

# The Vox

# Hibernating Political Moves

## With Britta & the Bear

by John Maske

The 1993-'94 school year has brought many great honors for the staff and students of Marion High School. Senior Scott Barcz has added another honor to the already long list.

In October, Scott applied for a job as a Iowa House. After interviewed he was

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*Working inside the house, Scott Fretheim, Eric Schaefer, Glen Renfer and Chad Borst hold drywall up so it can be attached to the ceiling. See the article on page 8 for more on construction tech.*



# Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down

Thumbs down to detention.  
Thumbs down to cute guys with girlfriends.

Thumbs up to the wrestling team.

Thumbs up to the Oilers.

Thumbs up to the wrestling fans.

Thumbs down to arrogant people who think they're da boss.

Thumbs down to profanity in the halls.

Thumbs up to girls basketball.

Thumbs down to people who don't commit.

Thumbs down to people who believe "sources" and rumors instead of friends.

Thumbs down to bad people who aren't nice.

Thumbs up to the Chiefs.

Thumbs down to people who leave food in their braces... how gross.

Thumbs down to the breakdown of family values.

Thumbs up to cool janitors.

Thumbs down to really mean boys calling girls names.

Thumbs down to smelly bathrooms.

Thumbs down to girls leading boys on.

Thumbs down to boys leading girls on.

Thumbs down to slippery parking lots.

Thumbs up to Mr. T giving neat Marion pens to those who really deserve them.

Thumbs up to senior guys being so damned agreeable. Maybe other people could learn from their

maturity.

Thumbs up to hairy chests.

Thumbs down to guys with earrings.

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Thumbs down to the rumors about juniors messing up prom...they're doing a great job.

Thumbs down to people who cheat on Hush Hush day.

Thumbs down to unfair people.

Thumbs up and down to complicated love.

Thumbs up to the White Zombie concert.

Thumbs down to the Garth Brooks concert...how sick.

Thumbs up to the Art Together trip.

Thumbs down to the bus driver on the Art Together trip...learn how to use a map!!

Thumbs down to people who are unorganized.

Thumbs down to rude underclassmen.

Thumbs down to how people park in the parking lot.

Thumbs up to the poms light routine.

Thumbs up to the Cowboys.

Thumbs up to Bunjee Jumping.

Thumbs down to people who don't wear deodorant.

Thumbs up to bleacher creatures.

Thumbs up to Brueggers Bagel Bakery's birthday and their three free bagels.

Thumbs down to long distance relationships.

Thumbs down to groping in the halls.

Thumbs up to wrestling and basketball cheerleaders.

Thumbs down to cold weather and grey monotonous days.

Thumbs up to maturity

Thumbs up to guys with long hair.

Thumbs up to W.P.A.

Thumbs up to bowling in gym class.

Thumbs down to busses breaking down.

Thumbs down to busses running off the road.

Thumbs up to the Hy-Vee video department guy.

Thumbs down to people getting into other people's business.

Thumbs down to people who are afraid of being themselves.

Thumbs down to negative temperatures.

Thumbs up to the Frank Sinatra concert.

Thumbs up to the Aerosmith concert.

Thumbs up to hair dye.

Thumbs up to The Real World.

Thumbs down to unrealistic teachers.

Thumbs up to days off for spring break.

Thumbs down to people who won't get the hint.

Thumbs down to snow. (Yes, the precipitation!)

Thumbs down to an artificial early spring. What a dirty trick!

Thumbs up to people who know the definition of responsibility.

# Sports Needs - Is A NEW GYM IN THE PLANS?

by Jennel Lien

From talk from many of the teachers that are also coaches, we are in need of new facilities in the gym, and new or repaired lockerooms. Although to some, the lockerooms may look fine, but it's what they don't see that's so bad. For instance, there is leakage from the vents and the ceiling, causing excess moisture and mildew. This severe leakage has caused the lockers in the ladies' lockerroom to rust. The few big lockers they have are the ones in the worst shape. There are many small lockers (and I mean small) but nobody really wants to use them because they aren't as sufficient as the larger ones. The lockers in the men's lockerroom are in pretty good shape, but their leakage problem is just as bad.

For many years the gym has been in pretty good shape floor wise and with the bleachers, especially since they have been converted to remote control. The main concern about the gym is the light fixtures. They seem to be unsturdy and the long lights that are hanging on the ends of the gym seem to inconsistently light the gym.

What needs to be done is a matter of what is more important. But repairing these would make it all just a little bit better.

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# Opinion

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## The Horoscope for March, 1994



Pisces 2/20 to 3/20

While running from appointment to practices you may get edgy - calm your nerves by spending a few nights alone. Beware of many inconveniences during this month. But you may find a new hobby that trips your trigger.



Aries 3/21 to 4/20

The Aries confidence will make for an eventful month. A goal that used to seem out of reach will be in your grasp. The job that you've been eyeing will have an opening or you run into a sum of money right when the concert of your dreams comes to town.



Taurus 4/21 to 5/21

Although usually shy, you will be asked to join the spring play or go out for a sport, break out of your shell and enjoy it. Because of your new confidence, you will show your crush how you really feel.



Gemini 5/22 to 6/21

You are creatively challenged this month. Accept that challenge and find the talent you never thought you had. Don't annoy your parents this month by asking for a longer curfew. They have their own problems.



Cancer 6/22 to 7/23

You will have an ultra good month. You will have some extra spending money from your new job. You will also start a new romance this month. Because of your good fortune, you need to be supportive towards your friends who aren't having much luck.



Leo 7/24 to 8/23

By the middle of the month you'll get out of the depression because some new friends that you are chillin' with make you laugh. You will have a busy month with the new activities that your chums are inviting you to.



Virgo 8/24 to 9/23

You will need a vacation by the end of this month. You will be busy with a job and a new activity that you will join. You will also be busy with a romance that will start. It's a doozy of a month.



Libra 9/24 to 10/23

Hectic, hectic, hectic, is your month. Keep organized to lessen your mishaps and misplaces. Your friends' month will be just as bad as yours try and stay calm when around them.



Scorpio 10/24 to 11/22

You need to listen up this month - everything is not as bad as it seems. You'll meet up with a new and exciting friend, but don't ditch the old ones. You will be hired for the job that you have wanted for a long time, but don't take too many personal days, or they may be ready to fire.



Sagittarius 11/23 to 12/21

Get ready for excitement throughout all aspects of your life. A new romance will break up the monotony of the winter. You will also have the best spring break of your life. Don't be afraid to have your cake and eat it too.



Capricorn 12/23 to 1/20

You will get into a heated battle with someone you are close to. Stay calm even when an annoying person tags along with you and your chums. You will have fun in a new hobby that you just started.



Aquarius 1/20 to 2/19

You will be calm and confident this month. You will become closer to someone you don't know very well, and you will score high in a tough class. Don't be afraid to stand up for your rights because someone may try to take advantage of you.



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# Features

## SODA'S Wacky Weekend

by Holly Beck

Did you know that Marion's staff team took 2nd place at the 3rd Annual Wacky Winter Olympics? Marion's Chamber of Commerce held the annual event at Marion City Square in the morning on February 19. This fun event was to help raise money to support the Marion/Linn-Mar Drug Free Programs.

The Marion's Drug Free Program is the S.O.D.A. group. (Students Okay Without Drugs and Alcohol). This group sent two teams to the Olympics. They were the S.O.D.A. Stars, and S.O.D.A. Magic. S.O.D.A. Stars consisted of: Dawn Schoeberl, Holly Beck, Sarah Sparks, Melissa Walderbach, and Charity Hen-derson. S.O.D.A. Magic's team consisted of: Beth Hatch, Marcie Pinger, Christine McGlaughlin, and Carrie Peiffer. The teachers who represented Marion High School were: Mr. Immerfall, Mrs. Putnam, Mrs. Quinn, Mr. Fruehling, Mr.

McLaughlin, and Mrs. Mugan. The teachers ended up getting 2nd out of 26 teams and the S.O.D.A. Stars and S.O.D.A. Magic, well.....let's just say they had fun.

Some events were Tug o' War, Glide 'n' Git / Wiff Waff. Which is based on the real winter Olympics biathlon. Turkey Bowling, is where each team member is allowed three rolls of the "turkey", Mikie's Mitten Ball, is where you shot free throws into a children's size basketball hoop. Now the Frozen Pasture Pool, as to do with a golf event. Cackleberry Luge is the egg toss and the funniest game of them all was the Gurney Push! After the games were over, the teams were invited to the Marion Legion to eat chili and announce the winners of the raffle ticket drawing. Before heading to the legion, things got a little messy when Sarah Sparks, Holly Beck, Marcie Pinger, and Dawn Schoeberl got into a "mud fight"!



With Marcie Pinger on the gurney, Carrie Peiffer, Beth Hatch and Christine McGlaughlin race to the finish line.

## Speech Honors

by Matt Balk

The Marion speech team had been practicing for six weeks preparing for the WAMAC. They had three groups, ensemble, group improvisation and the one-act play.

Due to cold weather the WAMAC performance was cancelled. On January 21st Marion performed at districts in Monticello. Marion received Division I ratings in group improvisation and the one-act play. Both groups advanced on to the state meet in Grinnell.

Waking up as early as 5:30 am, the six member team traveled to Grinnell. The improv group received four Division I ratings and went to All-State in Des Moines on February 19th. Only 6-10% of all the groups performing are invited to the top festival. Even though the trip to Des Moines was beset by mechanical problems, Mrs. Braun, speech direc-

tor, said the highlight was the performance the students gave. "They were easily one of the top three groups in improvisation. They perform so well because they listen to each other." The one-act play equaled last year's performance receiving four Division I's and Honorable Mention for being in the top sixteen in the state.

Matt Balk, Travis Clarke, Nicole Rollie, Kelly Westergaard, Theresa Garthwaite, and Jim Schwiebert are in the one-act play. Everyone but Matt and Jim participated in group improvisation.

Individual district speech contest was held February 26 at Vinton. Amy Kraus and Travis Clarke participated and both will be continuing on to state contest on March 12 in Ottumwa. Amy and Travis both competed in the Interpretive Prose category.



Marion's SODA and Faculty teams posed for Mrs. Putnam after the competition.

## Art Together

by Holly Beck

Marion's Art Department took a group of students to Minneapolis on January 30 to tour a variety of art museums and different cultural events. Students involved were Amy Boland, Darcie Brecht, Christy Hamilton, Jenny Weaver, Sarah Sparks, Saskia Langenberg, Mike Kalkwarf, John Hamilton, Sarah Jackson, Alisha Fishwild, Renee Conway, Chris Motter, Richard Kerslake, Kelly Stamp, and Mrs. Shultz. The Marion group, along with Springville and Monticello's art department, left Cedar Rapids at 6 a.m. Sunday morning and arrived at Minneapolis at noon.

During their trip, they toured the Minneapolis Institute of Art, Walker Art Center, Norwest Bank, and St. Paul Winter Carnival. They also visited with area artists. Following the visits to Minneapolis Institute of Art and Walker Art Center, the students attended the Chanhassen Dinner Theater. At the Chanhassen, they saw the delightful play "Brighton Beach Memoirs", which turned out to be the highlight of the whole trip.

One thing Sarah Sparks enjoyed was the Dinner Theater. She also learned about different artists, different types of art, and how to create art. One thing Sarah didn't enjoy was the bus driver who got lost everywhere they went. Sarah thought it took time away from their learning experience. John Hamilton liked eating dinner and watching the Super Bowl at the Chanhassen. He learned about different types of art, and was glad to meet some popular artists. Some disappointments John had: the bus driver, too little time, and lack of organization of activities. On Monday, January 31st, they departed St. Paul for Cedar Rapids and arrived home at 7 p.m.



After the day at All-State, Mrs. Braun Theresa Garthwaite, Nicole Rollie and Kelly Westergaard wait for the rent-a-car to pick them up and go get another rent-a-car at the airport so they could finally begin the trip home.



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## Activity Update

by Nicole Swierk & Marcie Pinger

### BAND

Concert Band has sent in their auditioning tape to the Iowa Band Masters Associations to see if they qualify to perform during the May convention in Des Moines. On February 26, the Jazz Band is attended a small group contest at Coe College. The two major songs they are performing are "Love of a Woman" and "Everything You Wanted to Know About Sax". Six of the band members will be part of the UNI Honor Band. Jason Kelly, Scarlet Canady, Jennifer Hartmann, Jason Kellerhals, Dan Reid and Toni Zimmerman will be enjoyed this over the February 10-12 weekend.

### FBLA

FBLA is preparing themselves for the Spring Conference at the Five Seasons Center. All of those students that are attending this conference are busily preparing for the different competitions. The never-ending job of Bingo is still an ongoing fund-raiser for the members. Wednesday, February 16, was FBLA

Business Day. Business Day was commonly known as Dress-up Day. This was just one day of FBLA Week, which was February 14-18. The group of students is planning to sponsor a raffle with a dinner for two at the Collins Plaza. This dinner raffle is just what everyone wants for prom, all expenses paid!

### DECATHLON

Academic Decathlon members were getting special attention, or private lessons from individual teachers before the competition. Teachers that were participating in this were Perkins in math, DeVees and Sloan in science, Immerfall in economics, Bennett in English, Messerli in history and Schultz in Art. The contest was held on February 19, at Mt. Vernon where each of the students recited their speeches. As for the team, they put up a fight and struggle. Third place awards were given to Chad Seagren in Interviews/Social Studies, Chris Stewart for Math, and Rob Cihla brought

home one for economics. Second place awards were awarded to Mike Parks in Literature/Language Arts and Chris Stewart in Science/Math.

### NHS

National Honor Society is planning their big initiation night, which takes place at "Honors Night". This year it will be held on May 12, at 7:00 pm. They have handed out applications and ask if those who have received one, please return them by March 25. A Christmas party in January was enjoyed by all of the members. They went out for pizza and then went to see Tombstone. Members are still selling key chains to raise enough money to plant a tree for the future. If you are interested contact Mr. Bates A.S.A.P! Coming-up in May there will be a school-wide carnival to help all of the groups in raising money. Things included in this carnival are dunk tank and palm reader/fortune teller.

### STUDENT SENATE

According to the last meeting Student Senate is currently very busy planning for one of their bigger events of the year- the Lock-in on April 17th. With different committees like food, movies and dance,

they are all doing their share of the work. After sponsoring the food drive for the needy families this Christmas, they have become even more involved by continuing with a competition pop can drive between grades 8-12.

### SODA

SODA sold 188 carnations for Valentines to MHS students and faculty. They participated in the Wacky Winter Olympics sponsored by the Marion Chamber of Commerce. Two teams from SODA and a faculty team represented Marion High School in some wacky games with Linn-Mar High School and 30 other teams from the Marion local businesses. In March they will be having another fun night.

### FBLA

FBLA certainly took pride in their National FBLA week by having everyone wear their FBLA T-shirts. Then on Wednesday they dressed up and visited classrooms at Vernon Middle School to tell the students about the work and benefits of Future Business Leaders of America - FBLA. Right now they are doing fund-raisers to prepare for their Spring Conference Banquet.

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# Features

## HOW HARMFUL EAT. SLEEP.

by Joy Sueppel

There has been a concern for a long time that we, as young adults, are being exposed to too much violence through the music and television shows that are geared towards our generation. Now there is a new offender; video and computer games. One problem is that the new generation of video games have characters which look more like photographic images than cartoons, and the fighting they show ends violently. Some victims are knocked off ledges to land - impaled - on a spike. Still beating hearts are ripped out, or heads are torn off. And the same question is arising with the expanding availability of these games that arose with the violent music and television programs - should there be a rating system for what is on the market?

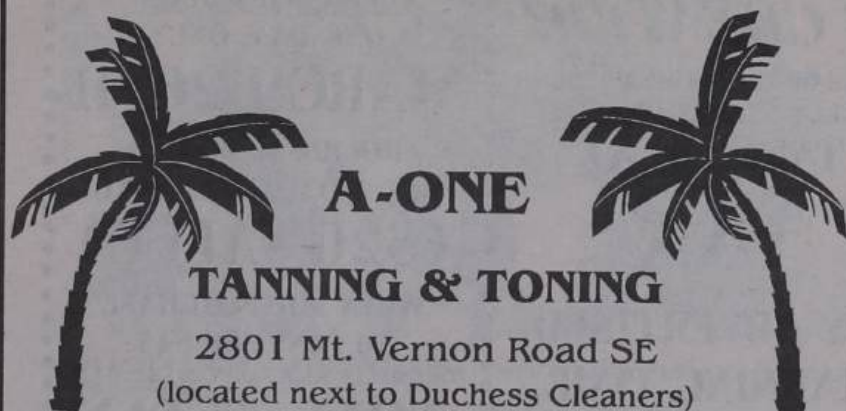
Suggestions for a universal rating system are being made. Sega has began a rating system of their own software and even pulled a game from the shelves do to its violent content. Some computer games con-

One game in particular has a warning that is to be taken as a joke, but can preview what the game contains-P.C. (Profound Carnage-if you are of weak heart, beware!) Nintendo says that Sega's plan is just a way to still allow sex and violence and that Sega would cheat on a system it controls itself. Sega claims the system will not lead to excessive sex and violence. However, both Sega and Nintendo now self-censor - that is, they have guidelines on their own products and on those purchased from outside developers.

The game that has received the most publicity about its content is Mortal Kombat. There are several stores in the area that carry this and other games that could be considered violent. During the Christmas season, parents flocked to purchase games that their children asked for. None of the stores questioned has received any complaints. Most employees selling the games said that they would advise the parent to the



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## A Place for Creativity

by Marcie Pinger

Creative Ink - Do you know what it is? Creative Ink is the magazine put out every year in the spring by Mr. Bates and his staff. It gives MHS students in grades 8-12 the chance to publish their creative efforts in writing, drawing, photography, computer graphics, etc.

Ten years ago Mr. Bates and the Club started the known as The Ink. Due to movement by Americans, the would be wise name and it became Creative Ink.

Most creative magazines all of them have awards like has. For the tition, Creative Ink award as one of standing liter-zines in Iowa. For 1992-93, it was given a nation award, "First Place with Special Merit." That award is given to publications scoring over 900 points out of a possible 1000. Creative Ink scored 925 points. These awards both came from the American Scholastic Press Association. The 1993 editors were Alison Moe, Shannon McCleary, Amy Kraus, Jenny Raymond, and Sarah Hughes. The cover was designed by John Foster.

Mr. Bates is very pleased with the awards the magazine has received, and comments that it is really an award to the creative efforts of the students. He is also pleased that a magazine which started out with only around 20 entries now has about 100 entries per issue. Art work and creative writing for the 1994 edition of Creative Ink is due to Mr. Bates in Room 26. by April 1.



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schools have zines, but not received Marion's 1990-91 edi-Ink won an the most out-ary maga-



## ARE OUR TOYS?

age group of the children. One sales person remarked that, "I have children of my own and am a little worried about these new games." Others in the retail business think that the ratings are "a good idea."

Many of the consumers of controversial games are adults. Many of them would have "no problem" with any rating system. "The kids playing games need to be old enough to realize that this is just a game.....violence can't be carried out into the real world." Some experts believe a ratings system will only allow the limits allowed to be pushed outward because of games like Mortal Kombat. Live-action video technology makes the violence much more realistic. The question that all this leads to is, should children have access to this sort of thing? Parker V. Page, president of the Children's Television Resource and Education Center, says that studies done on the effects of interactive games on children, show that

after playing with violent video games, children tend to play more aggressively on the playground. "I don't think anybody's going to find the effects (of violent video games) to be positive," says Page.

Along with violence, the increasing use of sexual images is a problem. One game - Night Trap - shows teen-age girls at a pajama party kidnapped by zombies. In Great Britain, the game cannot be sold to those under age 15, and Toy 'R' Us Inc. will not sell it in Great Britain or Canada.

Although the companies acknowledge increasing public concern about violence, they also say their consumers ask, "Where's the blood?" when they viewed a new game. The limits of violence need to be defined and upheld. The object of video and computer games is not to teach people that killing is O.K. or that destruction is good. If the content of games continues in its present trend, what will the next controversy be?

### How Sega Would Rate Video Games

#### GA:

(General Audiences) No fighting games or "life scenarios," such as sexually suggestive situations, allowed

#### MA-13

(Teens, 13-17) Some mayhem permitted, but no decapitations and other "graphic" violence. Adult themes such as violence and crime must involve only cartoon characters.

#### MA-17

(Adults Only) More graphic violence and adult themes involving "real" filmed characters allowed. Still prohibited: very graphic killings, nudity, and ethnic and other stereotypes

From: Business Week, June 13, 1993

## MHS Poll

### WHAT DO MHS STUDENTS & STAFF THINK? HERE'S WHAT THEY SAID WHEN ASKED IF THERE SHOULD BE LIMITS:

Mike Parks-Yes, on quality but not on violence, so you don't have to waste your money on a game.

Chad Seagren-Yes, I think that we need to return to strong family values.

Jenny Raymond-I don't think so, they rate everything else, it's already restricted enough, they can watch others play.

Amy Kraus-No, if it's a video game, it's about killing people anyway.

Chris Cannon-Sure, because some of them are bad.

Mrs. Bennett-Probably an age limit.....violence promotes violence.

Kevin Guilds-Yes, for under 14, warning, violent material

Trampas Nevius-Yes, PG, can't buy without a parent if under a certain age.

Chad Vavra-.....No, Parents should be there to censor it.

Chris Healy-It won't matter anyways, if people want the games, they will get them.

Scarlett Canady-Fighting Games-under 14 need consent.

Kristine Bright-No, it doesn't do any good.

Travis Clarke-No.

Molly Sheeley-No, parents will get them for the kids.

Kelly Gongwer-No, everyone's exposed to violence through television.

Sarah Sparks-Warning on the outside of package, but not rating/restriction

Melissa Walderbach-No, it's just a video game, you see more on T.V.

Saskia Langenberg-Not under ages 10 or 12, but they will get it anyways.

Holly Beck-Yes, because there's certain age, younger kids shouldn't see violent things.

Mr. Twitchmann-What I see on the outside (of the package), makes me wonder what it does to the inside of the person.

Corey Browne-I think so because video games cause people to leave reality.

Jason Kelly-Yeah, because parents who are buying for their children have a right to know what the content is and have the right to use discretion over what their children are buying.

Jenni Wennekamp-Yes, 'cause they are too violent and kids think that it's real.

John Maske-It doesn't really bother me whether they do or not because if that's going to keep them from censoring, than I'd rather have a rating because censorship leads to the downfall of democracy.

Mr. Perkins-Only if the material is pornographic. Yes, I think they should if they're going to start getting raunchy. I don't want my granddaughter playing an X-rated video game.

56% Yes - there should be ratings

44% No - parents should censor; wouldn't do any good



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# Features

## Private Interests

by Nicole Swierk

"Oh my gosh, listen to this girls! Guess who I saw at the mall during vacation? You're never going to guess. Do you give up yet? Well get this, I saw Braun, yes the Kathleen Braun that teaches at Marion High School! I was so surprised to see her and in the mall of all places! Teachers don't do that kind of things." This is what you may hear in the hallways here at school after weekends, vacations or even a school night. Believe it or not teachers (not all of course) have lives outside of this building we call school.

A poll of the activities they enjoyed was conducted and the results were analyzed and a conclusion was then reached, teachers are really human beings underneath their professional disguises. Many of them do the "normal" things that everyone else does and then there are those who go an extra mile and engage in some really extravagant activities. Popular activities include spending time with their families, either participating in or watching sports from a variety of choices, going to the movies or just renting one and staying at home. Although it isn't an activity students look forward to once they have cars, walking is another popular past time that teachers enjoy.

Activities that a handful of them enjoy are also quite normal and human. Just like any other person, when the school bell rings at 2:55 they are engaging in a game of cards, traveling the nation, enjoying an evening dinner at a fast food restaurant just like a teenager, or cuddling up on the couch with either a good book or a favorite television show.

However there are still those "school teacher" stereotyped activities that some of them enjoy. Numbers of the teachers like to check out the antique shops for treasures, go play a little golf, grow a number of different garden plants, sew, or bake and cook for family and friends.

A few brave souls "go for the gold" while participating in numerous diverse activities. Mrs. McCaulley keeps physically fit by weight lifting, Sra. Goldstein is an usher at Community Theatre and plays the guitar, and Mrs. Hoyt paints or draws three hours every Sunday at the Campbell-Steele Gallery. If you ever have to see before believe that she has a social life outside of school head down there and witness art in the making.

And did you know that teachers could have a second job outside of school? Believe it or not Mrs. Madsen is a fashion coordinator and sell a variety of clothing ranging from casual to sports to business attire for the modern woman. Mrs. Dostal also has a second job, as a NuSkin distributor.

The most amusing pastime of any of the teachers is by far Mr. Bates' activities. He is the man known to his peers as the "Disco King." Is this because of all your wild nights as a disco dancer, Bates? On the other hand, the career choice he would like to pursue will not accept him and if you were given a hundred guesses you still wouldn't know. Listen closely because you'll only hear it once and remember you heard it first from the Vox. Well Mr. Bates wants to take up an occupation as a Chippendale dancer!

Just remember with these small pieces of information that there is life outside of school for teachers, as to what kind, that is what you must decide!

## If you build it...

By Christy Steffes and Danielle Andresen

This year eight students from Marion High School went and took two hours out of their day, every day to go and build a house.

Why would a senior at high school want to go and build a house, when they could be opting out? Eric Schaefer responded by saying "Because I like doing work like this, it might have something to do with my career." He ended by saying "Beats the hell out of paper work!"

Construction Tech. seems to actually really help you in the world, as Glen Renfer proves, "It has already got me a job working for Fosters Heating & Air Conditioning and they are going to pay for my schooling."

What did Scott Fretheim think that Construction Tech. had done for him? "It has helped me to learn how to cooperate with other people." Chris Cannon also stated, "I enjoy the satisfaction of seeing something that we build as a group."

Mr. Weisinger has taught Construction Tech. class for three years. Does he feel that it was worth all of his time? "That's my job! It's a change in pace not being in the classroom for seven hours a day. And it's a good experience for the guys to use in later life."

Is the house coming along the way it should be? Chad Borst yelled out, "Right on, rock solid, far out."

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## Spirit Week Brightens Winter

by Danielle Andresen  
& Christy Steffes

Winter Spirit Week brightened up those dreary days from January 31-February 5. In order to change things, the cheerleaders put a box in the office for suggestions for new days of the week. The days which were celebrated were:

Monday - Favorite Cartoon Character

Tuesday - Favorite Sport Day

Wednesday - Hippy/Disco Day

Thursday - Concert t-shirt Day

Friday - Red/Gold Day

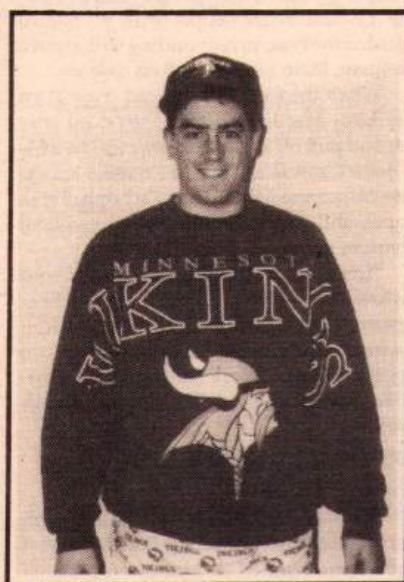
The Marion Cheerleaders and Pompon squads hosted WPA Dance, the conclusion to Spirit Week, on February 5, 1994. The colors were red, white and silver. The themesong was "In Your Eyes," by Peter Gabriel. Many of the couples, including Eric Schaefer and Beth Hatch, decided on going to Carlos O' Kelly's before they attended the dance. Other restaurants attended were Chi-Chi's, Zio Johnno's, Xavier's, Sandtrap, Zoey's and the Rag Top Diner.

Many of the students thought that the music was very cool. Chris Krull expressed his feelings about the music by saying "It had a good beat that you could really dance to!" The DJ really helped get the crowd involved and dancing by playing Simon Says to music and whoever danced the best won a prize!

Other students talked about the decorations and the memories that the dance created including John Hamilton saying, "It was very valentinesish and I'm disappointed that I will not be able to have the WPA experience next year."



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## Sports Shorts

**FRESHMEN GIRLS BB**

by Jennel Lien

This year the freshman girl's basketball team has been a fun, yet disappointing. While striving for a win, they have come up empty handed. With hard practices, and enthusiastic game talks, the spirit of the team has come up to be stronger and their hopes for a good game has risen. When playing Cedar Rapids Washington, the score was 72 to 11. Even though they had lost, Katie Parks had a pretty good game making nine of the points that were scored. To add on to the scoring was Tonya Tasker made the last two.

Against their game against Linn Mar, the score was 45 to 5. Kelly Nodurft had scored two points along with Harmony Henderson and Molly Grimm with a free throw shot. Their game against Iowa City City High was another disappointment with a loss of 51 to 6. Kelly Nodurft had scored two points and Katie Nelson with four.

Their last three games weren't all disappointments for the team. Even though they had lost to Independence and West Delaware, they had come out of the season with a close and victorious win against Iowa City West's with 14 to their 13 points.

"We have improved," said Coach Knapp, "but we still have a lot to work on and we also need out of season work." With the coach's patience and skills to coach a team, the team is not doing so bad, since a couple of their players had moved up to the sophomore team. "We take losing very well, and we try to have fun," remarks Maria Bockenstedt. We all have to give this team credit for sticking with what they had started with and not quitting.

**FRESHMEN BOYS BB**

by Jon Stickney

Freshman boys basketball were faced again to compete against 4A metro schools in the Cedar Rapids, Marion area. The freshman hosted cross town rival Linn Mar to suffer a devastating loss 62-23. Chad Zrudsky and John Cannon lead the team with 12 points. Tyson Colvin, John Cannon, and Brian Dippel played good defensive games.

The freshmen then traveled 35 miles to Vinton to face the Vikings in a cold hard battle which left the freshman with a big upset. The Vikings won 59-58. John Cannon was high scorer with 21 points. Brian Dippel played excellent offense while Dan Tschopp and Tyson Colvin played good defense. The team improved to make Vinton earn their points.

When the Freshmen traveled to the mighty Cougars of Cedar Rapids Kennedy, they figured they'd go over their with Indian spirit, but lost a hard battle 36-48. Brian Dippel and Jake Schuller played excellent offensive and defensive games while Dan Tschopp, John Cannon and Chad Zrudsky scored high points.

Freshman's next game was against Cedar Rapids Regis where they lost 40-25. Marion's offensive game struggled, but their defensive game improved with Dan Tschopp and Jake Schuller assisting. John Cannon, Chad Zrudsky, and Brian Dippel played a good offensive game.

The freshman played a nail biter against Vinton which left them short of a win 62-57. Key players of offensive were Tyson Colvin and Brian Dippel. Chad Zrudsky led

the scoring team with 20 points, John Cannon with 13, and Brian Dippel with 9. Shawn Bruce led the team in rebounding with twelve and Justin Plein played well on defense.

When the freshman played cross town rival Linn Mar they hoped they'd go over their and pull off a win, but came up short 81-56. John Cannon and Chad Zrudsky led the team in scoring while Dan Tschopp, Brian Dippel, and Tyson Colvin played excellent defensive games.

"Even though the freshman's win record was low, their team spirit and unity put them at the very top with moral victories. They can be a top notch group of kids if they do two important things. Work harder and continue to play basketball in the off season," Coach Ehresman.

**SOPHOMORE BOYS BB**

by John Hamilton

The Sophomore boys have had a rough season so far. After starting the season 0-4 South Tama headed to Marion. Although Marion played well in the fourth period, they couldn't quite pull it out, losing by four. The team finally clicked together when LaSalle traveled to Marion. Marion came back to win it 71-70. After that the Indians traveled to Benton where they lost by a score of . Next was a battle with Vinton where they lost. West Delaware then traveled to Marion where they lost. Next was the long trip to South Tama Josh Claypool had a good game, but as their season has showed one man can't win the game for a team a technical foul by Northway, which took him out of the game also hurt the team. In a game in which Spencer Northway had a good game with 16 points, Marion lost to LaSalle by one point. Spencer Northway had a excellent overall game with great overall defense and a team leading 16. Casey DeShaw, who also had 16 points commented, "We just played good defense," in a game where Marion won by four against Waterloo Columbus. Marion won again in a game with Benton where Marion's three point shooting contest changed the whole pace of the game. Vinton traveled to Marion for the next game. Marion couldn't keep up with the Vinton press where they lost. On a snowy night in Anamosa the Indians lost. "We have the athletic ability we just all need to work as a team and not as an individual," was how Jason Hyduk described the season and the teams goals for the future.

**SOPHOMORE GIRLS BB**

by Saskia Langenberg

Even though it hasn't been a winning season for the girls sophomore basketball team, the players have noticeably improved, both individually and as a team, which were the main goals for this season. It was a rough season due to the amount of girls who had never played with each other before. The team exists of four sophomores and four freshmen.

Dawn Cooksly enjoys coaching the girls. "It is a great bunch of girls to work with. We have a long way to go, but we've come a long way. We need to concentrate on fundamentals so we are able to do more as a team. We are building for the future."

Katie Wennekamp agrees with her coach by saying, "we improved a lot." She additionally stated that they got along pretty well as a group, and she seriously considers going out for basketball again next year.

## Varsity Boys Stay Close

by Darin Andresen

The 1-5 Indian basketball team hoped they had gained enough road experience to win consecutive road games against Vinton and Benton.

The Indians got in early foul trouble, which has been a thorn in their side the entire year, and never were in the game. Vinton's 21-10 advantage in second period scoring and Marion's 42.3% shooting for the game just was too much to overcome. Jeff Kinney led the team in scoring with 14 points. Scott Bemisdarfer added 13 and Tim Mooney 10 to the effort. The 57-76 loss to the Vikings only intensified their want for their first conference victory.

Tensions which were high going into the Benton game because of the team's six game losing streak, were only intensified by Tim Mooney's breaking of Benton's south backboard on a pregame dunk. The ensuing forty minute delay gave Marion plenty of time to settle down and concentrate on the game. The much taller Bobcats gave the Indian big men fits in the first half and had a seven point half time lead. After half time adjustments, the pumped up Indians came out and outscored Benton 22-12 in the third quarter. They then held on for the 62-61 victory. Jeff Kinney scored 17 points, just edging Ben Meader's 16 points for game high honors. Thad Rahn lit it up from the outside while hitting on all his three-point attempts, he had 14 points. Kinney also led the team with seven assists and had his first dunk of the season.

Marion then came home for a game against nemesis West Delaware. The Hawks shot 53.3% to the Indians 37.5% and forced the tempo of the game, causing Marion to again get into foul trouble. Though Jeff Kinney, Scott Bemisdarfer, and Tim Mooney all scored in double figures, the 72-51 defeat showed the importance of the stats above.

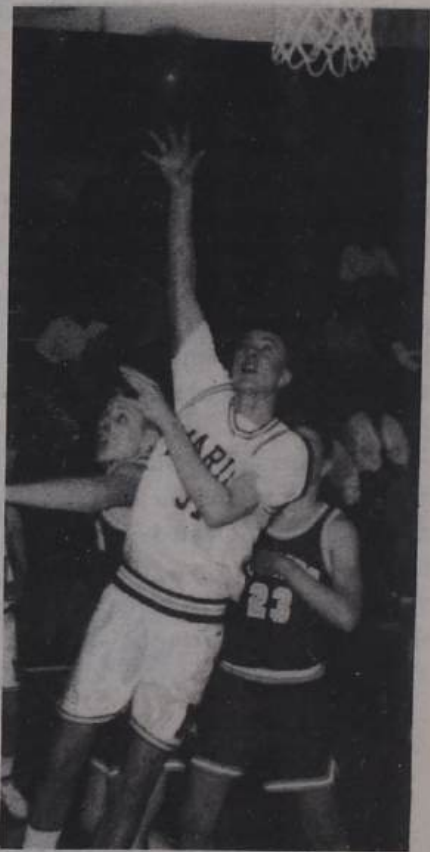
Marion traveled to South Tama the following Tuesday and ended up with a 75-60 loss. Marion's balanced scoring was lead by Thad

Rahn's 14 points. Thad also had 4 steals in the game.

Jeff Kinney lead the way in the next game against Independence. The final minute loss stopped what would have been a great 4th quarter comeback. Down by 14 points after the third quarter, the Indians battled back to lose by 5. Jeff scored 18 points, many in the 4th quarter rally.

The Lancers of LaSalle were next on the schedule for the boys. A big game by Scott Bemisdarfer was not enough for the Indians as they lost 78-64. Scott ended up with a game high 18 points. Kane LaKose added a spark off the bench with a couple of quick steals and 5 points in limited playing time.

The team was hoping for a big win at home against the second place Sailors of Waterloo Columbus, but a 4 point second quarter was just too much to overcome in the 58-53 loss. Tim Mooney was an animal underneath snatching 12 rebounds and scoring 22 points. Jeff Kinney added 14 points in the close defeat.



Surrounded by Benton defenders, Scott Bemisdarfer shoots for two.



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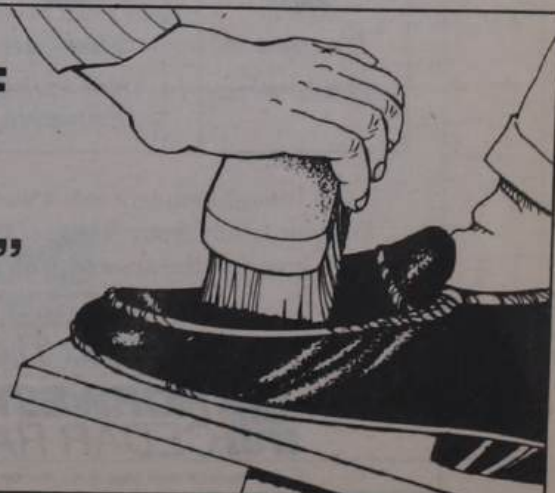
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## Tough Season Ends

**GIRLS PLAY TOUGH, BUT CAN'T BREAK THROUGH FOR A WIN**

by Nicole Chamberlain

The varsity girls basketball game against West Delaware in December was decided with a minute of play left when the score was tied at 37 until the Hawks made a free throw. The Indians had one shot left to win but it fell short and lost 37-38. In the good effort Marion out rebounded the Hawks on the boards. Nicole Chamberlain led the Indians with 10 points.

After the loss at home, the girls traveled to South Tama. The girls went into half time only down by 4. "When the last quarter came around it looked like the girls just ran out of gas," said Coach Sloan. Nicole Chamberlain had 10 points and Jennifer Hartl had 7 offensive rebounds and 5 defensive for a total of 12.

The next game was at Independence where the girls played well in the first half but turned up a notch in the second half by going on a 15-13 run but lost the game. Natalie Detling had 11 points.

Their next game was at La Salle. This game was not one the girls' favorite games to remember. Marion had 4 starters in foul trouble in the first and second quarters and later on the fifth starter ran into foul trouble too. Marion held La Salle to only 8 points in the third quarter but it wasn't enough to keep them from scoring. Andrea Wilson lead with 8 points.

The girls next two games were home against Vinton and Benton. Against the Vikings the girls improved on defense and offense. The score ended up as 59-28. Natalie Detling shot 75% with 8 points and Jenny Weaver had 7. While playing a long with Benton, the girls went into half time with the score 10-2. They had a chance to win in the

fourth quarter but Benton scored 10 points to Marion's 8, which was the difference in the game. Jennifer Hartl had 10 points and 7 rebounds.

When traveling to Waterloo the girls ran into a little trouble. Their bus slid into the ditch in which the game was postponed and rescheduled for Saturday. The girls did end up playing Waterloo but they dropped another game. Jennifer Hartl led the Indians with 7 points.

They next traveled to West Delaware for a rematch. This game turned out nothing like what the girls expected. The score was 59-33. Natalie Detling scored 11 points. Marion had 23 rebounds to the Hawks 17. Marion also blocked 10 shots against the Hawks and had a better shooting percentage too.

Marion played South Tama on 1st of February with intensity and almost won. When finishing the second quarter they were only down by 8. Coming out red hot in the third quarter the Indians went on an 8 and 0 run to take the lead. With only 2 minutes left the score was close and changing back and forth. South Tama took the lead with 10 seconds left and Marion need a three pointer to keep alive but the three fell short. Marion lost a heart breaker with the score 40-36 while battling for the win. Natalie Detling and Andrea Wilson each scored 10 points with Jennifer Hartl and Nicole Chamberlain each grabbing 12 and 11 boards.

The girls played home against Independence and gave them a good game but didn't win. They played a lot better home then at Independence. They lost to them by 23 points at there but only lost by 14 here at home. The score was 50-36. Andrea Wilson and Nicole

Chamberlain poured out the points each scoring 12 and 10 points.

The next two games were back to back, a game at Monticello, then home against La Salle. The girls played well in the first half and were up by two, but came out cold in the second half only scoring at total of seven points in two quarters. They lost 34-17. Jennifer Hartl lead the team with 5 points. Against La Salle, the game was pretty average with number of points scored in each quarter which gave La Salle a scare. Andrea Wilson had 10.

The Benton game was a little like the last time these two teams met. Marion's Andrea Wilson had a fantastic game, scoring 11 points to lead all scorers. Marion had another great game on the boards.

Marion snatched 23 boards to Benton's 11. 10 of those were offensive and the other 13 were defensive. Even though score proved who won the game, the parents gave a soothing remark on how well the girls played.

On Valentine's Day was the girl's last game and Parents Night. They hosted the Anamosa Raiders in what was a hostile game. A couple of players got into foul trouble but it didn't seem to effect the game too much. They then turned around and played them again for districts at Anamosa. Andrea Wilson had 10 points at home and Jenny Weaver had 10 points at Anamosa. The girls lost both games and ended their season.



Natalie Detling takes the inbounds pass against South Tama.

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## Wrestlers Finish Season Strong

### NATE DOES GREAT AT STATE

by Chris Krull

The wrestling team started the second half of the season hosting its own tournament. Marion finished seventh out of nine teams, but had strong performances by Bryan Balvanz and Nate Werneburg. Balvanz was the lone champion at 130 pounds, with a come from behind third period win. At heavyweight, Werneburg lost a tough final match to finish second. 145 pounder Mike Kalkwarf finished third.

Their next meet was a double dual against West Delaware and South Tama. The wrestlers started slow and lost several early matches. Bryan Balvanz, Nate Werneburg and 140 pounder Chris Krull won both their matches and were the only Indians who won.

The wrestlers then traveled to Independence for the conference tournament. Werneburg was the only wrestler to make it to the finals and handily beat his LaSalle opponent. Balvanz, Kalkwarf and 171 pounder Chris Cannon finished

third. Rob Wiley and Chad Borst finished fifth at 112 and 160, respectively.

This was followed by two losses to West Liberty and Washington. Balvanz and Krull were the only wrestlers to win at both duals.

The wrestlers finished the regular season by finishing fourth at the Anamosa dual team tournament. They defeated Cascade and Midland before losing to Anamosa in the consolation round.

Bryan Balvanz, Rob Wiley, and Nate Werneburg were the only wrestlers to advance from Sectionals to Districts. Balvanz was the lone champion.

Balvanz and Werneburg qualified for state for the second straight year finishing first and second in their weight brackets, respectively.

At the state meet, Balvanz lost both matches the first day. Werneburg won and advanced to the quarterfinals. In that match he

upset the second-rated wrestler from Roland-Story City. In the semi-finals, Werneburg lost to the eventual state champion from Osage. He won again in wrestle-backs to advance to

the consolation 3rd-4th round.

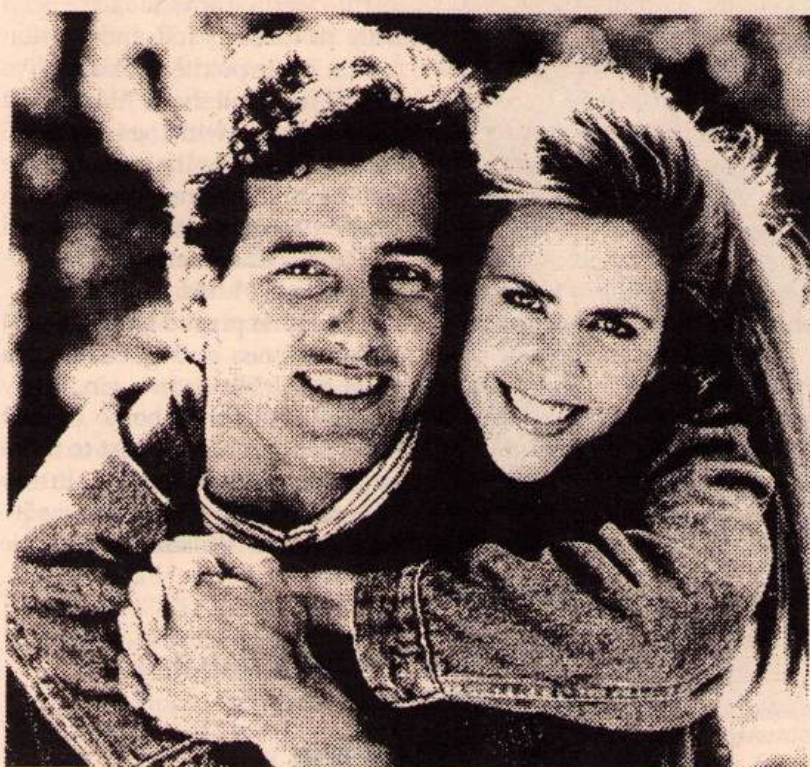
A last-second take-down cost him the third-place medal, but he is looking forward to next year and bringing home the gold.



Nate Werneburg is consoled by his mother after his semi-final loss at the state wrestling tournament.



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