, 28 pairs of eyes watched all of her movements, and all of mine. She then told me to hold the books at arms length. I unwillingly did so.

I remembered that this was one of her favorite tortures, as I looked at the little first graders in the room. They were enjoying my presence, even though they couldn't talk about me while I was there, because Mrs. Meany was behind her desk, watching me strain and sweat to hold those books. I knew I would be the top subject of their next controversial gossip fest. I sneered at the little heathens.

I prayed fervently for the recess bell to ring, so I could go up to my own math class and collapse. I had never wished for the end of recess bell to sound before, but I sure wished for it now.

My prayers were answered, and not a moment too soon. My arms had been lengthened three inches from the heavy books.

After the bell had sounded, Mrs. Meany pushed herself away from the desk and slithered over to me. Her green eyes were glowing like coals. Since I had learned in second grade that the green traffic light meant go, I naturally assumed she wanted me to cut out. I promptly did so while 28 pairs of eyes watched me go.

I stumbled up the three flights of stairs and went into my usually dreaded classroom. It was a welcome sight this day I was mercifully lulled to sleep by my teacher's voice. I was through with Mrs. Meany.

But, fickle fate did not see things my way. I was through with Mrs. Meany, but Mrs. Meany was not through with me. She squealed on me to my teacher, who promptly told the principal what I had done, who promptly dragged me once again off the playground at recess and promptly chewed me out.

I learned two things from that experience though. I learned more about a new kind of person (who I did not wish to know anymore about), and to avoid people with green eyes. Each time they look at you they're telling you to get away from them. Surely then, a person's green eyes are the warning sign that Nature brand-ed onto them.

Broadway Show Comes To MHS March 8 and 9

On March 8 and 9, Marion High School will present their 1974 spring musical, a popular love story which is also currently playing on Broadway.

Some of the cast members are: Pat Swearingen as Nanette, Deb Melchers, Pam McCarl, Kim Flugga, Pam Herring-ton, Linda Luko, and Chris Boots. Also Paul Winistorfer, Dave Nash, and Jon Ward.

Completing the cast are several members of the chorus including: Julie De-Woody, Natalee Jackson, April Soren-sen, Barb Hemmingsen, Jennifer Barnes, Kathy Lewis, Debbie Wood, Denise Hunt, and Chris Kemp. Also Curt McMillan, Rick Novey and Bill Kucera.

The cast and crews are working hard to make this year's musical one of the best ever. But, of course, they need the support of a good audience to make "No, No Nanette" a success.

Speech Club Takes Acts to Contest

By Jennie Balcom

Speech club has been very busy lately. On Feb. 8, 18 students and Mrs. Aldo journeyed all the way to Bettendorf for the Iowa High School Speech Assoc. Large Group Contest. Reader's hearre and a Duet Acting group brought home straight 1's. The Reader's Theatre cast of "Adaptation" included Monte Peder-sen, Tom Parman, Mary Tiams, Jennie Balcom, Dave Nash, Perry Ander-son, Kim Wilson and Sheryl Campbell. The Duet Acting cast of "The Box" was Diane Morrow and Kim Wilson.

Then on Feb. 18, Speech club members participated in the Warnac conference speech contest in Anamosa. Marion again did very well, placing third over-all behind Manchester and Monticello. First place winners were Maria Lourenco (our foreign exchange student) in expository address, Sam Carson in radio-news speak-ing, and Jennie Balcom in oratorical declamation.

Second place medals were won by Steve Herreid in both oratorical declamation and radio-news speaking, Candis Warnke in interpretation of poetry, Dave Nash in extemporaneous speaking, and Reader's Theatre. The Choral-Reading group doing "American Graffiti" won third place in their category.

Fourth place winners were Candis Warnke in interpretation of prose, Kim Wilson in original oratory, Jennie Balcom in extem-poraneous speaking, Mark Morgan in dis-cussion, and the Duet Acting group of Christy Boots and Dave Nash doing "Next".

Honorable mentions were received by Brad Ciba in after-dinner speaking, Sue Ryan in interpretation of poetry, Harry Carson in combined interpretation of prose and poetry, Jennifer Barnes in interpretation of prose, Cindy Vesey in or-atorical declamation, Christy Boots in original oratory, and Lynette Tanner in expository address.

Speech students are now looking forward to district individual events to be held March 2 in Monticello.

Grade Students Learn Spanish

By Denise Hunt

Don't be alarmed if your younger brother or sister has been coming home lately, rattling off Spanish and doing such feats as counting to 10, naming off different colors, or asking you what your name is in Spanish. It's just the work of eight third and fourth year Spanish students, who for the last five or six weeks, have been teaching grade and Jr. high school students. The Spanish "teachers" drove to their assigned schools every Wednesday and Monday for a 15 minute lesson. There were nine separate lessons which included such things as learning greetings, numbers, days of the week, months, colors, foods, animals, games, and songs. Each teacher had from 9-12 students.

The main purpose of this program was to give the students some idea of what a foreign language is like which will help them, when they get in High school, decide whether or not to take a foreign language.

The person responsible for the program is Mrs. Goldstein, the Spanish teacher. She states, "I feel this is a great learning experience for both the teachers and the students. They, the students, are learning quickly and seem to enjoy learning it. Right now it is experimental but I hope next year it will become permanent. The program has turned out to be a great success."

IN THE MIDDLE

By Melinda Cree

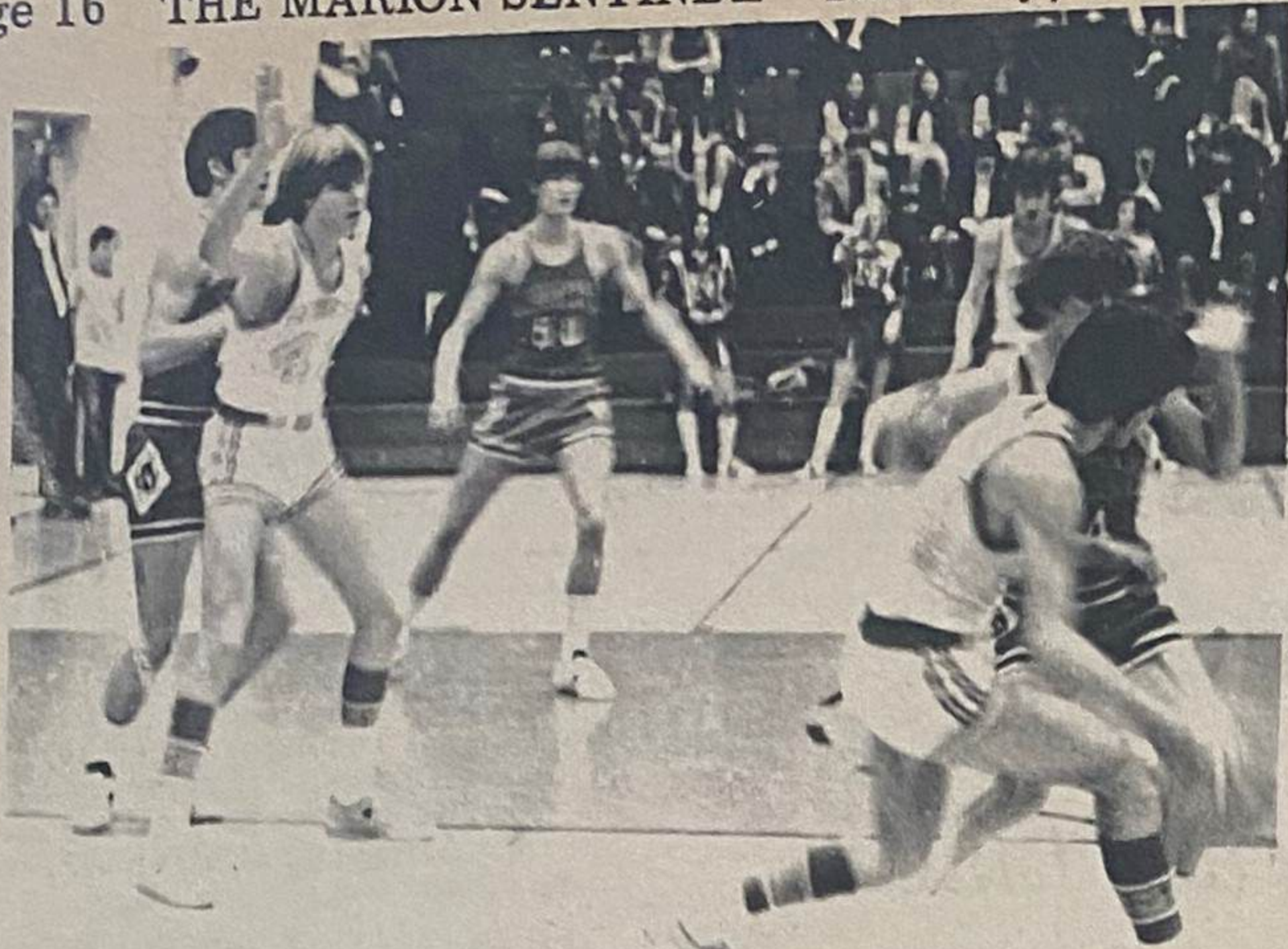
In the middle,
That's where I am.
Should I go this way?

or

Should I go that way?

I'm stuck here in the middle.
I'm pushed and
I'm pulled and
I'm knocked in between.

They say...
"Come here, do this,
Go there, do that,
Beware of him,
Don't listen to them."
And when I go my way,
They squabble and fight,
I'm here in the middle,
And I could cry all night.



INDIAN BOYS IN WAMAC ACTION

It's Never Too Late

Indians Start Winning

By Stephen Stolz

Like the saying goes, it's never too late. And that is the way the Marion basketball team feels, and the latest performances have indicated this. The Indians, after having a miserable first half of the season going 0-10, have really come on, winning three out of their last five games. Their new success began against Monticello in a home contest in which the Indians put together their best offensive showing of the season, bombing the Panthers 81-64.

Marion followed with two games against the Wamac's top two teams, Vinton (12-1) and Maquoketa 9-3) with results resembling those of the earlier games. The Indians were unable to match the firepower of the Vinton Vikings who put on a superb shooting exhibition in front of their home fans to win 81-66. Marion didn't fare much better the next week entertaining the Maquoketa Cardinals, whose play at times resembled that of their football team, putting the Indians to sleep with their slowdown play and withstanding late Indian rally to win 55-49.

For the next encounter, all records were thrown aside as Marion and Linn-Mar clashed in their city rivalry once again. But this time the Indians revenged their one point loss to the Lions from the first game, and left no doubt who the better team was that night, scoring a convincing 67-54 win.

The ball kept right on rolling for the Indians as they went in and knocked off Anamosa (8-4) on the Raider's home court 59-51.

With the Indians holding only a 3-12 record, they certainly haven't been considered the favorites on too many occasions, but as Marion heads towards the district competition of the state tournament, they are in the district with Linn-Mar, Anamosa, and Monticello, all victims of the Indians latest rampage. So don't count the Marion In-

dians out of the tournaments because of their record. A lot of heart goes beyond a record.

Smile Even If...

You have the frizzies!
You're a freshman and don't know anybody.
You can type only twenty words a minute.
He's more interested in cars than he is you.
He gave you his ring and you LOST IT. He has a ring and won't give it to you.
He doesn't have a ring to give to you. He knows you like him and you've been trying to keep it a secret.
You can't date.
You can date, but haven't been asked out for one.

By Tim Polk

News is still coming in as the Marion freshman wind up their basketball season and at least for a start that news is good.

Kevin Techau wound up as season high scorer for the freshmen, while Brian Donohoe took the rebound championship.

Indian reserve, Jim Roth, sank two free throws with seconds left in the January 14 reserve game at Monticello to edge the Mustang "B" team 32-30. Not to be outdone, Kevin Techau got a season-high 23 points to lead the "A" team past the Mustangs, 66-57. Techau said after the

Girls' Team Raises Record to 15-7

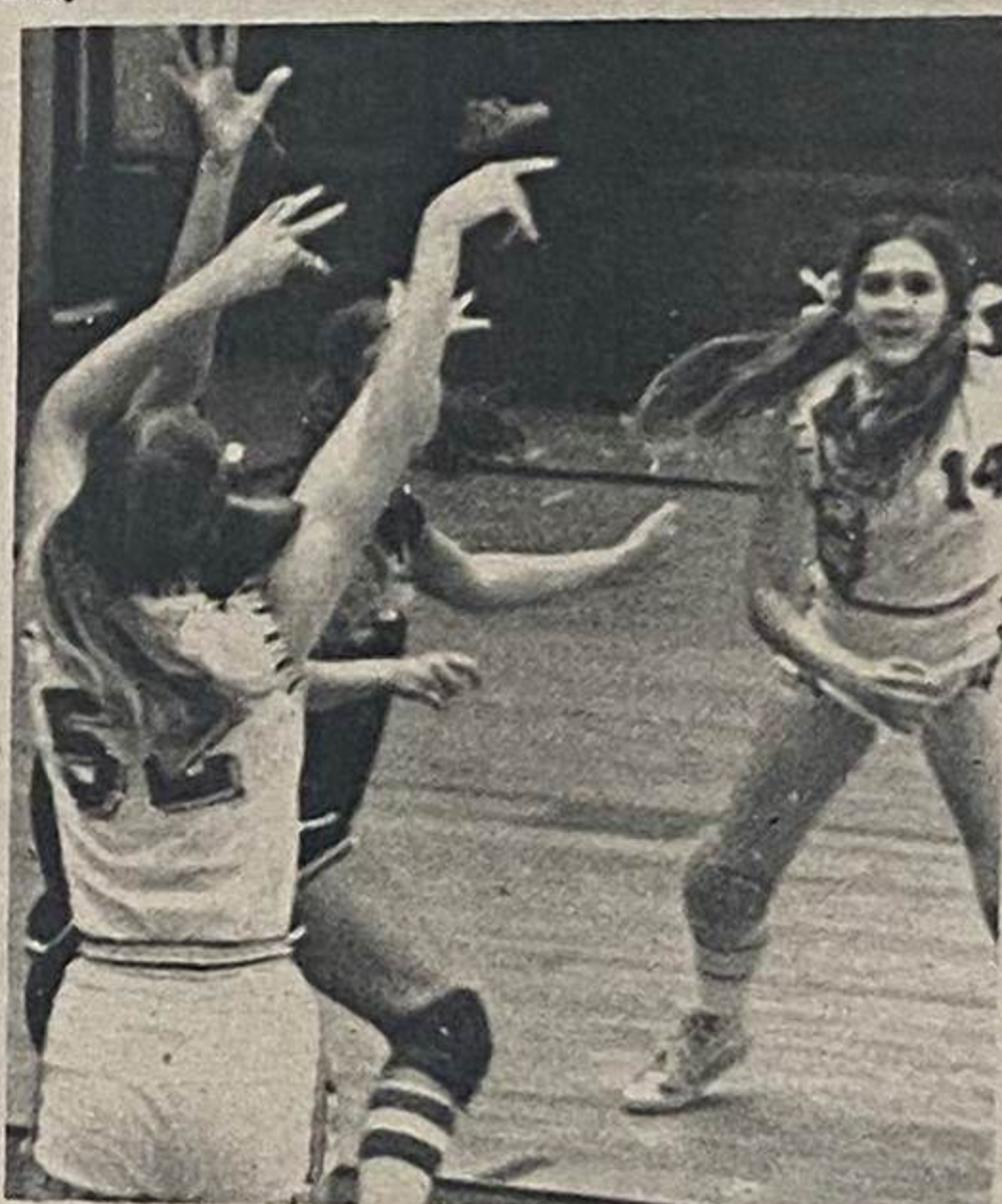
By Mike Jacobs

The Marion girls basketball team has raised its record to 15-7 with a win over Monticello 66-60 and a loss to tough Oelwein 63-57 in regular season play, and wins over C.R. Jefferson and C.R. Kennedy and a loss to C.R. Washington in sectional play.

In the win over Monticello, Darlene Collins was the Indians leading scorer with 33 followed by Kim Skilling with 24.

Against Oelwein, the girls had problems containing Nancy Homewood of Oelwein who scored 27 points to lead all scorers. Tops for Marion were Kim Skilling with 23 and Darlene Collins with 21.

In Sectional play the Indians have walloped C.R. Jefferson 70-42 and followed that win with another, this time over C.R. Kennedy 53-49. The most recent game saw the girls lose to a tough C.R. Washington team 56-46, but the girls brought home a plaque for second place in the sectional competition, the first such plaque in the school's history. They will then go to district competition against North Linn on Thursday, Feb. 21.



GIRLS GO AT IT!

Good News for Frosh Fans

game that he "was just getting good shots and making them."

At LaSalle Jan. 21, the Marion frosh lost the first quarter 14-2 and the game 64-56. Kevin Techau and Mike Wheeler had 14 points apiece against the Lan-cers. The Indian freshmen had their best game yet against Linn-Mar Jan. 26 in a 72-45 thumping of "that team up north." Sharing honors with 12 points apiece were Brian Donohoe and Jim Anderson. After his first start of the season, Anderson was amazed at his point output. "I thought I had about 8 points, but 12?" Kendon Weltha, also in his first start, led the Indians with 10 rebounds.

In the first game of the day against Benton Community on Feb. 2, Don Walton had 12 points and 7 rebounds to lead the Marion reserves, 38-29, over the Bobcats. Then, with 12 seconds left in the "A" game and the Indians ahead 41-39, the Benton Bobcats got a 3-point play to win 42-41. Mike Wheeler and Dave Witte each had 8 points against Benton Community to lead the freshmen. Greg Bice and Brian Donohoe each had 14 points to lead the Indians to a 79-50 victory in their second meeting with Linn-Mar on Feb. 9. The win put the freshmen record at 8-5 going into their last game at Albion.

Going into the last game of the season, the Marion freshmen reserves were shooting for an undefeated 9-0 record. With Jim Roth and Don Walton getting 10 points apiece the Indian reserves got that perfect season with an impressive 45-35 win over a tough Albion "B" team. It was the second-stringers best-played game of the season by far, as more players than could be listed here helped to defeat the Albion team handily.

The "A" team also had their best game of the season in an exciting come-from-behind win over the Albion first team 80-74. Greg Bice and Brian Donohoe both had 18 points to pace the Indians. But it was a string of five free throws with less than two minutes left, 3 by Todd Pedersen and two more by Dave Witte, that clinched the victory. The Marion frosh had trailed 37-35 at halftime, but a brilliant second-half rally saw them win going away.



Mark Moeller is Ready

MHS Wrestlers Bewilder Foes

Well, when it comes to wrestling, the Marion High School Wrestling team reminds one of the world famous Harlem Globetrotters, putting on near flawless exhibitions of their skills to their bewildered opponents while racking up win after win. While not performing for laughs and entertainment like the Globetrotters, they do bring a chuckle to Indian fans who witness the embarrassing defeats the Indians give their opponents.

For those who have lost count, Coach Loyd Shaffer's Indians are unbeaten in its last 29 dual meet outings that cover a span of over two and one half years! In the process of compiling this year's 10-0-1 dual meet record, Marion won their FOURTH STRAIGHT Wamac Conference dual meet championship tying with Independence with a 6-0-1 record. And the Indian's tournament record wouldn't put too many people to shame as Marion captured their THIRD STRAIGHT Wamac tournament title. That's not to mention Marion's big wins in the Prairie and Linn-Mar Invitational wrestling tournament.

In winning their third straight Wamac tournament crown, the Indians easily outscored second place Independence, by putting eight wrestlers in the finals. Those winning individual titles were Mark Moeller at 105, Kevin Klopfenstein at 112, Marty Carter at 145, Mark Ziegler at 167 and Randy Olson at 185. Runners up for Marion were Tom Stalkfleet at 132, Dan Hoke at 138 and heavyweight Rick Long.

Not only has Marion's record been outstanding, so has the individual performances this season. Tom Borst, just a freshman, finished at 10-7 at 155, 98-pounder, Jim Kray, went 14-4-0 before injuring a knee ending his season. However, Mike Ford picked up where Kray left off by going 7-2-1 including making it to the AAA District meet. Juniors Marty Carter and Tom Stalkfleet had excellent years. Carter finished at 18-3-1 while while Stalkfleet just missed the 20-win mark by going 19-4-0. The seniors certainly had a big part in the unbeaten record this year. Randy Olson came on strong at the end while Dave McElligot went 13-9-0 plus making it to the AAA Districts. Four Indians that truly had great years for Marion were junior Mark Moeller and seniors Dan Hoke, Kevin Klopfenstein and Rick Long. Moeller went unbeaten during regular season action going 22-0-1 but ran into trouble during the tournaments, while making the AAA Districts and finished at 24-2-1. Hoke, also an AAA district qualifier, closed out at 19-5-1 and a two-year record of 39-11-1. Hardworking Kevin Klopfenstein posted the best Indian record at 25-2-0 while just missing a state tournament berth. He also had an outstanding two-year record of 40-7-2, one of the best around. Finally the Indian's lone state tournament representative, Rick Long, made it through the district war with a 21-5-1 record. The best of luck to Rick from the VOX.

Congratulations to Coach Shaffer and his varsity wrestlers on this year's many successes, successes that the Marion wrestlers plan to continue in the future.

WRESTLING



Jeff Peltier