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by Josiah Bushlack

What's the big deal about Y2K, (Year two thousand). Is it something we should be worried about? Are you one of the people who has never heard about Y2K? Do you care what happens the night of December 31, 1999? If you don't know anything about it, then you should be looking into it. Y2K is going to be a big problem if people are not prepared.

One concern is the stock market dropping. People will lose thousands of dollars that they have invested in their businesses. If a business is not ready for the big 2K, computers that are not equip to change to double zero will malfunction.

A lot of computers and microchip circuitry aren't equip for having the capability of reading the date 2,000. Most computers only go up to 99. We don't know what is going to happen after that. The computers might shut down and we could loose a lot of important information that was stored in them. The 99 will be changed into a 00 which will make the computers think it is 1900 or stop running. Some people think it will make a glitch in the computers and will cause troubles. People can argue about how bad Y2K will be, but no experts can agree on what will really happen.

Banks will be getting ready by having extra workers working and extra money available if the ATM machines stop running.

In Russia, and many other places where they are computer dependent Y2K could cause deadly cases. The nuclear weapons systems are run by computers, and if not changed a glitch could set a nuke off.

People may be to concerned about if the world is going to end or not, they wont pay any attention to the problem in hand. They could be getting prepared like the Head family is. Jerry and Carolyn Head, who live in Arkansas, and have a son and daughter say that they are ready. They have been saving canned goods, flash lights, book, candles, and other food and appliances that

they think they will need to survive the computer bug. They have been saving since 1995.

The director of Technology for Marion High School is Mr. Singer. When asked how the school is doing concerning the computer bug.

Alliant. Alliant runs our electricity and they are not totally prepared for Y2K. So we don't no for sure if the school will have electricity or not. Since Alliant doesn't no what will happen, they are having a party for their employees near the plant where they work on Dec. 31, 1999. They want to be ready to go to work out any problems that might occur due to the change of 99 to 00.

Thanks to people like Mr. Singer we will most likely "survive" Y2K.

"I'm guess-

ing we will be in good shape but there might be some things that will go wrong, but for the most part we'll be OK," says Mr. Singer

Some people think the world is going to end and that you should sell your precious metals. Others say airplanes will fall from the sky and elevators will drop to the ground. These are only rumors that people have said.

When the countdown ends and the ball drops don't be surprised if something goes wrong. Make sure you will have done everything you can to be Y2K compatible.

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THAT WE CAN TO PREVENT
problems by THE YEAR 2000.
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WON'T HAVE ANY PROBLEMS."**

Mr. Singer said, "Most computers and servers are fine. Recent Mac's are good, and PC's are also compliant." In order to fix the computers that weren't compatible, the school had to order some software that could be downloaded on the computers and it would make it so the computer will be able to read the year 2000. Mr. Singer said that we will have done everything that we can to prevent problems by the year 2000. That doesn't mean that we won't have any faults.

The school does business with other businesses, for example,

A TIME/CNN POLL SAYS:

How CONCERNED ARE YOU ABOUT THE Y2K bug problem?

59% Somewhat/very concerned
39% Not very/not at all concerned

Will you TAKE ANY OF THESE ACTIONS TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM possible problems ASSOCIATED with THE Y2K bug?

47% Take extra cash out of bank account
33% Stockpile water and food
26% Not fly on an airplane
26% Keep family members at home
23% Stockpile fuel for car or house
13% Arm yourself with a shotgun
12% Move to a rural area

ARE THE following likely to happen WHEN THE YEAR 2000 begins?

59% Equipment with computers will fail
53% Banking system will be disrupted
38% Riots or other social unrest will occur
9% The world as we know it will end

Top Ten Ways To Know You Have Too Many Piercings:

10. When your head feels like a pin cushion.
9. When you take your piercings out and the wind blows right through them!
8. You can't board your plane, because you can't make it through the metal detectors.
7. If Dennis Rodman is your idol, not just for his basketball skills.
6. You exchange Christmas cards with your town's local piercer.
5. You are 10 pounds lighter after you take them out.
4. If you are asked on the Jenny Jones show as the main attraction on the "Freak" episode.
3. You can't eat any noodles without them getting wrapped around your tongue ring.
2. When all your senses are affected and impaired by them.
1. If anyone has ever confused you with JoliAnn DeLong!!

REASONS SAVED BY THE BELL is definitely based on real life

By Jon Lien and Matt Erkel

- If you take a caffeine pill you automatically become addicted and can't audition for the record company.
- Tori is very ugly.
- The Max: The only restaurant, ever, that can stay in business without charging a single person for a meal.
- Kasey Kasem rejuvenates his career, but is still washed-up.
- Accidentally stumbling into a gigantic room filled with radio equipment and what-not.
- The exclusive Rigma club broke up when members found out Trevor looked at a beer can.
- Zack has five biological fathers.
- Screech missed the comfort of constant teenage ridicule from Bayside and decided to drop out of college and go back to become the school's ideal 35 year-old student.

A DAY ON THE OTHER Side of THE AVE.

By JoliAnn DeLong and Sherry Hoover

Not too many students have the opportunity to attend a day at another school, but many wonder what it is like at our crosstown school, Linn-Mar. So we decided on our day off we were going to see for ourselves. With the help of junior Natalie Carroll, this is what we found out.

Linn-Mar is still on a seven period schedule, except they are experimenting with two block classes, Chemistry and Human Anatomy, preparing for the switch next year. Next year they plan to have all of their classes run as blocks except for their mathematics and foreign language courses.

Throughout the day we saw a big difference in the way the classes were run. It seemed to be a more lenient structure. The students were allowed to get up from their seats in the middle of a class, and they were also allowed an excessive amount of time to talk, whether the teacher was talking or it was work time. They do have a wider selection of classes. Many of their classes are offered at a younger age compared to us. Our freshman courses are offered to them when they are in eighth grade. This makes it so that when they are towards the end of their high school years they are able to take more advanced classes. We talked with one of their six Spanish teachers, Mrs. McKinster, and she stated, "Throughout my last 10 years of teaching I feel that the students' work ethic has gone down. Students want and expect to be entertained. I can't expect them to sit down and start working." She felt that by at-

tending a larger school, you get more of a variety of teachers' different personalities to choose from and there are more teachers instructing the same classes, so they are able to learn from each other. At a bigger school, many students commented on how it is a lot harder to have a high class rank. You can be a good student and if there are a lot of students that take easy classes and receive a 4.0 in them, then even your 3.5 could easily leave you at a lower ranking.

Now for some of the truths about how Linn-Mar perceives Marion. It seemed that throughout the day that whoever we talked to had a very common statement. "We think of Marion as the smaller 'rural' school." We might have all thought that they think of us as poor white trash, but as junior Ashley Benham says, "We in general don't actually think that. We see you as normal middle class people, just like the majority of us. Most of us aren't as snobby as you may think." In general people throughout the day were very polite during the classes. They were all very open and curious as to why we were there. And they were all very open to answer any questions asked and to answer them truthfully. One of the many people we talked to was their school's president, Eric Skogman. He was very polite and down to earth, so we asked him what he thought was a positive and negative at Linn-Mar. Eric answered honestly with, "The administration and staff keep the atmosphere very positive and keep the classrooms in an easy to learn environment, but I feel that the student

body is very cliquey, and they don't appreciate other people and what other people do for them!"

This could be part of the reason why we perceive Linn-Mar as we do. Most of us could admit we all have perceived Linn-Mar as a rich, snobby, preppie school. But as one Linn-Mar junior states, "A small majority of Linn-Mar kids are rich and snobby, but it is that small majority that really gives the school that reputation." Another view and opinion of the school from junior Katie Patterson is "...there are two types of people here, the popular students who are popular within themselves, and then the liked students, who have many friends."

Many of you complain when you see a cop or drug dog show up at your school. Linn-Mar has the same problem, except they come as often as about once every two weeks. They also have people out in the parking lot during passing times patrolling the students leaving the building. Many times these students are asked to see their i.d. before being allowed out of the parking lot, making sure they have the privilege to leave. Many of the teachers also wear name badges with their pictures on them everyday. Doors are locked early in the morning; only two remain unlocked for students to come and go from throughout the day.

So that's a day at Linn-Mar. It was different than we expected, and some of our stereotypes weren't what we expected. At the end of the day, don't you appreciate Marion just a bit more now? We sure do.

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MOVIES & VIDEO

by Jon Lien & Matt Erkel

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Starring: Brendan Fraser, Christopher Walken, Alicia Silverstone
Rated PG-13

Hmmm. Let's, for just a moment, pretend that I was the editor of this script. I'm about to stun you. 10 seconds. That's it, that's all it would take. By now you are thinking, "How, Jon? Do you speed read?" You say, "Yes, yes Jon, you must." Slow down, friend. I'm just here to hyperbolize and embellish biased opinions which are formed before even seeing the movie (F.Y.I. - I do bear malice towards this movie). Anyway, back to editing. "Blast from the Past", it just doesn't sound right. Here's my modification: Laugh at the Cast (Well, maybe not Christopher Walken, but, yeah, him too). You see, at the beginning of the movie they find Brendan Fraser frozen in ice underground; or something like that, anyway. Then Alicia Silverstone swoops in dressed as Bat-Girl. One of the characters from Kids in the Hall (a television show) also stars in the movie. I felt sorry for him.

Really though, the movie has its moments (I'm lying), there are some funny one-liners here and there (I'm sorry), so, go on and have a good time. I know I did.

My FAVORITE MARTIAN

(As would be described by a 2nd-grader)

Starring: Jeff Daniels, Christopher Lloyd, Elizabeth Hurley
Rated PG

I liked the parts about the poop. He had antennas and it was funny. I want to be the Martian. He liked ice cream, but I do too. This is my favorite movie because it's funny and I want to be the Martian. I can count to 100, apparently so can the Martian. Something else funny is when the clothes talks, trust me. It is also very funny. My favorite part would have to be about the poop. There's no passing up good poop jokes. One more funny part is when my friend threw-up because she was sick at the movie.

SOMETHING ABOUT MARY

Rated R - Comedy

This movie is one of the funniest movies of the year. It is the story of a young woman (Cameron Diaz) and the control she has over every man she meets. It begins with Mary (the most popular girl in school) agreeing to go to prom with Ted (Ben Stiller) who is a nerd. But instead of getting the dream prom he was hoping for he ends up in the hospital. The movie flashes forward to the present and we find that is still in love with Marry and wants to find out were she is and what she is up to. You must see this movie and if you already have seen it in the theater is worth renting.

SHOOTING FISH

PG - Comedy?

This movie is very bad. If you are wondering why you haven't heard of this movie it because it is terrible. Shooting Fish is the story of two young con men who's only goal in life is to buy a really big house. Honestly, that is the whole plot. Two guys trying to buy a mansion with out ever holding a real job. You may be thinking that doesn't sound to bad. "Well if you consider the facts that the actors are all British. And that the best song in the entire movie is "Do you know the way to San Jose." It should not surprise you that the end result is a very dry film that only a true Brit could like. I would advise you to steer clear of the movie at all costs.

ROUNDERS

Rated R - Drama/comedy

Rounders has a kind of fifties feel to it. The characters are likable and there is a lot of dialogue. The plot sometimes was a little far-fetched but didn't keep me from enjoying this film. Matt Damon plays a expert card player who is trying to fund his education with his poker winnings. When his best friend "Worm" gets out of jail Damon finds out that he owes \$15,000 to loansharks. Which would be that big of a problem but they only have one week to raise the money or they both will be killed. I was surprised at how funny this movie was. I recommend the Rounders to those of you who like classic movies but I would avoid it if you are looking for something up beat.

Showing who

YOU ARE:

BUMPER STICKERS

by Christina Lacher

Have you ever gotten bored on a long car ride and stared out the window until your eyes hurt? Some people actually have, by staring at the license plates, window decals, bumper stickers, and animals of other vehicles. Bumper stickers tend to be more memorable and humorous than the others, depending on how creative you are with personalizing your license plate or dressing your dog. After wandering in a couple parking lots, tailgating a few cars, and asking several people here at M.H.S, these were the most memorable bumper stickers sayings found:

Always remember you're unique, just like everyone else.
Never underestimate the power of stupid people in large groups.
I met Elvis - he sat between me and Big Foot on the UFO.
Your kid may be an honor student, but you're still an idiot.
Practice Population Control - go driving!
Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.
Make it idiot - proof and someone will make a better idiot.
Professionals are predictable, amateurs are dangerous!
I brake for hallucinations.

As long as there are tests, there will be prayer in school.
If you don't like the way I drive, get off the sidewalk!
I did NOT escape...they gave me a day pass.
So what if I'm slow, I'm still ahead of you!
You're just jealous because the voices only talk to me.
Some days you're the dog, some days you're the hydrant.
I intend to live forever - so far, so good.
Seen it all, done it all, can't remember most of it.
More people are killed annually by donkeys than die in air crashes.
The trouble with life is the lack of cool background music.
You are driving a car. It is not a telephone booth, beauty parlor, or restaurant.
Early bird gets the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
I know what you're thinking and you should be ashamed of yourself.
If it's too loud, you're too old.
You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say will be misquoted and used against you.

FROM HALFWAY ROUND THE WORLD

by: Annie Kinney & Christina Lacher

You may have been wondering about the new face at Marion. Fourteen-year-old sophomore Shruti Arvind Apte moved here from Singapore with her parents and older sister after her father was offered a position here in the computer science field. They relocated from Singapore to Cedar Rapids and this is how she became a student at Marion High School.

Shruti's hobbies include reading, cycling, singing and dancing. Her favorite things to read are Agatha Christy mysteries and Archie comics. Chinese, pasta, and traditional Indian dishes are a few of her favorite foods.

Shruti Apte came to Marion on January 10th of this year and had just come from a family vacation to India. It was a difficult 36 hour plane ride which was just "terrible, really terrible," as she puts it in her own words. She says the things she enjoys most about Marion is the relaxed atmosphere and the block scheduling system, which is quite the oppo-

site from the nine period schedule she was used to in Singapore. Their school days began at 7:30 am and ended at 1:00 pm with each class lasting half an hour, with an additional half hour break for lunch. Their class sizes averaged about 40 students per classroom in Singapore with the teachers rotating rooms for every class instead of the students.

In Singapore, the school environment was very competitive and stressful, with the teachers being very strict and reserved. In terms of class rank in Singapore, 10th grade is considered your senior year while 11th and 12th are considered the first two years of college. Also, you are required to serve a minimum of two years in the military before moving on to college. The system of punishments for girls and boys contrasted greatly. While the girls were suspended for extreme offenses, the boys were subjected to public caning.

We hope Shruti enjoys her time here and is around for a long time to come.

Fighting Back

How Teachers Are Handling Health Challenges

Some students complain about a mere cold, but this year has been very tough health wise for some of our faculty. Mr. Pantini, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Heald, and Mrs. Goldstein haven't had the best luck with their health.

Mr. Pantini had an unfortunate experience at the beginning of this year. About the first of November he began to notice that he was gaining weight and retaining his fluids. He went to the doctor and he was diagnosed with a chronic (life-long) liver disorder. He was given pills that would help him release his fluids. Not too long after that they found some fluid in his heart. He started to get terrible back pain. On December 17th, he was admitted to the University of Iowa hospital. The second day he was there the liver doctor told him that he didn't have a chronic liver disorder and he was fine. On the 20th of December Mr. Pantini started coughing up blood. Immediately he was taken down to get X-ray's of his lungs. It turned out that he had numerous blood clots in his lungs. The clots started in his legs and moved to his lungs. The doctors gave him medicine to thin out the blood clots and sent him home on Christmas night, telling him he would eventually start to feel better. His goal was to come back to school at semester and the week before he thought it would never happen, but in a weeks time he was as ready as he would ever be. Mr. Pantini considers himself very lucky. The blood clots in his leg could've gone to his brain or heart. His goal now is to keep walking and improving.

About three years ago Mr. Bailey started to feel a slight pull in his right hip. He thought it was nothing and let it go. In the fall of '97 it started to get hard to walk for a long period of time, but still he let it go. After working construction in the summer of '98 it got so bad he had to go see the doctor. It turned out that he had no cartilage left and he also had arthritis in his hip. Mr. Bailey decided he could probably deal with the pain, but in November the pain was to the point where it was unbearable. Now his whole hip area hurt. He went to the specialist and it was decided that he had to have a full hip replacement on January 8th. Now that the surgery is over Mr. Bailey is in the rehabilitation stage. He can't bend over or walk pigeon-toed for 3 months. He can't play volleyball or run ever again, but he can do the thing he loves, play golf!

Mr. Heald was diagnosed with

colon cancer on June 15, 1998. Before his surgery he told the baseball team that he would be back for districts. On June 29 he had a 6 hour surgery where they removed the entire large intestine. He then was given an ileostomy (bag for wastes). Mr. Heald left the hospital the 9th day after the surgery which usually takes 14 days to recover. Wouldn't you know he was back before districts. In August he had another surgery which basically got everything that wasn't found in June. After surgery he started chemotherapy which was a 24-week program. It consisted of 5 weeks of chemotherapy and then 15 days off and then it started all over again. The only side effect that was relevant to Mr. Heald was the tiredness. He finished chemotherapy the 1st week in January and now he has a check up every 6 months for five years. If they find nothing in that five year period Mr. Heald is fine and he's cured of the cancer. Through this whole experience Mr. Heald tried to stay very positive and letters from students brought a tear to his eye. Mr. Heald considers himself very lucky.

Mrs. Goldstein is presently fighting a war against the cancer known as "Multiple Myeloma", which means cancer of the white blood cells. It was diagnosed in November and since then she has completed three out of the four cycles of chemotherapy. Her chemotherapy consists of it dripping into her body for 96 hours straight. It isn't painful at all. Mrs. Goldstein says the only pain she has is in her lower back and it's caused by the cancer itself. After she is finished with the chemotherapy, which will be at the end of March, she will have the process of "harvesting bone marrow", done. This consists of taking out her bone marrow cleansing it and putting it back in her bones. She's part of a clinical study at Mayo in Minnesota so a lot of dates and times are up in the air. The doctors said that the re-

Speaking To Win

By: Isabela Lins

After years without a speech team, Marion now has a good one. On January 23, a Saturday, the two Improv, Ensemble, One Act, and Reader's Theater groups went to Districts at Monticello. They left school at 6:30 in the morning, and got back at 4:30 in the afternoon. It was a long day for them, but it sure was rewarding. Four of our groups - one Improv, Ensemble, One Act, and Reader's Theater - got a rating I, that is the best and took them to State. The other Improv also did good, the group got a rating II.

State was two weeks later at Grinnell, on February 6. This time they left school even earlier than last time, and got good results again. The Improv, One Act, and Reader's Theater got Ratings II. The Ensemble group, formed by Chris Hanel and Adam Langfitt, got a rating I.

Among the top four percent of performing artists in the state of Iowa is the Marion Reader's Theater group, formed by Jon Lien, Isabela Lins, Lara Moellers, Meghan Redd, and Lisa Slatten. The group was selected to receive special recognition in the All-State festival and was awarded with medals for their performance of a cutting from the play The Letter People on the Iowa High School Speech Association's All-State festival. This event took place in Des Moines on February 20th.

The WAMAC conference for the individual presentations was on February 13th. Since it doesn't count towards districts, they hadn't been practicing for a lot and they weren't required to go, not all of the Marion performers went. But the ones who did got really good ratings, ones and twos. Watch you next issue of the Vox for the results of the individual group in districts.



Isabela Lins, Lara Moellers, Meghann Redd, Jon Lien and Lisa Slatten rehearse their Readers' Theatre presentation. They were rewarded with All-State recognition, putting them in the top 4% of performers.

sults of this process have been good so far. Mrs. Goldstein's goal is to be in remission for as long as possible. Keeping a positive attitude and getting letters and valentines from present and former students

keeps her spirits high. She hopes to come back to Marion High School next fall.

Best wishes are with these staff members for their continued recoveries.



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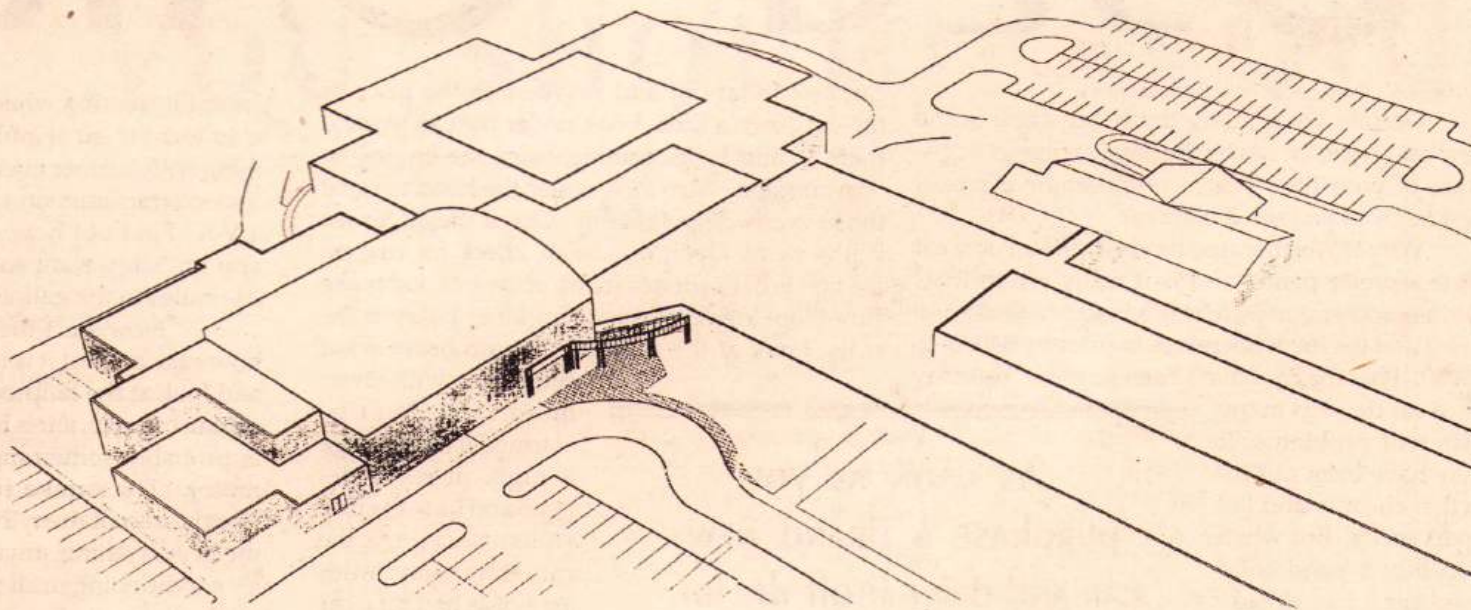
CONSTRUCTION Update

by Jesse Kensinger & Mike Balvanz

Construction on the new addition is due to be finished by the 1st week to the middle of August says Mr. David Bradley. "We are very pleased with our great architect Al Varney and we are also pleased with the tremendous weather we are having. The general contractor is also doing a superb job." Bradley added. Since the beginning of the construction last fall, there have been only two bad weeks of weather. Otherwise Mother Nature has been very cooperative. In construction they always plan to have a couple of bad weeks and luckily that is all we have had.

Many of you have seen the 130 foot ceiling joists being trucked in these are the roof joists and they are a critical part of construction to move forward and complete the other parts of the building.

The new rooms include a wrestling room, choir room, band room, gym, and lots of storage room. While some think the new construction doesn't look very big, it is much larger from the inside.



Activity Updates

Prom Tanning Special
One Day Only - 2/27/99
March Unlimited (M-F 10-7)
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with the purchase of a 6-8 oz. bottle of lotion
(up to 75% off regular price on select
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One Month Unlimited
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M-F 10-7
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All AMERICAN CONCERT

by Greta Nelson

The people of France gave the Statue of Liberty to the people of the United States over one hundred years ago in recognition of the friendship established during the American Revolution. Over the years, the Statue of Liberty has grown to include freedom and democracy as well as internal friendship.

Immigrants traveled to the United States with a vision of freedom and in hope of a new life. Most of them were tired of traveling and broke with no job. "Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor," are words to the poem found as the inscription on the Statue of Liberty.

For the students of the Marion High School Chamber Choir, these words could be about their ancestors. The Chamber Choir will be working on a project in ancestry and immigration along with singing the song "Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor." They will gather information and develop a display that shares their heritage to everyone. These projects will be displayed at the All-American Concert on February 25 along with the usual foods and deserts being auctioned off. The Chamber and Concert Choir will sing along with the playing of the band and Jazz Band. Come see the projects and enjoy the entertainment and food.

ATOMS

Atoms will continue recy-

cling every Tuesday and Thursday. They are also planning for a field trip scheduled sometime in March to the Iowa State University for a tour of the campus.

SODA

Sign up for the S.O.D.A ski trip was between the 8th and 19th of February, and the trip is planned for Saturday, March 6th. The cost of the lift ticket and ski rental is \$22 and the cost of just the lift ticket is \$13. Money must be paid when signing up. If you have any questions or want to sign up, see Mrs. Mugan or Mrs. Putnam.

CREATIVE Ink

The Creative Ink staff is still accepting poems, short stories, and essays to be published. If anyone is wanting to submit work, there is a box located in computer lab room 63. They are also interested in any student who might have art work to enter for the cover design of the Creative Ink book due out later this spring. All entries must be handed into Mrs. Hoyt.

Win With WELLNESS

Win With Wellness was out and about in the month of January. They were involved in activities ranging from setting up a teachers' Snack Day where they gave out cookies, to giving out water and snacks at Washington Elementary. They have a Luau Dance planned for March 19th and the proceeds will go to Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Anyone attending can get in for only \$1 if they bring a can of food for the Marion food pantry.

Used Cars:

by Andrew Dooley, Matt Haddy, Brett Sperry

Despite what many think, buying a brand new car off the lot can be the biggest financial mistakes of your life. When purchasing a car your best bet is to go with a used car.

Why?? Well because buying a brand new car costs a pretty penny and is it really worth that? No, as soon as you purchase a brand new car and drive it off the lot, it decreases in price by \$4000- to \$5000. Plus the car hasn't been proven. You may get a car that has many different problems. It may have been put together cheaply and fall apart easily. But when you buy a good solid used car it has already proven itself, and if it hasn't fallen apart by now it probably won't. Except for maybe a few minor things.

When most of us look for a used car, our main problem is MONEY. Most of us don't have much and our part time job can't pay for a top of the line

can point that out and maybe talk the price of the car down a little. Look under the car, to see if there is any leaks coming from the engine or transmission. Also look under the hood to see if the motor is clean looking. Check the oil, to see if it is clean. Open the doors, check for rust on the inside of the doors. Look at the interior, make sure there are no cigarette burns or holes in the seats. Look at the mileage. You probably want

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\$4000- TO \$5000.**

something with lower miles. But don't be alarmed if the mileage is high. It really depends on how the previous owner drove the car. Highway miles are not as bad for a car as in town miles. Check out some of the options that the car has. Some good options to have are Air

conditioning, a good stereo, bucket-seats, courtesy lights, cruise control, map light, pause wipers, power windows and locks, rear window de-

frost, tilt steering wheel, and a tachometer. You may want to go all out maybe you want something with Leather interior, convertible or T-tops, 5-speed transmission, or maybe a V-8 rather than a V-6. Find out how good the gas mileage is, you probably want something that get around 20+ miles to the gallon.

Now start the car up. Pay attention to how easy or hard it is to start, get behind the car and look at the tailpipe. Notice the color of the exhaust smoke, if it is black, blue, or white, there is probably something major wrong with the motor. The smoke should be barely visible. Check to see if everything works in the car. We mean everything, anything from the heater and air conditioning to all the radio speakers. Check all the lights in the car, but if a few don't work, don't worry, those are easy to replace.

Now comes the main part, driving the car. When test driving a car it is important to pay attention to these major details. Make sure it shifts into all gears easily, check the clutch on manual transmission vehicles. Pay attention to the sound of the car as it drives and while it is idling. Some different warning signs are if you hear a knocking noise or if the rpm's are rocking back and forth without your help. Next make sure that the steering is loose and easy to turn. Check the alignment, make sure that it doesn't pull to either the right or the left. Take the car on the highway and really put your foot in it to see if the horsepower satisfies you. Make sure the brakes work correctly and make no weird noises. Always have the car checked out with a mechanic before purchasing. If you want to, you can find out who owned the car before you to check out more information on the car just by asking the dealer. Just all in all, make sure that you are satisfied with the car.

Finally there is the issue of insurance. We talked to Randy Price of Millheiser and Smith Insurance agency about how insurance rates range. The first thing they look for is a clean driving record. Being a good student also comes into play because if you have a 3.00 G.P.A or higher you will receive discounts on the price. Of course another big thing is your age. The insurance rates on males between 16-19 tend to be higher than most. Lately though the prices



It is important to check out the interior of any vehicle you are thinking about buying. Andrew Dooley looks at the ashtray in a Ford Ranger pick-up. Cars of smokers are less valuable than cars owned by non-smokers.

used car. Maybe your parents are willing to help a little, which is very much appreciated but they have their own things to pay for. So they aren't, can't and shouldn't have to fork out 7000 to 8000 dollars to pay for us spoiled kids. We don't need that much cash anyway to buy a good used car, we just need to look harder.

The main way to find a used car is to go to different used car dealers. You can look at what they have to offer and if they don't have anything you like or can afford, you can ask them if they know where a certain kind of car is. Another good way is to look at the Classifieds in the newspaper. In there you will find cars at different used lots and private owners that are selling their own cars. You may be partial to Dodge, Ford, or Chevy, so go to those used car dealers and find a car you like and can afford.

First thing to do is look at the appearance. Make sure the paint is good, there are no dents, there will be some scratches but hopefully not many, and make sure it is rust free. Look at the tires, you want tires with good tread, because tires can be expensive. If they are not the greatest you



Checking the exterior of a vehicle can help pinpoint any potential problems like rust, dents, or scratches.

WHAT you should look for WHAT you should avoid

for girls have been rising.

Foreign vehicles are more expensive because parts are more expensive and they have more of a sporty look. American cars are cheaper because parts are easier to find. Contrary to popu-

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lar belief color and mileage do not affect the insurance on a certain car.

Finally Randy was quoted as saying "If you're a teen looking for insurance, don't come alone. Bring a parent because you can still use their insurance, but if alone, even with a good record, the price is going to be high."

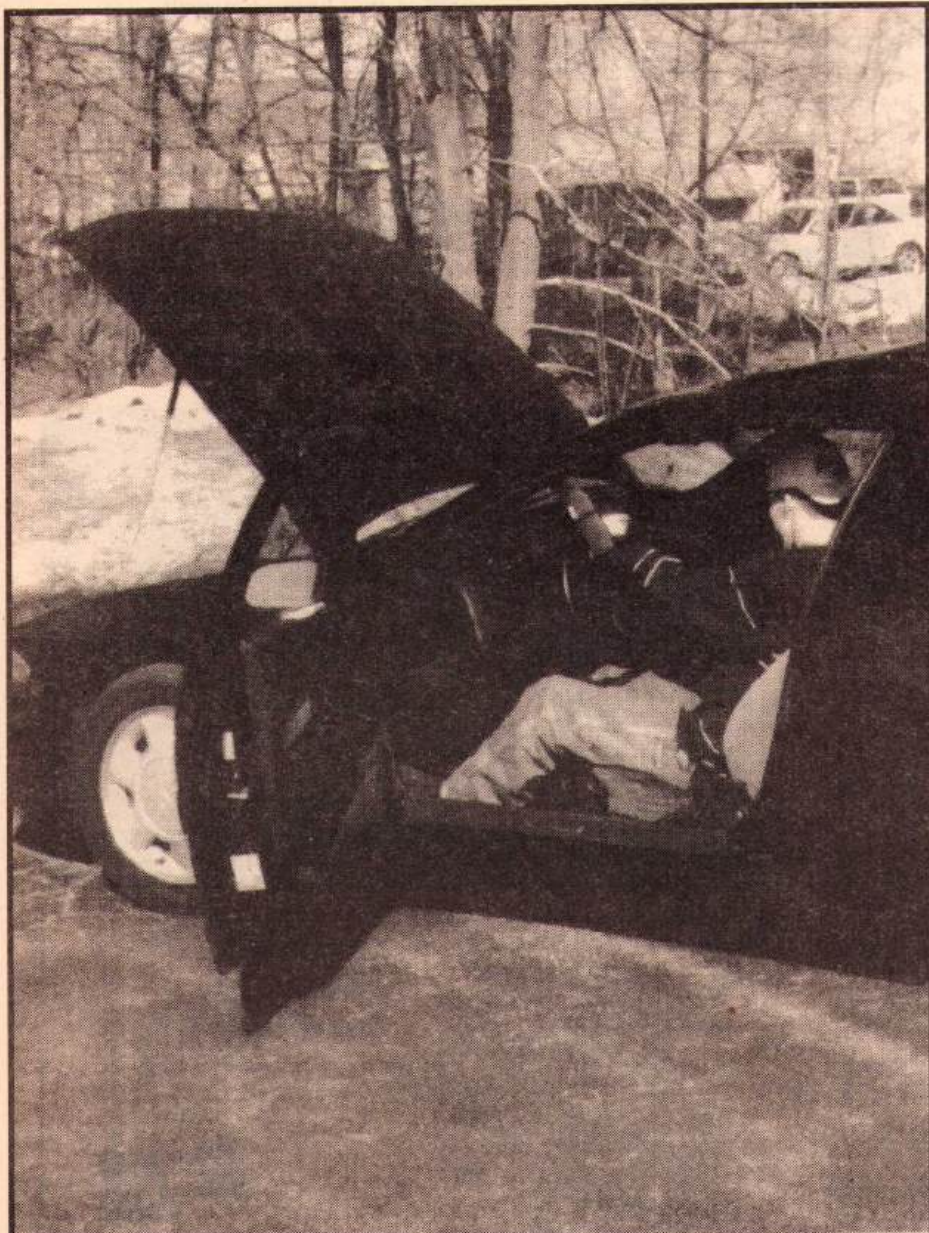
There are many different issues that go into buying a used car. In the above we have mentioned the main traits you must look for to make sure that your experience buying a used car is a successful one. Everyone has their idea of the perfect car, we hope that with the help of this article you can find your perfect used car.

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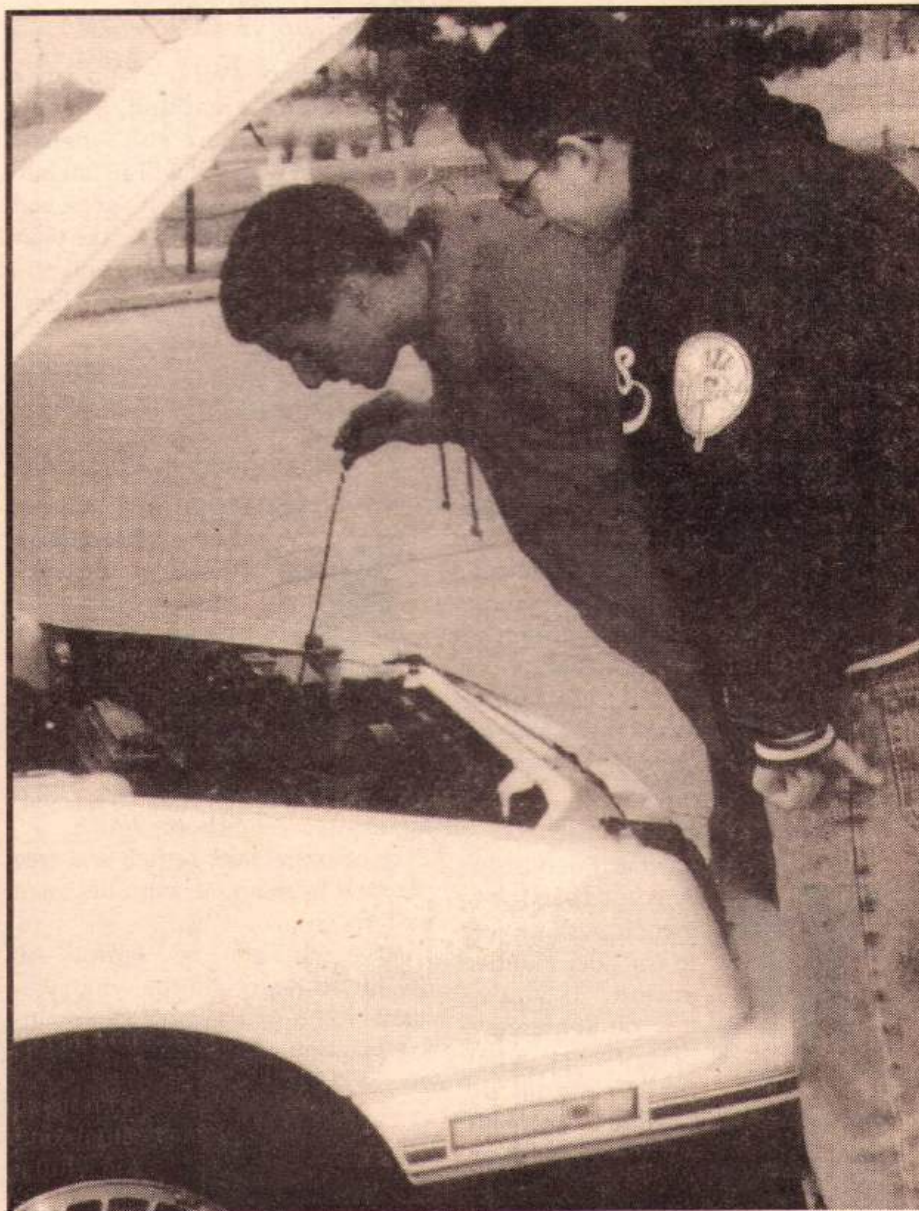
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LEAST Reliable Used CARS & TRUCKS

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PONTIAC GRAND AM
MERCURY COUGAR



In a Mitsubishi Eclipse, Brett Sperry checks the odometer reading. Too many miles can mean trouble, but it doesn't always follow if they're highway miles.



Andrew Dooley and Matt Haddy check the oil in a Dodge Shadow. You want to make sure the oil is clean and has been properly changed and kept up.

WHAT THE STARS SAY

By Lindsey Schneider

PISCES FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20



Love & Friendship: You're stuck emotionally because you're waiting for someone else to act. If you believe

in something, act on it. Someone close to you needs your protection. Convince the person that the wheel of fortune will turn again. **School - Work:** There will be more money-making opportunities and more responsibility for you this month. Be sure to think carefully before making any decisions.

Star Tip: This is a world of action, and not for moping and groaning in.

ARIES MARCH 21 - April 19



Love & Friendship: Relationships are the main topic for you this season.

Aries are impulsive people, do something special for the person you care about (whether they know you do or not)! You should be good at that. If something needs to be clarified- **DO IT NOW!**

School-Work: You can ease out of a worrisome situation. Experiment with a different approach, now that you're being sought out by a new group of people that you can show your talents to and who will appreciate it.

Star Tip: You'll catch more flies (and friends) with honey than with vinegar.

TAURUS April 20 - May 20



Love & Friendship: You may feel someone's criticizing you without words. No need to get defensive, but speak up if it's really necessary.

You show compassion for the pain of others, but are often too hard on your own. Release yourself from the situation that is hurting you.

School - Work: You sense a great opportunity opening in the work force and new classes available, though you can't see the whole picture yet. Pay close attention to how the details click in place.

Star Tip: No one is perfect (don't expect yourself to be either). The art of being wise is knowing what to overlook.

GEMINI May 21 - JUNE 20



Love & Friendship: A recent disappointment is pushing you to consider another option. If you're low on someone's priority list, what further signal do

you need that it's time to cut your tie of dependency and strike out on your own?

School - Work: It's time to be involved in something you care

about deeply. An emotional choice your facing bears directly on work. Make a brave stand, and you'll solve a career question. If you keep saying one thing but doing another, you'll never stop dancing around on an unspoken issue.

Star Tip: Follow your heart.

CANCER JUNE 21 - July 22



Love & Friendship: Face the facts about someone close to you. You're not looking at the real person.

Trust your intuition.

School - Work: Stop bending to others whose opinions you don't even respect. Step out of the persons shadow and into the spotlight to capitalize on your own that has not been appreciated.

Star Tip: We think in generalities, but we live in detail. Don't overlook the details of people or things you may miss something very important, so pay attention to everything.

LEO July 23 - August 22



Love & Friendship: Instead of listening to his/her words, try reading the truth between the lines. If you keep closing your eyes to the truth, your emotional reserves will soon dry up. You're keenly adaptable to someone's needs, but your patience may be running short.

School-Work: Your grades aren't great and/or your mind is somewhere else when at work- don't worry, it will all fall into place soon enough. Don't get a bad attitude. Make sure not to take your problems out on the people you care about. They'll listen and try to help. Take their help.

Star Tip: Do not take life too seriously. You'll never get out of it alive.

VIRGO August 23 -

SEPTEMBER 22



Love & Friendship: You're giving support to someone who's draining your emotional reserves. No one is discussing the real problem out loud, so you should pay closer attention to the unspoken dialogue.

School-Work: Take courage, take action, and free yourself from an outworn negative pattern.

Star Tip: Don't be afraid to negotiate for what you want- you're in an excellent bargaining position. The seeds you plant now will soon blossom.

LIBRA September 23 -

OCTOBER 22

Love & Friendship: Your next love phase doesn't offer you any guarantees, but don't be

afraid to enter that new emotional place. Just don't become too dependent on the situation.



School - Work: You're about to move into a group that can use your special and creative talent - so show it off.

Star Tip: You're being forced to reexamine your own life rather than focusing on someone else all the time. Your real challenge: to trust yourself and your own decisions.

SCORPIO October 23 - NOVEMBER 21

Love & Friendship: Nothing can stop you if you listen to your gut instinct and make a difficult engagement. Don't give up hope.

School - Work: Don't worry unemployed Scorpions! Jobs will turn out when the weather starts to warm up. Keep in mind you get bored easily, so pick a job that will keep you on your toes. Remember if you haven't found one yet, concentrate on your homework- that never goes away!!

Star Tip: Your ability to charm is a double edge sword. Consider what you are sacrificing to gain others approval and weigh alternatives carefully - don't be a pushover.

SAGITTARIUS November 22 -

DECEMBER 21

Love & Friendship: This could be a banner month, which means it's a prime time for flirting. One thing to remember: Make sure the other person is single. Messing with someone else's partner is definitely not cool and is a good way to get a bad reputation so stay in control.



School - Work: Keep yourself motivated. You're starting to run off the track with the nice weather coming- try to look for the positive in things. Even though you're getting antsy for vacation don't for-

get about your responsibilities or your family.

Star Tip: A resent disappointment is pushing you to consider another option. If your low on someone's priority list, what other signal do you need to cut off your ties with them. Don't sell yourself short.

CAPRICORN December 22 -

JANUARY 19

Love & Friendship: Too many players are complicating a love affair. The opinions of other don't matter. Try not to let unspoken feelings fester. Complete honesty will turn a tough decision into an extraordinary easy one.

School-Work: You can now make a dramatic career/grade shift by freeing yourself from the demands of others. Base a choice on your gut reaction

Star Tip: If someone misinterprets your actions, that's his or her problem, not yours. Let go of an old conflict and set your heart free.

AQUARIUS January 20 - FEBRUARY 18

Love & Friendship: Your change of heart is making you anxious about the long - term - outcome of a relationship. Deal with the short term and stop trying to control the future. Have faith in the history you share with a person you know as well as you know yourself.

School-Work: Right now you're being pulled toward different people and an out - of - ordinary project. Get on with your grand plan.

Star Tip: Let your imagination run free. You're not supposed to behave the way others do!



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SENIOR INTERVIEWS

by Emily Baumert & Kristin Popovics

There are two kinds of people in the world—tanners and non-tanners. Each side has much to say about their stand on the issue.

TANNERS:

"TANNING is good, but you HAVE TO KNOW WHEN TO STOP."

—Morgan Leverett

"I think ONCE A WEEK is okay."

—Brooke Ryther

"I usually go BEFORE DANCES OR just OCCASIONALLY."

—Anna Kalkwarf

"It's okay with ME AS LONG AS I KNOW MY LIMITS."

—Jesse Kensinger

"It's FUN. I GO 2-3 TIMES A WEEK."

—Amanda Carson

"I GO BECAUSE I HAVE A SKIN CONDITION AND TANNING helps it."

—Nicole Burrell

"I TAN TO GET COLOR BECAUSE if I DON'T, I'M REALLY PALE."

—Kari Ozburn

"I think it's okay AS LONG AS it's ONLY ONCE IN A WHILE."

—Jamie Clark

NON TANNERS:

"FOR guys, TANNING is (silly). I THOUGHT it WAS A girl's thing."

—Josiah Bushlack

"It's ARTIFICIAL. I would GET BURNT TOO EASILY. It is DIFFERENT TO TAN in a bed THAN in the SUN. RAYS in TANNING beds could be MORE HARMFUL."

—Isabela Lins

"I DON'T SEE ANY POINT in it."

—Jon Lien

"I ONLY TAN THE WEEK BEFORE I GO TO MEXICO SO I DON'T HAVE WHITE fish legs AND DON'T BURN."

—Ms. Martin

"I WOULD NEVER TAN. WHEN you'RE NATURALLY TAN like ME, you DON'T NEED THAT fake bake CRAP."

—Matt Haddy

"I DON'T GO TANNING BECAUSE OF THE DANGER OF SKIN CANCER."

—Kelly Weaver

"I ONLY GO ONCE IN A WHILE BECAUSE it's SO EXPENSIVE."

—Adam Shelly

So, if you still don't know where you fit, here's more information to help you decide. Choose wisely!

CONS

• Cancer and skin aging are delayed effects meaning they don't show up until many years after tanning.

• More than one million people will be diagnosed with skin cancer this year.

• People with light complexions and fair skin are at the greatest risk for cancer.

• UV radiation destroys the immune system and gives skin a wrinkled, leathery look.

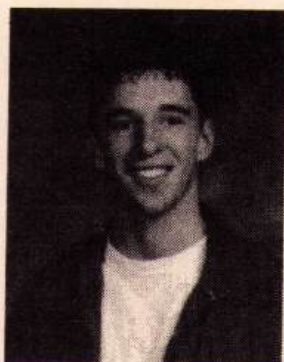
PROS

• Tanning has been proven to treat Seasonal Affective Disorder, known as the "winter blues."

• Some tanning beds are sources of Vitamin D, which prevents osteoporosis.

• More than 80% of psoriasis victims' conditions are improved when exposed to sunlight.

As you can see, tanning does have some positive effects hiding in the shadows of all the dangerous risks. It is up to you to decide if the long term toll tanning takes on the body is worth the short term satisfaction.



NAME: Todd Little

Age: 18

Activity:

Basketball

Activity

Highlights:

Dropping 23

points vs

Alburnett.

Activity Goals: Go to state.

Biggest Thrill: Beating Vinton last year.

Hobbies: Hanging out with friends, playing all other sports.

Starting Out: 6th grade AAU team with Mr. Coach John Kinney.

Advice for Newcomers: Always work as hard as you possibly can, in practice, at home, in your driveway, anywhere you can. Just invest in the game.

Favorite Role-Model: Forest Whitaker and my pops.

Favorite Food: Chinese, pizza, Subway, or Jr. Bacon Cheeseburger from Wendy's.

Favorite Subject: Field Biology

Favorite TV Show/Movie: Friends

Favorite Book: The Wonderful Adventures of Winnie the Pooh.

College/Future Plans: Attend UNI



NAME: TOM KINNEY

Age: 18

Activity:

Basketball

Activity

Highlights:

Scoring 36

pts and almost beat-

ing Linn-Mar.

Activity Goals: To go to state.

Biggest Thrill: Getting 8th in the nation with my AAU team this summer.

Hobbies: Hanging out with my friends and playing basketball.

Starting Out: Going to tournaments in 6th grade with my dad.

Advice for Newcomers: Work hard and never give up and good things will happen.

Favorite Role-Model: Michael Jordan

Favorite Food: Zio John's Pizza Bread

Favorite Subject: Field Biology

Favorite TV show/Movie: Simpsons

Favorite Book: The Boxcar Children

College/Future Plans: Playing basketball somewhere.



NAME:

KATRINA

MARTIN

Age: 18

Activity:

Band

Activity

Highlights:

Working

our way to a division one.

Activity Goals: To get one at state for Concert Band and to do well at Solo and Ensemble concert.

Biggest Thrill: The biggest thrill for me was to march onto the football field at half time and then right after a performance.

Hobbies: Being with friends, shopping and relaxing.

Starting Out: I started band in 5th grade, at first I didn't know how long I would be in it, but I'm glad I stayed in.

Advice for Newcomers: Go into Marching Band with an open mind. You can only have fun if you let yourself. Also, when I was a freshman, I learned a lot from the senior clarinets.

Favorite Role-Model: My favorite role-model would be my baby-sitter when I was a little kid.

Favorite Food: Crab legs, stuff baked potato

Favorite Subject: Ceramics, Psychology

Favorite TV Show/Movie: Dawson's Creek

Favorite Book: Pride and Prejudice

College/Future Plans: 4 year college



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FINISHING STRONG: WINTER

WRESTLING

by Brett Sperry

Now that the wrestling season is half over the Marion team is still wrestling strong, bringing home many wins and tournament champs. The Marion Invitational that was held on the January 16th, showed some positive bright spots with Jesse Kensinger and Justin Sperry placing 3rd, and senior Tim Wiley coming in 2nd. Coming away with the championship at 189 pounds was Matt Wycoff.

At Benton Marion took a hard loss of 36 to 31 after only being two points behind before the heavy weight division. The wrestlers then wrestled Vinton and finished with a strong effort despite the loss.

Although the week started off rowdy, the Indians went into the Williamsburg Invitational with high hopes, and as the day went on, the team title seemed possible, and that is just how it ended, with the Indians taking away the team title for the first time in eight years. Along with the team title, four individual Indians were crowned champs. The champs consisted of two juniors, Ken Ware and Matt Wycoff, who both collected four pins throughout the day. Seniors Tim Wiley and Brett Sperry also picked up four pins throughout the day, and Brett Sperry earned both his 100th win and 50th pin.

On January 30th, the annual WaMaC conference tournament was held, and it would prove to be a very positive day for the whole team. Going into the day the Indians were overlooked by just about everybody, and a lot of that was because of their unimpressive 1-6 conference dual record. But as the day came and went the Indian wrestlers proved themselves to be better than the dual record they compiled throughout the season. Coming away with conference titles for the Indians were a pair of juniors, 171lbs. Jesse Kensinger and 189 lbs. Matt Wycoff, who along the way overcame previous losses to become champs. Third place finishers for the Indians were Ken Ware and Brett Sperry.

As February came around, the Indians ended their home dual season with a pair against Maq. Valley and North Linn. The Indians came away with a pair of losses but showed much improvement. Without the amount of forfeits the Indians gave up the duals could have been theirs.

Following the losses, the Indians headed to Anamosa for a five- team dual tournament and came away 1-4. Although it was not a very impressive team record, individuals Justin Sperry, Jesse Kensinger, and Matt Wycoff had very impressive days.

The dual of the season was against the Washington, IA, Demons. The Indians wrestled very well and ended the season on a very posi-

tive note by winning the dual and looking good heading into the sectional tournament in Monticello.

The Marion wrestlers had a strong showing at sectionals, advancing five to the district tourney. Champions in their weight classes were Matt Wycoff and Ken Ware, while Jesse Kensinger, Justin Sperry, and Tony Offerman finished second. After a very tough district, Matt Wycoff was the lone survivor and state qualifier. His first match was Thursday against South Tama's John Smith.

Along with the varsity squad the J.V. team had a very successful season. They were led by freshmen Jacob Blaze and Andy Balvanz. Three of the sophomores, Bret Forkner, Bill Thomas, and Bret Logemann, also helped towards the future of Marion wrestling. Coach Fontenot said, "It was an outstanding season that the team enjoyed. There were several individuals that with continued hard work will build on our program."

VARSITY BASKETBALL

By Andrew Dooley and Matt Haddy

Since the last newspaper the Varsity Boys Basketball team played at 4th ranked Benton Community. The Indians started the game with a 8-2 run but then went on a scoring drought, not scoring until late in the second. The Bobcats by then were hot and had a 28-8 lead. The Bobcats never looked back beating the Indians by a final of 56-68. The Indians leading scoring was Brent Albaugh, who had 17 points, including 5 three pointers. Tom Kinney added 16 points and 5 blocks. The Indians fell to a 4-7 record on the year.

The Indians then traveled to Independence where they took on the 8-2 Mustangs. Marion Coach Bob Landis had never won against Independence and went in with high hopes. The Indians met those hopes by coming out of the gates on fire. They jumped out to a 10 point half-time lead. The Mustangs roared back in the third holding the Indians to only 2 points. But thanks in part to the Indian's zone defense they held on to the 54-53 win. The Indians were lead by Todd Little with 14 points. Tom Kinney also added 13 points and Tony Straub

had 10 points.

The Indians headed to South Tama with high hopes after their upset victory at Independence. Those hopes were dashed by the upstart Trojans 62-50. The Indians were lead by guard Todd Little who had 12 points all coming on threes, Zared Copper returned to the lineup to pitch in ten points of the bench.

Revenge on their minds as they got set to take on Waterloo Columbus. The Sailors beat the Indians by 30 in December at Columbus. The Indians played hard but were denied a victory 59-51. Tom Kinney lead the scoring with 20 capped off by a salacious dunk. Andrew Dooley returned to old form knocking down 3 three pointers for 9 points.

After the disappointing loss to Waterloo Columbus, Marion traveled to Vinton to face the Vikings who had beaten the Indians earlier in the year. Marion wasn't about to let that happen again. That's just what they did as they beat Vinton 56-52. Marion was lead by Tom Kinney's 21 points and 7 assists.

After the win at Vinton, Marion headed to Central City for a boy/girl doubleheader. Marion took the lead right from the start and cruised to a 100-62 win. The Indians were lead by Tom Kinney's 22. They also got big contributions from the bench, Aaron Stewart 18, Brent Albaugh 14, and Joey Akers 12. The margin of victory was the largest since Marion coach Bob Landis has been here.

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In his championship bout, Matt Wycoff pins his opponent from Davenport Assumption. Wycoff won the 189 lb. division to advance to the state tournament.



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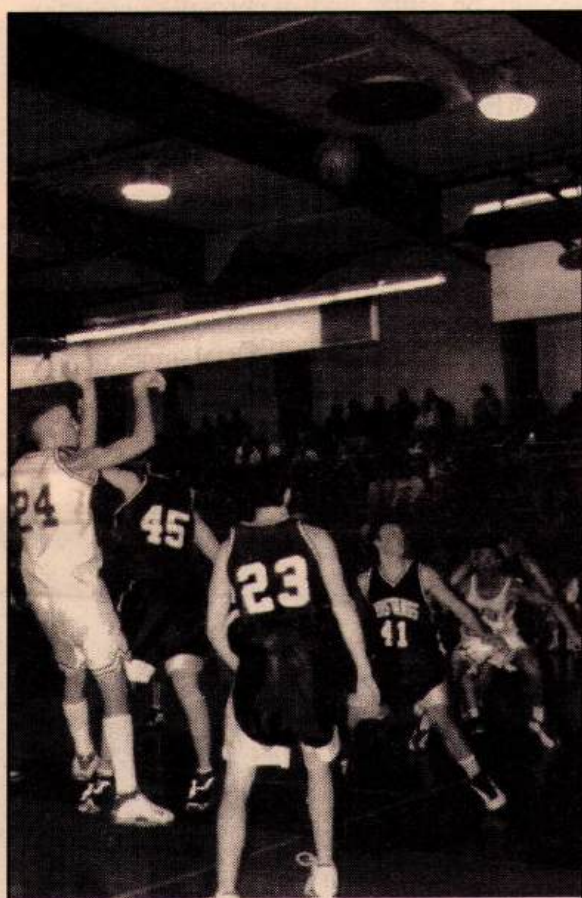
SPORTS END ON HIGH NOTES

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After their big win against Central City Marion returned home to take on 10th ranked Benton Community. Marion stayed with the Bobcats throughout the game but fell short in the end 61-54. Marion was lead by Tom Kinney's 18 points and 7 rebounds.

Marion then traveled to West Delaware to take on the WAMAC leading West Delaware Hawks. Marion trailed by only four at the half but were outscored in the third and fourth quarter. The Indians were again lead by Tom Kinney's 18. Brent Albaugh pitched in 15.

The regular season ended on a high note for the varsity boys as they defeated Independence for the second time this season. Then on Saturday, Feb. 20, they defeated the Washington, IA, Demons.



Capping off a big victory against Independence, Tom Kinney goes up for a fade away jumper in the face of several Indee defenders. Kinney scored 26 in the game.

MARION SOPHOMORE GIRLS BASKETBALL

By Lindsey Schneider

As everyone should know by now, the Marion Girls' Basketball program is taking a turn for the better and have done an outstanding job in the 98-99 season. The sophomore team con-

sists of six sophomores and eight freshmen. Seeing that the majority of them have not really played together before this year they had an pretty even record of 7-10.

Sophomore girls' coach Mr. Laube commented, "I feel we made a lot of improvement this season individually and as a team. Our record didn't show how much success we had. We outscored an outrebounded our opponents on the year." Ali Fowler had 155 points at the end of the year and Jaclyn Hugg had 106 points. Anna Kalkwarf led the boards with a total of 176 rebounds to end the year. Amanda Carson had 12 block shots, Kalkwarf had 64 steals, and Fowler ended with 47 assists.

"The girls really gave a great effort in practices and games," Coach Laube said.

1998-1999 GAME RESULTS

Marion 47
Alburnett 21
Marion 34
Independence 47
Marion 44
BGM 26
Marion 26
South Tama 29
Marion 29
Benton 42
Marion 57
Columbus 32
Marion 24
Vinton 39
Marion 46
West Delaware 39
Marion 50
Benton 58
Marion 50
Calamus-Wheatland 37
Marion 39
Independence 53
Marion 30
South Tama 31
Marion 44
Columbus 56
Marion 33
Vinton 39
Marion 48
Monticello 34
Marion 31
West Delaware 38

SOPHOMORE BOYS BASKETBALL

Marion's Sophomore basketball team came in this season with high spirits and even now through it all they still continue to battle on. Even though the final scores may not show a positive outlook the stats and the players are keeping their hopes high. Chris Stine states,

"The points may not show it but the team is showing improvement." Even though their record is —& 1 the boys still remember thier win against Alburnett. So far the boys would say that that was the best game they have had so far. They all keep that in the back of their heads to remember that the team does have it in them to put up a fight and bring the victory to Marion.

MARION VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL

By Megan Osborn

The Varsity Girls Basketball Team's 1998-1999 season is rapidly coming to a close. Having been their best season since 1984, the Indians beat the record for most wins in a season with 15 by crushing Monticello on Monday, February 8. Although the Indians ranking fluctuated from 19th all the way up to third and then back again, this is the first time the team has been ranked ever before. With a victory against West Delaware on Monday, February 15, the Indians ended their regular season with a tie for second place in the WaMaC conference and a tenth place ranking in class 3A.

Everyone on the team has contributed incredibly well to help pull Marion out of its rut of not having a winning season for the past fifteen years. Kristin Popovics has led almost every game in scoring and even tied the record for most points scored in a game by tallying 39 points in a huge win against Benton. Julie Straub has led the way in rebounds proving so when she yanked down 14 boards against Monticello and then again when the Indians played Benton. Jamie Clark's improved three-point scoring has definitely helped pick up the tempo in several games when the Indians needed to score quickly, and demonstrating that her three-point shooting skills are not a mere fluke, Jamie has hit three or more three-pointers in ten games. Emily Baumert, who stunned us all with a huge performance against Indee, finished that game with 21 points and 10 rebounds, Kari Ozburn, who has been out with a bad back but has managed to bounce back and maintain her strong post position, and Jana Bradley, along with the rest of the team have all managed to prove that Marion definitely is a well-rounded team on both sides of the ball by utilizing their outstanding defensive skills.

Although the Indians' main focus now is to make it to the state tournament, they are very pleased with the huge amount of progress the team has made thus far, but as Coach Doser says, "Enjoy your wins, but never be satisfied. Always look to improve." On Thursday, February 19, the Indians were able to defeat their first opponent, West Liberty, and are looking to continue that routine as they make their way down the road to state.



Kristin Popovics dribbles around a West Delaware defender while Emily Baumert sets the pick. This Wamac conference home game marked the Indians' 16th victory for the season.

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During an afterschool session, Mike Murray, Adam Fisher, and Stacy Potter rehearse. This is one of several "garage bands" which play for fun and hope for fame.

"THEY GET WHAT THEY DESERVE"

by Greta Nelson

The culmination of Coach Steve Doser's first five years as the Marion Girls' basketball coach is a season full of high expectations that have been met with a winning season and IGHSAU rating as high as 3. Coach Doser contributes this season's success to the youth program, experience, fundamentals, and a positive attitude.

Attending high school in Lincoln Stanwood and furthering his education in college, earning a sociology and education degree at Mount Mercy, basketball was just around the corner. First being an assistant boys' coach for Mount Mercy and then an opportunity came along to coach for the Marion Indians. "There was an opportunity to improve with no expectations," explained Coach Doser. The opportunity arose over time and has changed the point of view of Marion Girls basketball. Now respect and success has come into the picture. "It's more than winning and losing," explains Coach Doser, "I want to see them happy. They get what they deserve. They work hard, have winning attitudes and respect others."

The team has racked up numerous records including most wins in a season. Their hard work contributed to an outstanding moment at Vinton for the first time ever since 1976 and 45 consecutive games. The team is proud of their success and of the fact that they

have had a winning season and only three losses.

With their winning season they have set and met goals such as having a winning season, keeping their opponents under 50 points, and a personal goal for Coach Doser and the team is to win the Wamac Conference.

"The addition of Coach Laube to the staff last season has had a lot to do with the team's success. He knows how to make the girls work hard and creates a positive environment," reported Coach Doser.

The success of the team also means a successful coaching season for Coach Steve Doser. The success of managing his time between his family, job, coaching, and officiating.

Being around young athletes and their work ethic is what attracted Coach Doser to coaching. He also officiates softball and may at some time in the future be interested in coaching softball.

Although he doesn't work at the high school it's not a major difficulty because of his work at Cornell College, as the Annual Fund Director, is highly supportive of his coaching. "I try to attend as many activities as I can at Marion High School and be supportive of the school's programs."

The success has taken "patience year in and year out." With the combination of the right coaching staff, a youth program, and a positive atmosphere this team has come to "get what they deserve."

GARAGE BANDS

By: Tim Wiley

Many people have dreams of becoming a rock star. Many of those dreams begin when they're in high school. There are three groups of students who began to make their dreams come true by starting their own band. Marion currently has three different bands consisting of teenagers that go to our school. The first group who are all sophomores include John Lien who plays guitar, Zach Peterson who plays the drums, and Tim Busse who plays keyboards. This group has been together for three years and they make their own music. They used to play at the American Gothic Cafe, and now plan to play at bars when they become of age. The second band consists of graduate Jason Engelbart on vocals, graduate Paul Zillman on bass, graduate Jason Bleadorn on guitar, and junior Adam Fisher on drums. Their band name is Lucid Fly. They've only been together for about a year. They play different cover songs and just play for fun. They did however play at the talent show last year. Although they are a band it is hard for them to find the time to practice due to three fourths of the band being in college. The final band from our school who are all juniors consist of Adam Fisher on drums, Stacy Potter on bass, and Mike Murray on guitar. They have been together off and on for four years. Their music consists of different rock cover songs although they have tried to make some of their own songs. "We've tried to write our own songs, but it's hard to write good songs." Last year the band played at the community center where they opened for Pearls 4 Swine. They also played at the talent show their freshman year.

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