



## Winter Wonderland

A winterland wonderland? Not quite, it's just good old Marion High School with a little winter spirit. Dangling in a dazzling array, the snowflakes are swaying to the beat of high school students passing through the library and a few select classrooms such as rooms 46 and 300.

A big part of this extra ingredient is junior Brenda Westergren. She proudly displays her snowflakes around the school, as would I.

Obviously she has a talent. These snowflakes are really "cool." Her story all started back when Brenda was a child. She began

cutting snowflakes like any normal child would, but took it a step further her sophomore year. By practicing a variety of long narrow slits along with other different cuts and sizes, Brenda has produced the ultimate lace-look-a-like snowflakes. She started cutting and never stopped. Her advice to anyone interested in creating these unique works of art is "Practice makes perfect."

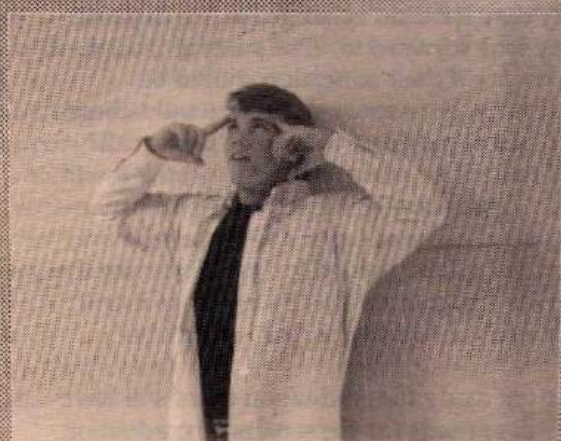


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## Junior Stress



*Stressed out junior Lonnie Rose tries to remember everything he has to do.*

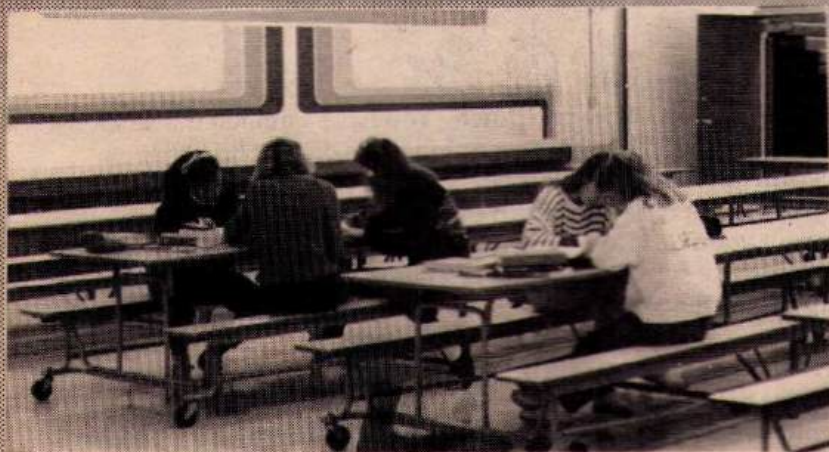
Are you stressed, depressed, or overtired? Do you have a mingo load of homework? If you have these symptoms, you must be a junior! Everyday juniors come to school half asleep and half awake. They try to keep up with the fast pace life of high school, but it's almost impossible. Sometimes juniors even wonder if they make it through the year.

We asked some seniors how they felt about their junior year, and most of them said it was tough. Seniors, Lisa Sweet and Hiedi Begley said that their junior year was stressed a lot. Coming to school everyday wondering how much homework the teachers are going to pile on you, or how much they will yell at you, is just the beginning. Then there is the job you have to get money to go to college you get home from your job, you're all tired, and still have to do your homework and your half asleep. By this time you are a nervous wreck.

On top of all your school and work problems, you must not forget you have a social life too. Although you want to go out and have some fun at school activities.

And when you do go out and give yourself a break more stress is added because you know you're only getting farther behind. And when you realize that if you do not have enough credits to graduate, you had better work twice as hard. Junior year is the year when your life begins to get complicated and you start to grow up fast. So all freshmen and sophomores beware of your junior year, this may be the only warning you'll get.

"I know I am stressed out when I fall asleep in almost every class. I think the reason why juniors are so stressed is because they're at the point of making big decisions in their lives," says junior Sheila Holmes. "When I see a lot of the juniors in the halls after school, they always have an armful of books. I really don't look forward to having such stress," says freshman Laura Brandt.



*Many juniors handle stress by studying with their friends in lounge.*

## And This Year I Promise...

An old year has left and a new year has taken its place.

That means that some of us will be making some New Year's resolutions. But how many of us really follow through on our New Year's resolutions? Most people resolve to shed a few extra pounds or to work harder to achieve goals. But it seems that after a couple of weeks into the new year we fall through on the resolutions we have made. I know that the resolutions I made last year didn't last for a week but I knew that I would probably

not follow my resolution. Why, then do we make resolutions if we know that we will probably not follow them? Well, it's hard to change all of our bad habits that we want to get rid of that we have been doing for years. Sometimes we just make them because it is a way to get rid of the old year and to make a brand new start for the new year ahead or maybe we have too much at a New Year's Eve party and can't remember what we resolved to do. Let's just take 1989 one step at a time and see what comes up before we make any big changes.

## Running Away

"Easy Answer" can lead to more problems

Runaways. They are the neglected, abused, and unwanted kids living on the streets of America. We hear stories about their day to day struggles in order to survive the dangers of crime, sex, and violence. However, many of the children are losing the fight.

One million kids run away from home in the U.S. each year. Their age runs as young as twelve to as old as eighteen. What causes them to leave home? Is it because they want to experience the adventure of being on their own? Experts say most runaways are troubled by physical and emotional turmoil within the family, often caused by sexual or drug abuse. They don't feel important in their parents' lives. Some kids struggle over a divorce of their parents and can't handle living with one or the other so they believe the only answer is running away. Others are literally forced out of their homes by parents who are not willing to care for their children. These are just a few reasons kids flee to the streets.

There is a four step procedure involved with the handling of runaways. First, the police take the report. Second, the police are to notify the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) of the FBI. Because of the Missing Children Act, parents have the right to enter their children's name into the NCIC computer. Next, the police place a statewide missing persons alarm. The final and most important step is investigating why the child ran and where to find him or her. Cedar Rapids has Foundation II and the Youth Shelter for runaways who need help in dealing with their problems. Mr. Bailey says most of the potential runaways he deals with are referred to Foundation II because they deal with domestic disputes.

Many people around the country are joining together to help return runaways to their families and homes. There are some 350 shelters nationwide which welcome teens and provide them with food and clothing. Many hotlines are set up to give advice to kids who are on the verge of running from home, or those who already live on the streets. The government is also trying to eliminate the large numbers of runaways. Last year they donated \$26 million dollars for the purpose of finding and helping kids who have no place else to go.

There are ways of preventing children from running away. Most of the prevention starts at home with the way a child is brought up. Children need parental guidance or someone to look after them and help make decisions.





## What The Stars Have In Store

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Money gains look good for you today. You will be showered with attention. A kind and loving gesture from a friend or mate will bring an incredible smile to your face. Look forward to a great day. A long distance phone call will add some mystery and excitement to your future plans. Dress well. You're in the spotlight today so don't be late. Get motivated right from the start. You will do things today you thought you'd only dream of. Have fun!



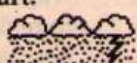
**CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS:** comedian Pee-Wee Herman, actor George Munster, actress Marsha Brady, novelist Reed I. Cann, actor Messy Marvin, pianist Ivory N. Black, and singer Hum A. Tune.

**TODAY'S CHILD** is filled with spunk, a real go-getter. They like to always be where the fun is and never want to be left all alone. They enjoy participating in a wide array of activities. These people will be the ones to speak up in the middle of a dead silence. They express themselves freely and take a common-sense approach to business matters. Saving money is not one of their strongest points but the way they spend it is almost an art.



### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

You will be faced with all sorts of questions from those who admire you. Your opinions and feelings matter to many so give their questions thoughtful and concerned replies. You will receive a pat on the back from an influential person in your life. Stay on your toes. Walk softly or someone may wind up getting hurt.



### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

Waking up on the wrong side of the bed will bring terror into your morning but the sun will shine through the storm and bring warmth about mid-afternoon. Stick with your normal routine. Avoid changes in your daily schedule as they will only cause you frustration. Don't dwell on past mistakes. Financial advances are promising.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):

Your family longs for your attention. Spending time with some younger person will make you feel good about yourself. Get a good breakfast today as an issue that demands your time could blow-up and cause you to cancel your lunch plans. Romance is in the air. Some mysterious newcomer will attract your eye and remain on your mind throughout the day. Act on impulse- don't hesitate or you may miss out.

### ARIES (March 21-April 19):



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Your relationship with someone special could blossom beautifully. Gifts from an admirer, however, may mysteriously come to you. This could cause some interference. Be true to the one you love. Although your thoughts may wander, stay on the right track or you may be heading towards a dead end. A phone call from work could bring you financial gains- take the opportunity. Be generous with your time. Don't set too many limits.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20):

A friend will share their deepest secret with you today. Listen well and give advice if you must. Lock it away, don't spill the beans. This person will treasure your judgement and trusts that you will keep silent. Be respectable. Act on plans for your future. Filling out applications and forms could prove to be beneficial. Your flexibility in a tight situation pays off. Keep a smile on your face.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20):



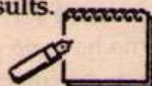
Deadlines may cause you a lot of stress. Keep up with the flow of things. Don't let yourself get behind. Make plans to get away from everything for awhile and do something that you find fun. Be careful, though, in your planning because a good friend may let you down. A casual acquaintance could become more than just an acquaintance. Romance may strike when you least expect it so make sure you have your Certs in hand.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22):



Money problems may come to you today if you do not censor your spending. Buy only things that are necessary. Try spending your free time reading instead of watching T.V. because you may be entering into couch-potatohood. Exercise your muscles today. A new workout program may bring about positive results.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):



Writing is a great way to express your feelings. Get them down on paper and share them with a loved one or close friend. Doing so will open up new doors in your relationships with others. Shut out fear and

## Doing Time :

### State Legislature Changes Rules on School Day

In the 1989-90 school year many people will be affected by the new Iowa law change for education. All students, including seniors, will be required to be in school 180 days and any day that students are let out before 2 P.M. will not be counted as a full day. This means that 1:30 early dismissals will be scarce, if there are any at all, and seniors will no longer get out of school early at the end of the year.

According to Mr. Bailey, the law was changed for two reasons. The first was due to a 1983 report called "Nation at Risk." This report dealt with the inadequate education in U.S. public schools. There have been many reforms since this report came out and the new law change is one of them. "The second reason for this alteration is the desire to provide a uniform number of days and hours that all schools must abide. Up to this point, it was the discretion of the individual states and school districts to set the length of day and year," stated Mr. Bailey.

The seniors and juniors at MHS pretty much agree that the law shouldn't be changed. Some say they shouldn't change the law because for seniors it's an advantage they look forward to. One student thought it should be up to the students to decide if their education should be increased or left as it is. But, seriously, how many students would choose to increase their time in school when some don't wish to be here at all?

"Some adjustments will have to be made, but I don't think it will be significantly harder," says Mr. Tesar about getting grades out for the graduates. It will be harder for some teachers, especially those who only have senior classes, as failing grades will be needed for seniors before the class is finished in order to plan for graduation. Mr. Bates thinks it will make the teachers increase their work on weekends, but it won't be impossible.

Mr. Bailey thinks that to get ready for graduation there will have to be some kind of attendance waiver made for the seniors or graduation will have to be set back a week. Mrs. Bennett thinks there should be a limitation on the number of days for early dismissal that seniors can miss, but not a strict ban on the number of days that students should attend. The juniors and some seniors disagree on the idea of it being more difficult to get ready for graduation without the extra days Marion High School provides as some say it will be more difficult without the time, yet others think it won't be any worse.

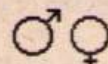
Mr. Bates doesn't think the new Iowa law change for education will solve a lot because the increase in hours won't necessarily make the students more intelligent. It's the way the hours are used that will better Iowa education, not how many hours there are.



take on new adventures in your life. It is time to start moving in another direction because you are getting bogged down. Make advances in romance and you may find yourself a new Valentine.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

Don't jump to any conclusions today. Think things through thoroughly before making any rash decisions. Running off at the mouth will only get you into trouble. This is a good day for you to catch up with things you've let slide as you have not yet mastered the art of learning by osmosis. Extend a hand to a friend in need but do not criticize. Be alert on the roads, there could be a disaster.



### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

Your hard work and extra efforts around the house will be noticed. Extra spending money may be on its way. Avoid ordering things through the postal service. Lost merchandise may never be found. Go on a shopping spree. A new outfit you buy will attract the attention of a member of the opposite sex you've been watching for awhile. You may drop something on your lap at lunch today so be prepared. Wear a bib if you must.



### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

A late start today won't slow you down. You have a million things to do. Spread out your time so that everything gets done. Show that special person just how much you care today. Leaving hints and signs may get you the response from them that you've been longing for. Don't commit yourself to anything that you cannot handle at this time. Have fun but make sure that nobody is left out of your plans. A new friendship may begin to develop with a little nurturing.



### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

You look a bit tired today. Do not push yourself too hard. Take a break from strenuous activities and make sure you eat your Wheaties! Skipping important practices will cause you to fall backwards. Make the right decision for yourself. Don't worry about what others think. Dining out this evening may invite romance to walk right up to your table, so order light; you don't want to come off as a pig.



## John Vox Says:



Thumbs up to Christmas vacation.  
 Thumbs down to a shorter Christmas vacation this year.  
 Thumbs up to wrestling champs.  
 Thumbs down to the cold weather.  
 Thumbs down to cold air blowing out through the registers.  
 Thumbs up to sophomore basketball.  
 Thumbs down to people who skip school especially when others are counting on them.  
 Thumbs up to creative writers in Playwrites.  
 Thumbs down to bad drivers.  
 Thumbs up to the band/vocal holiday concert.  
 Thumbs down to the soon-to-be slippery roads.  
 Thumbs up to Hall's Photo being so efficient with our Vox photos.  
 Thumbs down to siblings who buy cheap gifts.  
 Thumbs up to early graduates.  
 Thumbs down to lame excuses for being tardy.  
 Thumbs up to holiday spirit in the hallways.  
 Thumbs down to homework over Christmas vacation.  
 Thumbs up to sleeping in and staying up late over the holidays.  
 Thumbs down to coming back to school after break.  
 Thumbs up to the end of first semester.  
 Thumbs down to semester tests coming up.  
 Thumbs up to TV 101, the new student journalism show.  
 Thumbs down to the school clocks being a few minutes off and causing unnecessary tardies.  
 Thumbs up to no snow.  
 Thumbs down to no snow on Christmas Day.  
 Thumbs up to having winter drama.  
 Thumbs down to rumors heard through the grapevine.  
 Thumbs up to Marion graduates being back for the holidays.  
 Thumbs down to Marion businesses not putting ads in The Vox but buying space in other schools' newspapers.  
 Thumbs down to a foggy New Year's Eve.  
 Thumbs up to new semester schedule changes.  
 Thumbs down to looking forward to New Year's Eve fun and being letdown in the end.  
 Thumbs up to the old Marion swimming pool being used as an ice skating rink this winter.  
 Thumbs down to freshmen who try to act like they're seniors.  
 Thumbs up to senior girls mimicking the senior guys' fashion statements.  
 Thumbs down to the flu bug returning to MHS.  
 Thumbs up to MHS companionship.  
 Thumbs down to how quickly false rumors spread.  
 Thumbs up to teachers who allow students to opt out of their semester tests due to good class attendance.  
 Thumbs down to heaps of homework and short deadlines before the semester's end.  
 Thumbs up to students who work hard in gym class.  
 Thumbs down to big mouths who listen into other people's conversations.  
 Thumbs up to those who give their fellow classmates, who walk to school, rides on cold winter days.  
 Thumbs down to people who always say it's somebody else's fault.  
 Thumbs up to computer literacy.  
 Thumbs down to unconstructive criticism.  
 Thumbs up to this school year's first Letter To The Editor (printed in the last issue of The Vox).  
 Thumbs down to those who jump to conclusions.  
 Thumbs up to cherished high school friendships.  
 Thumbs down to negative attitudes.  
 Thumbs up to Mike Hughes' ingenious way of opening his locker.  
 Thumbs down to the winter blahs.  
 Thumbs up to relaxed classroom atmospheres during the stressful period before the semester ends.  
 Thumbs down to the icy school parking lot.  
 Thumbs up to Valerie Downey going to Des Moines to be a page in the legislature.  
 Thumbs down to over-critical parents.  
 Thumbs up to plans for a special Valentine's Day issue of The Vox.

## John Vox Wants to Know: The Truth About MHS Privileges

There has been a lot of talk since the start of this school year about the new and anticipated limitations on privileges for certain classes. A privilege is defined by Webster as "a right or immunity granted as a peculiar benefit, advantage or favor." Students feel that by cutting back on their liberties, Marion High School is robbing them of the freedoms they feel they have acquired the right to over their years of dedication. But the staff and administration has come to the conclusion in recent years that these privileges granted to the majority of students at MHS are being abused. Academics are not benefiting from students who sit in lounge and talk, seniors who leave the school grounds two to three time a day, or students who opt out of their first or seventh hour study hall.

For this reason, some privilege changes have gone into effect this school year. Seniors are no longer allowed to have fewer than five classes on their schedule cards, and sophomores can no longer opt out if they have a study hall first or seventh hour. Rumors fill the hallways that next year there will be more changes, and that privileges may be done away with all together. But at this point in the game, according to Mr. Twachtman, Mr. Bailey, and Mrs. Bennett, they are only rumors. The Vox staff spoke with these staff members to get some background on our privilege system. We also feel that it is important to understand our teachers' and administrators' points of view in order to see if the limitations are really all that unfair.

Freshmen have never had privileges, and now sophomores no longer have them either. The reason for this change in sophomore benefits is because the staff didn't think they were ready for them and should instead be using their study halls to work in preparation for their junior and senior years. Junior privileges remained the same, but seniors' open campus option was decreased. Seniors are required to carry five classes instead of four this year because in the past some seniors have been off the school grounds more than on them during the school week. This change was necessary as academics are the primary reason we are here.

One thing students don't realize is that privileges have not been a part of our school system forever, although most of them feel that these inalienable rights are granted to them in the U.S. Constitution. As a matter of fact, privileges have only been a part of our curriculum since the late 1970's. Mr. Twachtman isn't sure as to the reason privileges were started but did state that they were more limited when they began than they are now. Mrs. Bennett also noted the fact that changes made over the years have allowed for a more open schedule.

When privileges were initiated, the number of staff members in favor of or against them was split fifty-fifty. Some teachers thought it was ridiculous and felt that students should either be in class or in study hall. Others felt it was a good idea because little could be accomplished in crowded study halls and felt it was easier on both the students and themselves.

There are definitely both good and bad points that can be associated with having privileges. After MHS privileges went into effect, there were more tardies and more assignments that were not handed in on time. But even despite these results, Mrs. Bennett stated that she feels students benefit from having privileges because it allows for more student independence and students enjoy and, in most cases, do not abuse the privilege. She also feels, though, that privileges should be more limited in respect to students' grades.

As mentioned before, there are no plans for further limitations. If you respect your privilege opportunities and show that you can handle them with responsibility, privileges will probably remain a part of Marion High School for quite a long time. So keep in mind a few words of wisdom from Mr. Twachtman when spreading rumors about change in privileges- "If you abuse them, you'll lose them!"

♥ Attention: The Vox staff is planning on putting out a Valentine's Day issue within the next three weeks and would appreciate your input. Buy a personal ad for the issue to let that special someone know just how much you care. ♥



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### Editorial Policy of The Vox

Staff editorials reflect the majority opinion of the staff of The Vox and will appear on page 2 of The Vox in each issue. Space for letters to the editor will be provided on the opinion page. All letters must be signed and will not be published anonymously. Letters must be limited to 200 words in length, and not all letters will be published in their entirety. The staff will not edit letters for usage, punctuation, or spelling errors. No letter will be

published which contains libel, obscenities, is an invasion of privacy, or which would cause a physical disruption to the school. The authorship of all letters will be checked by the staff of The Vox. Suggestions for inclusion in "John Vox Says..." may be submitted by any student or staff member. The decision on whether to include them rests solely with the staff. Suggestions may be given to any staff member or handed in to the office.



## Stay Off the Streets



Sweet "16", the big day when teenie-boppers everywhere are given the opportunity to let loose and put the family truckster to the test. This is a scary thought after hearing some of the incidents M.H.S. students have experienced. They seem to think it is funny, but I feel sorry for the old lady trying to make it across without being flattened.

One student guilty of such bad driving habits is Jenny Humphrey. When Jenny received her first ticket, she was shocked and embarrassed. But, little did she know, that within the same year she would receive two more tickets and lose her license. I wonder what she got for a grade in Drivers Ed.? More realistically, I wonder what she got for dinner the night she told her parents.

Andrea Nolz isn't exactly what you'd call a safe driver. She's been in three accidents throughout the past two years, but the scary part is that she still has her license.

Then there's Kenny Heitzman, who played a part in one of Andrea's collisions and darn near put his sister through the windshield on a different occasion. If he had just followed his mother's rules, and kept the radio down so he could concentrate, maybe none of this would have happened.

There are students who don't have to worry about their car stereo being too loud, simply because their battery-operated ghetto just won't go that high. Right Dalton?

If you're wondering why you haven't seen Bemo ripping around in his jacked-up Nova, not to worry. He's made the switch to a red Pinto. Look out, though, he never said anything about retiring his racing gloves.

Oh boy, those crazy kids. Shane Ehresman can only dream about driving since he can't seem to get his car started. But in the mean time, don't be surprised to see Shane on a Schwinn!

Well, that about does it, but perhaps the most embarrassing happening that some person was brave enough to admit was that they had zoned out into space and, to their surprise, rear-ended a cop. Only Melynda Lantz could manage this one.

I'd think these people could learn after one simple incident, but just to be safe; if you'll try to keep it on the road, I'll be sure to keep off the sidewalks.

## Early Out

Usually you think of your senior year as the last year to be together with the kids you've gone to school with for years and years. It's a time to savor because next year there is college, and everyone knows that it's not easy. Well, this year, ten senior students were hit by the deadly disease of senioritis earlier than usual. The only known cure is to let them graduate at semester and wish them luck in whatever they do, be it Brad

Mansfield joining the army or Tina Greiner getting married.

But before you jump up and say, "I wish I could graduate early!" consider this. For those of you interested in sports, choir, drama, band, and clubs, the door is closed for all winter and spring activities. And what about missing out on the school life atmosphere like eating lunch with your friends and chatting in the halls with school buddies.

For some students, graduating early opens up a new world, and it's what they want. To those of you that fit this description, the Vox Staff would like to wish you all the best of luck. We'll miss you.

Early graduates: Mike Connell, Jim Connell, Paul Beebe, Tina Greiner, Kris Frasher, Brad Mansfield, Dedi Partridge, Tabitha Eis, Sam Brown, and Alicia Brisel.

Brad Mansfield will soon be in the army.



Alicia Brisel, and Tina Greiner (above) work hard at controlling their grief at graduating early.



Jenny Sindelar will miss gym class with Mike Connell.



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## Mirror Image

Twins - you hear so much about them, but how much do you really know? They are the same age, and sometimes they look alike. There are different kinds of twins. First there are the fraternal twins who do not look alike. They could be a boy and a girl or two boys or two girls. Identical twins look exactly alike, genetically anyway. Siamese twins are joined together at some point of their bodies. Then there are twins that do not even look like each other.

Marion high school has some twins, four sets to be exact. Rocky and Tami Damiano are fraternal twins, as are Cary and Cody Jordan and Kim and Kris Wheeler. Todd and Eric Melberger are identical twins (as if you haven't noticed). How do these people react to being a twin? Are they ever bothered by being called their twin's name? Most of the twins we asked say the most advantage thing about being a twin is when you were a little

kid you always had someone to talk to and play with. The biggest disadvantage about being a twin is that people always mistake you as your other twin. They said they usually get along because they share the same interest. They all said they liked being a twin because you can share a lot of things with them, and they will understand what you are saying. The thing most people want to know is if you could choose to be a twin would you, and the twins said yes, because it builds a closer relationship. One said, "You always help each other out all the time even though you hate each other."

Twins are always different in some way, or you would never be able to tell them apart. People go around the school and try to see if that is the right twin they want to talk to. Everyday you see someone go up to the Melbergers and get the wrong name. The other twins you can tell apart pretty well. If you wanted to be a twin, now you know what it is like to have one everyday of your school years.

## "Name the District" Contest

Know a way to lose those midwinter blahs? Win fifty dollars to take a special someone to dinner or a concert in the "Name the District" contest.

The contest will run from February 10 through February 24. It will be sponsored by the Citizens for Merger Committee to choose a

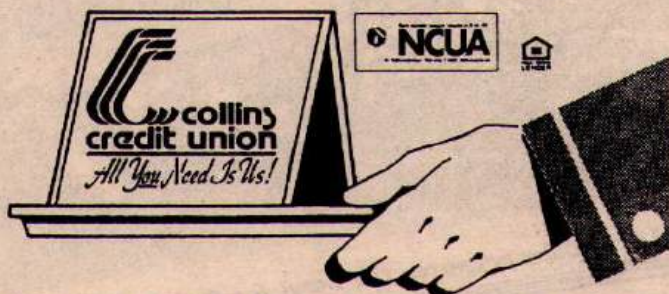
name for the merged Marion/Linn-Mar district. This name is required by law to be part of the petition which requests a vote on the merger issue. The citizens for Merger Committee will announce a winner on or about March 8. Contest details will be announced at a later date, and entry blanks will be available in several locations.

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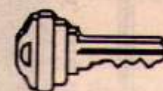
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is a dime  
in a faded jean  
pocket of life,  
hidden  
in the fuzzy lint  
found  
at the bottom corners of  
jeans.  
  
Thin metal waiting for  
digging...  
searching...  
  
innocent  
fingers of youth  
standing  
at the bubble gum machine.  
  
...for a warm hand to  
hold him secure.

Christine Willmsen '89



## LOCK-IN!

Student council has discussed some new and exciting things. The student council has discussed a lock-in in the school. At Christmas time they took food to the Catholic Worker House and the Worker House gave it to the homeless. They also purchased a screen that tells you some interesting things on it every day. Several organizations helped with expenses. The student council is not sure about having the lock-in, because of the wrestling room. Secretary Carrie Spear, "Yes, we are having the lock-in on March 10th for MHS students only (no guests). It will be \$4.00 in advance and \$5.00 at the door."

Here are the times when the doors open and close:

1. 10:00-open
2. 10:00-1:00-Dance
3. 12:00-doors close
4. 1:00-5:00-movies
5. 1:00-4:30-gym is open
6. 1:30-food starts
7. 1:30-3:30-games start

More updates will be here soon. KEEP WATCH.

## Chamber Choir Helps at Christmas

On December 19th, the Paramount Theater held its first annual Christmas concert hosted by KCRG. The purpose of the concert was to help people without enough food; therefore, the admission was one nonperishable food item.

The Marion Chamber Choir had an invitation to perform along with a Bell Choir, and three other high school choirs from Jefferson, Mount Vernon, and Kennedy. "It was a good learning experience for the choir, and to

sing on the Paramount stage is an honor in itself," says Mr. Heim.

The Marion choir was excited to perform in front of such a large group with such a small choir. They felt they kept the crowd entertained and spread the Christmas spirit by singing songs such as "Cry Out", "Carol Of The Bells", "What Child", and "Portrait."

The evening was an enjoyable one as well as a helpful one, and the Marion Chamber Choir was proud to be a part of it.

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# PHOTO OPS.



Heather Hapgood receives the dreaded TARDY slip.



Mr. John Heim announces the next selection at the Music Department's Winter Concert.



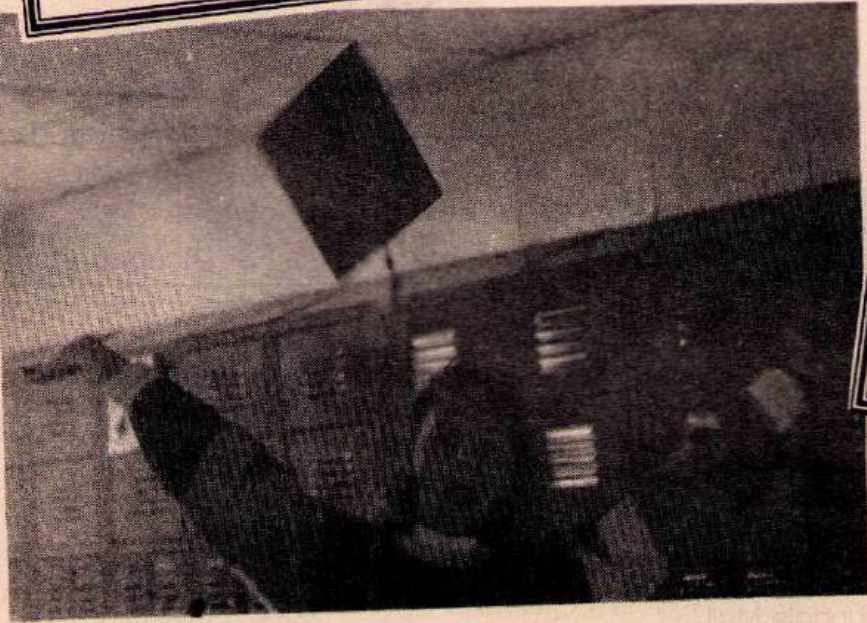
Who is this person, and why isn't he in class?



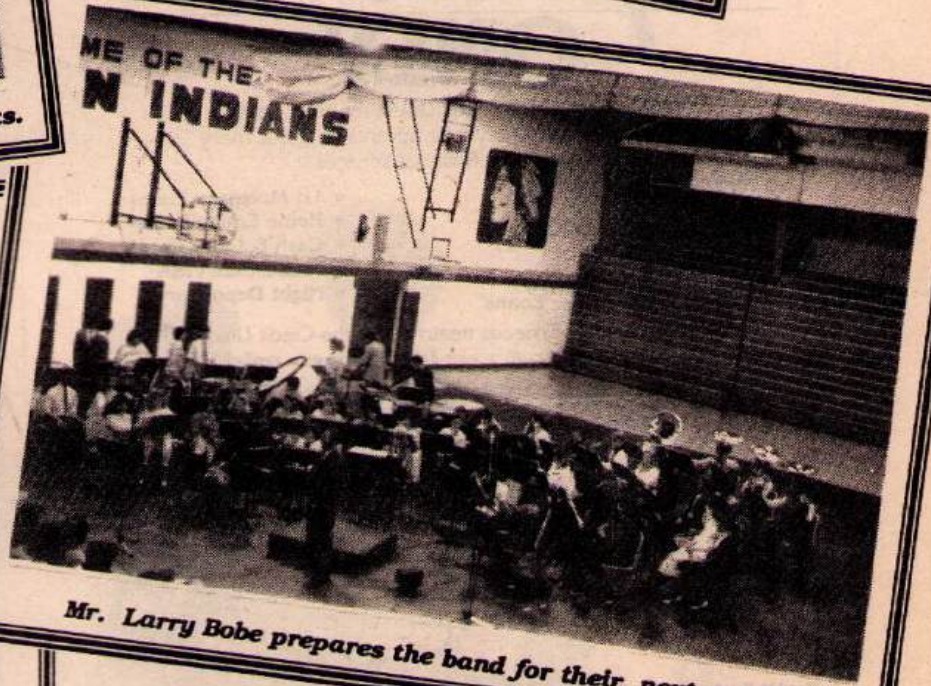
Thad Shaffer looks to go inside against the City High Little Hawks.



Mr. Ferguson has never figured out which side the tassel goes on. Is this why he's still in high school?



After talking to early graduates, Lisa Sweet starts looking forward to May.



Mr. Larry Bobe prepares the band for their next number.



## Frustrating Season for Varsity Girls and Boys Basketball

The Marion Girls Basketball team started off December well, beating Lasalle 48-43. On the boards Kim Lochner was the high scorer with 21 points Gigi Gann was 2nd with 10 points. Susan Jensen had 9 rebounds, the most out of the team that night. On December 8, the girls took on Regis, ranked 2nd in the state. The girls lost a hard fought battle, 23-58. Wendy Wittwer was the high scorer with 7 points followed by Gigi Gann with 6 points. The next game brought Marion face to face with the West Delaware girls. Steph Robertson was the high scorer with 13 points and Gigi Gann was second with 10 points Stephanie Robertson had one 3-point goal. After the hard work and determination put into this game it paid off. The girls celebrated a victory 41-33. Then on Tuesday, December 15, the girls traveled to Independence for their 2nd conference game of the regular season. The game was close but the girls lost the battle 47-48. Stephanie Robertson sank 16 points to be the high scorer of the game, and Wendy Wittwer was second with 15 points. To start out the new year the girls battled Benton Community on Tuesday, January 3, 1989. Stephanie Robertson was the high scorer with 15 points and Gigi Gann was second with 14 points. Anamosa was the next opponent for the girls in the new year. Kim Lochner was the high scorer with 13 points and Wendy Wittwer was second with 11 points. Wendy Wittwer had 8 rebounds. The girls won, 47-43. On Friday, January 14, 1989, Marion took on Vinton, losing 53-32. Wendy Wittwer was the high scorer with 14 points, and Kim Lochner had 9 rebounds. On Saturday, the girls played a non-conference game against Maquoketa. Stephanie Robertson was the high scorer with 14 points. Stephanie Robertson, Kim Lochner and Wendy Wittwer each had 4 rebounds. The girls won, 51-48.

Although the season has not gone as well as the girls would like, they haven't given up. "We are a young team, we have lots of prospects, and we'll be back better than ever!" said Tami Tasker and Melissa Port.

Marion basketball this year was thought to show much improvement, but after the heartbreaking overtime loss to Linn-Mar, it seemed to take the hearts out of the players.

The next game was Marion playing at Anamosa with which Marion came out with an impressive victory, 86 - 63, and then came home and lost to Regis in the Red/Gold classic, 77-58.

Their next game came up against Prairie in which the Indians were defeated 86-54. Things only got worse when they went to LaSalle and come home defeated 90-79.

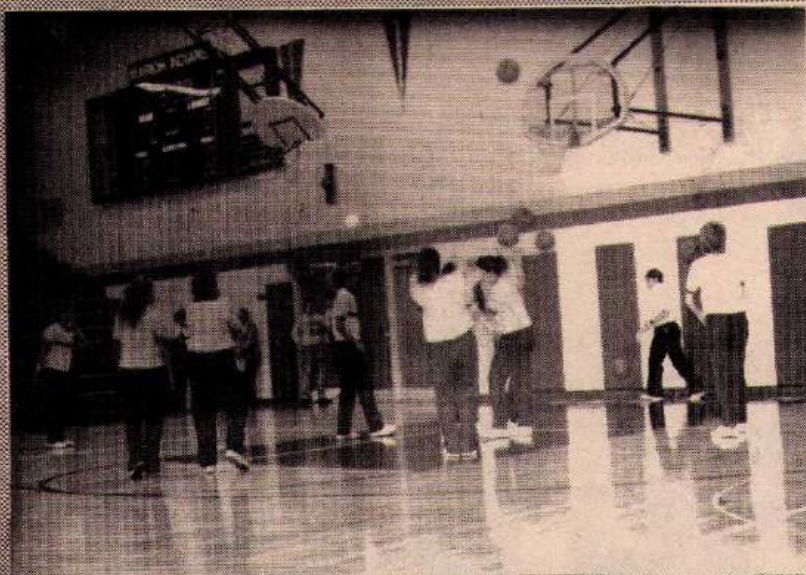
Starting for Marion are Carey Bender, Ken Miell, Shane Ehresman, Jeff Weaver, and Tom Henderson. Other team members include Eric Dalton, Rob Bowen, Eric Arp, Kevin Klawitter, Brian Bemisdarfer, Scott Brauer, Jason Northway, Cary Jordan, Phil Hutchinson, Sam Caldemeyer, and Pascal Bizarro.

Leading the team in points is Ken Miell with 69, along with a game average of 17.3. Shooting percentages are Bender-36%, Henderson-38% and just under 50% for three point goals, Meill-40%, Ehresman-31%, and Weaver-72%.

"The past seven games were frustrating for us," Said Coach Ross. "It's just a matter of getting a victory to get us started."



Shane Ehresman takes the shot against a tough Regis defense.



The girls team warms up (Above)

Steph Robertson looks for a play during varsity girls action. (below)



## R-E-S-P-E-C-T FIND OUT WHAT IT MEANS TO ME

### SPORTS COMMENTARY

Rodney Dangerfield always says "I get no respect." Well this is how some of the Marion cheerleaders feel. Cheerleaders - the people who get the crowd pepped up. Everything looks so easy - a couple of locker signs here, a few games there. But it really is a lot of hard work. Cheerleaders practice everyday from 3:10 to 4:00. They make locker signs and practice their cheers to perfection. How often are the cheerleaders told "good job" or "thank you"? It's not very often and the cheerleaders do deserve it. How many times have you basketball players complained about not having locker signs or cheerleaders at your games? This season the basketball cheerleaders have a total of 30 games through February. Sometimes this comes out to 3 and 4 games a week. The wrestling cheerleaders cheer for 2 meets a

week. This includes many away games or meets when the cheerleaders don't get home until late. Also they give up many of their Saturdays for all-day meets. The football cheerleaders had eight games this season and they prepared for Westdale. Cheerleaders gave this insight. "I know it's hard to draw a crowd at a sophomore game, but I wish people would realize that we are out there," says frosh Laura Brandt. "I feel that cheerleaders should get more respect because we try to show the most school spirit, and we try to get students involved," explained junior Sheila Holmes. Would you prefer a situation like in West Branch where there are no cheerleaders for winter sports because not enough girls were willing to give up the time? The next time you see a cheerleader working hard for our school tell them, "Thanks."



## Spotlight on Sophs!

### Boys work to extend their 6 game winning streak

Marion boys sophomore basketball has been a bright spot in Marion's athletics this winter. The sophomore record is 6-1, 4-0 in conference play, with the only loss a close one in OT to Linn-Mar 66-60. In that game Travis Fuller had 26 points to lead all scorers. Since then, the sophs have posted wins over Anamosa (69-50), Regis (53-51), Prairie (74-69), LaSalle (93-40), Independence (82-74) and Benton Community (76-35).

The sophs are coached by Jim Efting, a social studies teacher at St. Pius, and Scott Vandermillen, the assistant A.D. at Kirkwood. Most of the sophomores have played together since grade school, with the addition of Brennan Buckley last year and Todd Lewis this year, and have always been successful. The only team they lost to while at Vernon Middle School was Linn-Mar, with whom they split 2-2. Last year their record was 15-3, losing to Prairie, C.R. Washington, and Kennedy. This year they are looking to win Wamac and finish without another loss, but, as Travis Fuller says, "This is only due to hard work and the desire to win." Fuller is on top of the stats in both scoring and assists, with Tim Frake, Bryan Seedorf, and Todd Lewis the top rebounders, Bryan Seedorf leading in blocked shots, and Brennan Buckley and Travis Fuller leading in steals. Brent Conway is the team's sixth man. After starting for the team last year, Conway has been hampered with back problems this season. "It's slowed me down a lot and I'm not consistent," he says, although he does feel his play has improved since Christmas because he only plays when the doctor tells him it's O.K. Jamie Tharp and Ryan Fowler come off the bench for the team and Kurt Buck, Chad McNamera (a recent transfer from Anamosa), Jesse Grade, Bob Geesaman, Matt Long, and Jason Jorgenson complete the roster. Todd Lewis moved from Kentucky, where at his old school, teams members were cut to maintain a certain size squad. Now playing for a relatively small team of fourteen, he sees advantages because "...everybody gets to practice and gets the experience that helps you improve."

Although the sophomore shooting, quickness and aggressiveness has led them to their current record, that aggressiveness can also get them in trouble, as shown in the Linn-Mar game when Fuller and Seedorf fouled out and were unable to help in the overtime. The team is also working to reduce the number of turnovers and improve their defensive play. Says Fuller, "To reach our goal of Wamac champs, we can't stay where we are. We know we have to keep working hard."

### GRAPPLERS GO FOR THE GOLD

The Marion Wrestlers have shown us that they have got what it takes. On December 3, the grapplers competed in the Belle Plaine Tournament. T.J. Yi placed 1st, John Royer placed 2nd, and Brad Wilson placed 3rd. In their next meet, which was a duel with the Vinton Vikings, Marion won 50-24. Chad Vozenleck, T.P. Yi, Jason Rubacava, T.J. Yi, D.J. Trenkamp, and Doug Walker all won by pin, Josh Mason won by decision and John Royer and Brad Wilson won by forfeit.

In the meet with Regis, Marion won 39-26 with pins from Chad Vozenleck, and Doug Walker while T.P. Yi, D.J. Trenkamp, and Darrell Chiavetta won by decision.

T.J. Yi and John Royer won by technical falls and Brad Wilson grappled to a draw.

Then on the 14th of January, five varsity wrestlers traveled to the Pleasant Valley tournament. Out of 18 teams Marion placed 8th. John Royer came in first, T.J. Yi came in 2nd, Darrell Chiavetta placed 5th and Brad Wilson and Doug Walker both placed 6th. "We're pretty good this year even though we have a young team and most of them are inexperienced on the high school level. We are doing better than I thought we would," said T.J. Yi. The next home meet for the wrestlers is January 26 against Independence.

### Girls recover from losses, still lead Wamac

You never hear much about the sophomores, but their class has definitely added something to the basketball program at Marion. The sophomore girls basketball team at the present is 7-2. They started off the season with a bang and have been going ever since.

The first game the girls took on LaSalle. Allyson Eichhorst had 22 points, DeGwen Chamberlain was second with 12 and Carrie King added 11 points. The girls won 48-39. In the second game of the season, the Marion girls defeated Regis 43-41. Allyson Eichhorst was the high scorer with 23 points and Carrie King was second with 11 points. West Delaware proved to be a team that Marion could handle. They beat the Hawkettes 53-47. Allyson Eichhorst once again was the high scorer with 16 points, DeGwen Chamberlain had 16, and Nicci Port finished up with 12 points. In their fourth game of the season, Marion took on Independence. Carrie King was the high scorer off the boards with 26 points and DeGwen Chamberlain was second with 18 points. The girls won 56-47. Their last game of the year, Marion challenged the Norway Tigers. Carrie King was the high scorer with 16 points and DeGwen Chamberlain was second with 10. In the next game, the girls lost to Anamosa 37-49. Marion had deep foul trouble with three starters out and, as Carrie King said, "We weren't mentally prepared to play that game. We didn't show the intensity we needed." Last weekend the sophs lost to Vinton and won against Maquoketa.

On the season as a whole, the girls have been doing an excellent job. Nicci Port has been averaging 7.6 assists a game, Carrie King has 5 rebounds and 16.2 points a game, DeGwen Chamberlain has been averaging 5.5 rebounds and 10 points a game and Allyson Eichhorst has averaged 17.5 points a game. The girls are strong in their hustle on defense, rebounding, and are leading the conference.

"The girls have been playing fairly solid defense at times but they still suffer occasional lapses in regard to transition," stated Mr. Semler, the sophomore coach. "Their shot selection is great for a sophomore team and their free throw line percentage is 80%." Deb Menken is the assistant sophomore coach.



The sophomore girls basketball team listens to Coach Semler during a break in the action.

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