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Men are from Mars, Women go to the Mall Your complete guide to shopping for the opposite sex

by JoilAnn DeLong and Lindsey Schneider

OK. We know it's just three days before Christmas, but lots of shopping still remains to be done. Just as there are differences in other ways, there are definite differences in male and female shopping techniques. "Girls spend more time on their shopping and the gifts they give are more thought out," says Amanda Carson. But another opinion about why there might be problems is that as Josh Nelson says, "Girls don't give enough ideas or they aren't specific enough. So when you do buy the gift you get the wrong kind." Even though there are problems, gifts are still exchanged between boyfriends and girlfriends, each always hoping that it's just what he/she wanted. If you're still looking for that perfect gift, check out below to make the shopping trip easier.

Reasons Guys Don't Like Shopping For or With Girls!

- *Girls don't give specifics of what they actually want. Then when you actually go shopping you find what they want, but there are thousands of different types to choose from.
- *They always say that they don't want anything, but you know that deep down they really are expecting something.
- *They expect things with sentimental value.
- *Girls have a subtle way of dropping hints about what they want and they expect us to catch on.
- *When shopping with girls they seem to take forever and they look at one thing for at least a half an hour and then they seem to go back to look at it again.
- *They have to go and look at every store before they will buy anything.
- *They make you stand next to them and hold everything for them and then they make you wait while they try on things in the dressing room.

Reasons Why Girls Don't Like Shopping For or With Guys!

- *They don't know what they want or if they do you can't seem to find it anywhere.
- *They get really boring after a while.
- *They complain about everything.
- *They have to stay right next to you at all times when you are in a female type store because people might talk if they see him by himself.
- *Boys don't want to look around if they are shopping

they want to buy the first thing they see.

Shopping Stereotypes

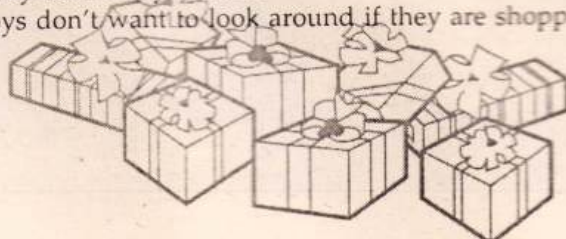
- *Guys don't worry about what they are going to buy.
- *Boys start shopping the day before Christmas and end up spending all of their last pay check so they have to go the next two week in debt.
- *Girls save up and begin shopping the day after Thanksgiving.
- *Girls like to give things that have some kind of meaning to their friends - sentimental value. They usually do this by giving little gifts to their friends.
- *Gift certificates are a guy's best friend.
- *To boys it doesn't matter what they get for gifts they receive. Anything will make them happy.
- *Gifts that actually show that you know what the guy is really about is really impressing to them.
- *Boys will never buy clothes for boys. They are too scared to ask the girl what size they wear.
- *Guys don't take the time to buy their friends little gifts. Like cards or candy canes.
- *You will rarely see a guy in the mall unless they are eating in the food court.
- *Girls like to buy things for guys that they want to see them wearing not what they guy would actually wear.

Top Ten Places Girls Shop

1. American Eagle
2. Victoria's Secret
3. Bath and Body Works
4. Best Buy
5. The Buckle
6. Maurice's
7. Eby's
8. Target
9. Von Maur
10. Coral Ridge

Top Ten Places Guys Shop

1. American Eagle
2. Best Buy
3. Eby's
4. Younkers
5. Von Maur
6. The Buckle
7. Menards
8. Jewelry stores
9. Sears
10. Coral Ridge



INTERNET REVIEW

WHERE TO GO FOR SPORTS

by Ryan Young

Hi my name is (what?) my name is (who?) my name is Ryan Young and today we will roll into the exciting world of internet sports sites. This week's article has a new feature, the ca\$h money rating scale:

\$\$\$\$\$ Cash Money Site

\$\$\$\$ Stop by and check this site out

\$\$\$ If you have time in between waxing your legs and kicking your dog go see this site

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Life as a teenager can be full of pressure. Life as an adult can be full of pressure. Some have strength to resist and some do not. SODA's intent, in the eyes of the sponsor, has never been to think that the people in the group are better than others who are not.

Yes, there is a pedestal here! Webster's Dictionary states that a pedestal is a "base, foundation, support" and that is what SODA is about. It is a support for those who are truly trying to not drink or do drugs. The support is shown through available positive activities, role models, and people to turn to for guidance.

In the world of generalities, there is little that a sponsor can do when truth is not brought to attention. To say that nothing was done about a "known" student abuser is another generality. Do any of you truly know what was actually done to help this person? Just because the outcome wasn't made public, doesn't mean there was no action taken.

SODA is for anyone who is really trying to make changes in their behavior if needed. We all need to support these people. The ALL means: other sponsors of organizations (don't your members have to follow codes of conduct too?), staff who aren't extra-curricular sponsors, parents, and yes, even you students. Students: It is important to be true to your parents, your peers, and yourself. Try to make the reason for being involved in SODA a TRUE reason.

Reply:

The staff received many comments about the last editorial. In no way was it a condemnation of either SODA or the SODA sponsor. It was intended as a comment only on those SODA students who are hypocritical enough to be members while also choosing to ignore the rules of SODA.

\$\$ not worth turning your computer on

\$ If you end up on this site walk to the interstate and into oncoming traffic

WWW.ESPN.COM

This site had a remarkable review before I went to it. After exploring its hellish site, I have concluded that it is a tad bit overrated. Let me tell you why. One day a little lad of 17 was wondering through the exciting world of the internet when all of a sudden he fell upon the espn website. At first he thought hey maybe I will join a fantasy league. The poor boy couldn't because it cost money to join. Then he thought he would research some statistics, but this failed to because some of them were outdated. The boy left the site and the internet forever and now lives in Kristin Popovic's basement.

Don't let this happen to you. Stay away, stay very far away.

Cash Money rating: \$\$

WWW.CBSSPORTSLINE.COM

CBS is not a company that I would consider a perfect candidate for a sports website. Even so, I think they pulled this one off nicely. They had nice information. They also had free fantasy leagues. They have an excellent chat room that will let you argue from who is the best basketball player ever in the NBA or who is the best JV baseball player at Marion. Joe Fontenot, who is a fantasy sport fanatic, would be somewhat proud of this site.

Cash Money rating: \$\$\$ 1/2

WWW.CUBS.COM

What kind of internet review would this be without putting the Chicago Cubs internet site in it? I went to this site an avid Cubs fan and left it an intelligent Cubs fanatic. The best feature this site has to offer is the play by play feature it has for the games. Whether it is Steve Beuchele hitting a grand slam or Jody Davis pitching a no hitter, you can be informed. This site also has a lot of free stuff that can be sent to you if you desire. Some people say this spirit of Harry Carey is haunting the site. Mind though, that these are the people that I see after the Cub's games on the streets selling used popsicle sticks at a lousy quarter a piece. Call me a fool but I think that everybody should come see the soon to be 2000 World Series Champions' website.

Cash Money rating: \$\$\$\$

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VIDEO RENTAL BONANZA FRENZY WITH CONVENIENT ALPHABETIZED BY "M" CATEGORY MADNESS.

by Jon Lien

During the holiday break, many of us will be visiting the video store, getting something to watch and pass the time. The Vox's intrepid video reviewer gives you his hints on what to watch - and avoid - at rental time.

Movies blunt enough to throw at people

Cool as Ice - Ice's movie debut delivers just what it promises, extreme moto-cross action and lightning bolt/brick pattern hair styles that are "cool as ice".

With such hard-hitting memorable one-liners as "Yo, drop the zero and get with the hero", Ice definitely proves that he can turn any average sentence into the poetry of a tortured second grader. *Cool as Ice* is an Xtreme non-stop ninety minute music video that resorts to profile shots whenever Ice-man becomes too fly for his own good. There is also a confusing sub-plot that involves a straight "A" student girl that 'nilla is trying to tempt with his phat rhymes and tuff-dude attitude, which entails the mafia, the witness protection program, and the straight "A" student girl's father (both of their names escape me, but call them whatever you want, Vanilla forgot their names at least a couple of times during the shoot).

There are multiple fight scenes more than adequately exhibiting 'nilla's kickin' ninja stylings. After beating up the straight "A" student girl's current boyfriend, Ice goes into a club and commandeers the mic from a doddering fool attempting to sing a popular eighties song...he takes it and busts a rhyme right there, free-style and everything.

The rest, friend, is history. With this film's intense twists and gnarly extremeness, *Cool as Ice* is sure to thrill viewers 4-ever. Peace out.

Episode I - I feel sorry for the superabundance of die-hard fans who are in denial and feel consciously obligated to stand up for and appreciate this garbage. There's no excuse for this deceptive commercial tripe (except to take lots of your money).

Movies that stare at you when you're asleep

Very Bad Things - One of my personal favorites, I recommend you watch this one with impressionable younger children, anyone who's on some kind of emotional medication, nuns, old people specifically from

nursing homes, and especially people you find who just broke out of prison. Honestly, though, this is a different sort of film that got unjustified negative reviews. Not for children.

Weekend at Bernie's - Even a movie that includes a comic relief dead body, hot babes, and lots of zany adventures, still has the potential to be rotten pig swill. Take *Weekend at Bernie's* one through three for example.

Movies with words in them that are actors' last names

Canadian Bacon - Kevin Bacon.

Movies that end up on depressing television channels

D.C. Cab - Mr. T. stars as a cab driver. Ironically, this role looked really good on his resume when he applied for a cab driving job because he was living in an alley burning copies of his movie to stay alive.

Leprechaun - Leprechaun is stupid. Long live Willow!

Movies that are as common as wadded up diapers in a Wal-Mart parking lot

Bean: The Movie - BLEGHH! Excuse me, what I meant to say was BLLEGGGHHHHH!!

Man's Best Friend - Oh, no, look out!!! It's that dog that can climb trees and look stupid!

Movies you buried in your backyard that reappeared on your pillow

Good Burger - The opposite of good is bad. The opposite of burger is hot dog. The opposite of Keenan and Kel is life. My eye is starting to twitch and bleed, I have to stop thinking about this now.

Tarzan (Disney) - (Refer to *Man's Best Friend*)

Blue Chips - Shaq combines his ability to dunk with his ability to vomit in public.

Rambo - (Refer to *The Toxic Avenger*, replace "mop" with "a

COED SLEEPOVERS

by Kari Reynolds & Morgan Leverett

How many times have you been at a party and just wished everyone could stay the night? Yes, boys and girls overnight.... TOGETHER?!!!!!! It's become quite a controversial subject between teens and parents.

Many teens argue that teen sleepovers are okay as long as it is not a couple thing. However, many parents disagree by saying it's a bad idea all together. They complain that it is suggestive and inappropriate for hormone-raging teens. This is where the argument is at its peak. "Coed sleepovers are all the rage. Parents worry, but kids say a bag is just for sleeping in," says Newsweek. The plain and simple argument is parents think it's all about sex, and teens just want to have fun.

Nonetheless, the trend is catching on. Teens everywhere are tossing their sleeping bags and pillows into their cars and heading to coed sleepovers. Many kids say that coed sleepovers are harmless fun, that gives you the taste of seeing others in their "natural habitat." The trend is also being seen, by experts, as a "natural outgrowth of the semi-platonic 'group dating.'" In all honesty the idea of a couple engaging in sexual activity at a coed sleepover disgusts many teens. And on the flip side, many teens wouldn't want to do that in front of everyone else. "If I went to a coed sleepover, I would want to be hanging out and playing games with my friends. Not making out with my boyfriend in the corner," comments an anonymous teen.

The one thing that teens and parents come to terms with on this issue is the fact that being at a coed sleepover is much safer than being out driving around after a party. They agree that they know where their kids are, and there comes a point where you just have to trust they will make the right decision.

gun")

Movies that if you play backwards in your record player...still don't seem cool

Kazaam - Accidentally revive a big, stupid genie (Shaq) whose one quirk is not being able to be wished away.

Kindergarten Cop - Arnold reflects his lighter side by pretending to be a kindergarten teacher so he can kill people in the school bathrooms.

Bride of Chucky - It'll be an interesting day in seminar before I see two dolls make love like that again. I just typed that. And am not deleting it. Guilt will strike sooner or later.

Movies that make homeless people look happy

The Rescuers (Disney) - 3.4 million copies of this movie were recalled after it was discovered that two frames of a naked woman were spliced into the film. I'm sure every kid who has seen this on video is now severely traumatized and disoriented. Fortunately they'll always have Mr. Rogers and his creepy, god-less puppets.

The Toxic Avenger - A big radio-active turd-man with messed up

eyes fights evil with a mop. Classic fun and memories for the entire family.

Election - The best way to feel to feel uncomfortable and wrong this holiday is by taking time out to watch this down-to-earth, excellently warped film. Amplify any discomforts you may have towards your libido and make sure you watch this with people who you're really nervous around. (Entertainment Weekly says it's one of the year's best movies that nobody watched. See Reese Witherspoon and Matthew Broderick play characters totally against type but that you can find in most American high schools.)

Milo and Otis - (Refer to Election)

Rocky - (Refer to The Toxic Avenger, replace "with a mop" with "in a boxing ring")

Movies starring Shaq that people may have liked

Movies starring Oprah that people may have liked

Movies starring the Olsen twins that people may have liked

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE SCHOOL

by Matt Messeri

Student Senate update

The MHS Student Senate has been both busy and productive in the past few months. The "School Cents" program is in full swing. "School Cents" is sponsored by Lindale Mall, McLeod USA, KWWL, WMT-FM, and the Cedar Rapids Gazette. These sponsors are collectively giving out \$25,000 to the area schools with the most points. Points are earned by turning in your Lindale Mall receipts at the mall. 1 dollar = 1 point. As of December 1, Marion was in 8th place with 13,054 points.

In other business, ten student senate members volunteered their time on Halloween. They participated in a pumpkin carving contest and handed out trick-or-treat candy to over 300 special needs children. "It was fun to see the excitement on all the little kids' faces. We ran out of candy, though," commented Student Senate President Kari Reynolds.

Looking ahead, student senate plans to give out turkeys to several families throughout the community in honor of the holiday season. Also, student senate intends to do the Matchmaker surveys in mid-February.

Currently, the student senate balance is \$2,076. This will allow them to make several donations to various organizations, such as Project Graduation.

THE 1ST ANNUAL POST-APOCALYPTIC VIDEO RODEO

By Matt Erkel

The first annual Post-Apocalyptic Video Rodeo will be held March 11. The festival will be put on by the Thespians but will be open to any high school student in the state of Iowa.

There are three categories drama, comedy, and documentary. The maximum number of entries per student is three. The maximum length is 20 minutes. The entries will be judged by a panel of four to five judges. First prizes is \$50. Second is \$25. Prizes are given in each category.

S.O.D.A. UPDATE

by Kristen Osborn

SODA open gym at the YMCA was held on Saturday, November 13. It was a fun night for all who went. There were many activities such as basketball, swimming, volleyball and more. Everyone had a good time. The annual pizza party was held during lunch on Monday, December 20. Everyone always enjoys free pizza! The SODA members are anticipating a fun ski trip to Sun Down "Mountain" in Dubuque it has been postponed until January or February, originally scheduled for December 22, when there will be snow due to the nice weather we've been having they are unable to make enough snow.

NHS

By Sherry Hoover

The members of this year's National Honor Society have been busy thinking of more ways to get the school involved in activities that NHS sponsors. Currently, NHS is finishing up its annual Holiday Food Drive. They collect food for needy families. They also sponsor the "Giving Tree," which gives all MHS students a chance to purchase a gift for a needy family. In February, NHS, SODA, and ATOMS will be sponsoring a sledding party at Squaw Creek Park. Snow or no snow, the party will take place, and fun will be had by all!

National Honor Society is also involved in beautifying our campus, which may include building a jogging track around the perimeter of the high school property. This idea is in VERY early stages. NHS also helps to plant trees around the campus when ever there is an opportunity.

Events coming up for NHS: December, Food Drive and Giving Tree; February, Sledding Party; March membership applications go out; April, road clean up; May, road clean up and Honors Night.

VPC

The Video Production Crew has added 12 new members this year. With Adam Mulder as President, the crew plans to try digital editing with their brand new equipment. If interested in joining VPC, see Adam Mulder or supervisor Mrs. Tarwater.

ATOMS

ATOMS will begin their fundraising next month. Candy will be sold, they plan to use the profits to go to the Field Museum in Chicago in the spring. ATOMS members are reminded to complete their recycling assignments. Anyone interested in joining, contact Ms. Duning.

CONCERT BAND & WINTERGUARD

by Tegan Reeves

The band has been very hectic this term as they were getting ready for the Winter Concert, which was held Tuesday, December 14. They played very well and things ran smoothly. Chairs were not chosen as normal for this time of year, but they are planning on doing this after the concert is over. In the heat of the WAMAC competition there was little time to worry about the concert that was sneaking closer and closer. None the less the band performed well, their pieces included "Green Sleeves" and "The Christmas Festival".

Marion Hosted the WAMAC honor band just a few weeks ago. The WAMAC competitors both volunteered and were chosen to compete at this event. The Band students involved worked very hard, sometimes on their own, and many times outside of school practices.

Winterguard, the winter marching band, is also starting up and there are a lot of exited students, Try outs were held and the team has been

FBLA NEWS

by Ryan Young

The Marion Future Business Leaders of America put on a Fall Informal on Friday, November 12 from 8-11 p.m.. The idea of this get together, was to have a dance where you didn't need a date, go to dinner, or pay for pictures. There were minimal decorations that added to the mood of the dance. The music was good with the exception of the DJ playing the air guitar midway through the song's guitar solo. There was a great turnout. The FBLA wants to thank all who came and will use the money made to support their trip to the "5" for their spring conference.

SPEECH

by Tegan Reeves

Marion Speech is a somewhat new concept to the high school, last year being the first for Marion Speech. It's going great so far this year. Last year, the team did awesome, advancing to state and receiving an All State nomination. There is only one competition that decides if the club makes it to state, and that is districts. There will be two held: one for large group and the other for individual.

Coach Catherine Netz is in her second year of coaching. Mr. Wake, from Vernon, is also helping out. The students are practicing every day for up to 2 hours a day. There are different categories involving different forms of acting and use of props.

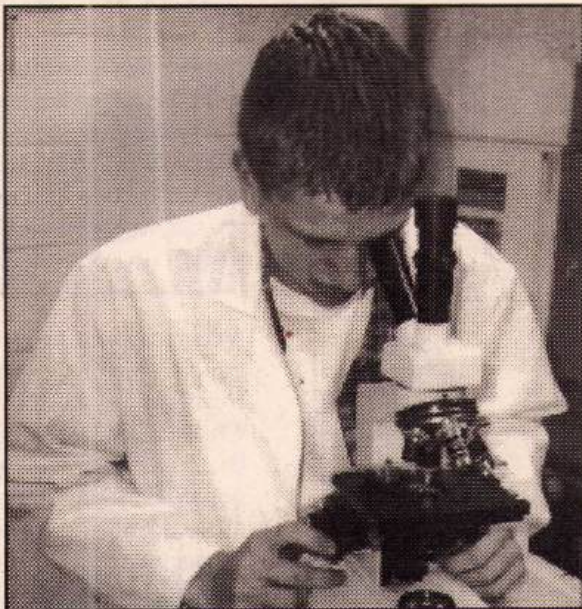
The main goal for speech is to make it all the way to state and All-State, and the chances look great. The outcome is definitely looking good although the club is facing bigger and more intimidating schools, our talent and perseverance will help Marion's name make it to the top. "We have some really powerful groups this year," says Kate Baumert, who sounds very excited for the upcoming season.

Large group speech groups are currently rehearsing for their contests beginning in January. Individual speech will begin shortly after.



After the concert, the brass ensemble performed in the cafeteria. During that time, audience members enjoyed artwork and listened to additional performances.

NOT YOUR USUAL JOB



by Ken Ware

Brad Feickert has an interesting life for a high school student. When he is not being a student technical director for the musicals, he is spending most of his time being an intern at Weland Clinical Labs in Cedar Rapids.

As student tech director, Brad says, "I run the lights as well as build sets, and fix the props and sets. Usually, I am the handy man and help out with whatever goes wrong on the set during rehearsal and the play itself."

There were other questions we wanted to know about his tech. directing such as how he got started. Brad said, "I can't play sports due to a knee injury and I still wanted to be active, and I guess I just took interest."

Brad's favorite play to work on was the most recent performance, *Oklahoma*. "There was a new technical director and things were better prepared and ran smoother. It was a fun play to work

on."

Brad's other interesting job is being an intern at Weland Medical Labs. He makes about 200 or more slides of tissue and other specimen for the pathologists to look at and analyze. Brad was asked how he got started doing this work full time. "I wanted to be a detective, but learning how to be a pathologist is more safe and interesting. Mrs. Young introduced me to this in Job Shadowing Class and they like my work during the summer and asked me to take an internship."

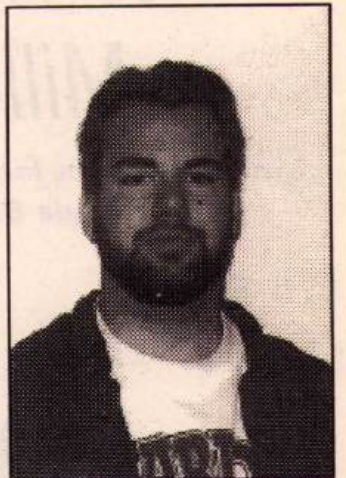
Brad finds his job interesting and the most important thing to having a good job is whether you like the people you work with, and he does. "The people I work with are friendly and good people, I enjoy my work."

C.A.T.S

CONCERNED ABOUT TEEN SEXUALITY

By Ciara Chadek

C.A.T.S stands for Concerned About Teen Sexuality. There are many people throughout the school that are involved with this organization. We interviewed Kiel Archer but the others involved are, Morgan Leverett, David Stulken, Crissie Wood, Marty Conklin, Adam Martin, Nichole Martin, Ann Cannon, Missy Watt, and Crystal Schneider. Kiel learned about it in life skills class when the group came into give a presentation to the class. At that time if you were interested you could sign up.



Kiel has been in the program for almost a year now, and he says he really enjoys it. The stipulations for being in the program are you can not have had sex, you have to be at least a sophomore, and have a 2.5 GPA or above. The group consists of students from schools all around Marion and Cedar Rapids districts that believe in not having sex until marriage. The group meets one Sunday out of every month to go over skits, and what they will talk about at their presentations. Throughout the year they go to different schools, and put on skits or just talk about their feelings on teen sex and how they stand on the issues.

If this sounds like something that you would be interested in, any of the listed people above can help you to get involved.

WORKING TO MAKE AN IMPACT

by Ryan Young

How many people around school have seen or know Lynsey Rogers? How many people know she is involved in IMPACT? That is what I thought. Many people haven't got a clue as to what IMPACT is.

IMPACT

stands for Informing More People about Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis. In IMPACT you learn how those drugs affect your body and how to present that information to an audience. IMPACT consists

of a group of Freshman through Seniors from the Metro area. Lynsey is one of the select few from Marion to make it.

"THE MOST IMPORTANT THING, HOWEVER, IS MAKING A LASTING IMPACT ON PEOPLE'S LIVES."

Lynsey joined IMPACT because she had strong feelings for the information that was given to her and she felt the need to share that information to other people. Lynsey has shown great leadership

qualities by leading by a good example and in presentations to kids, by telling them the dangers of drug usage.

When asked if IMPACT took a large commitment, Lynsey responded with a yes. "... if you join you should believe in it."

Even with a large commitment Lynsey still is glad to be in IMPACT. "It is an excellent experience and you can meet new people. The most important thing, however, is making a lasting impact on people's lives."

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What was your m

What are you doing to ring in the Millennium?

Spend time with my friends
Kayla Bahl

I'm going to be flying back to Iowa from Florida
Tim Badker

Go to Stew's
Matt Haddy

Something fun
Kyle Martin



I'm going to Myrtle beach with my family
Josiah Bushlack

Celebrate with friends
Pete Messerli

I'm going to a party with friends
Michelle Hasbrook

Go bowling and out for a burger.
Mr. Bailey

Go to Kewanee with Tito
Jamie Clark

Go out to eat with friends or stay home
Mrs. Bannon

I'm going to a party
Neil Allen

Being at home, because I don't want to be stranded
Mr. Doyle

When I got a transformer and I was so happy and I brought it to school for show and tell.
Andy Dull

When I got a baby Cabbage Patch Kid from Santa when I was six years old.
Jamie Clark



When I watched the cat chew on the electrical cord all Christmas morning.
Brian Freese



Once when I was four, my brother got pneumonia, and we had to take him to the hospital on Christmas Day.
Mike Murray

When my four year old cousin got underwear from my grandma for Christmas. She thought that it was wedgie proof, so all day she ran around holding up her underwear yelling "I got wedgie proof underwear"
Michelle Petersen

Michelle Petersen

Don't know what to buy that special someone?



by Matt Erkel

GIFTS FOR BOYS

Hats

clothes but this is not the opportunity to make changes in his dressing habits; get him something he likes

watch

car stuff - steering wheel cover, floor mats, gift certificates for car washes or gas

cologne- you may try and get his opinion

event tickets- concert, sporting events

videos- NOT chick flicks

posters

boxers- ok it with his parents

video games

wallet- with your picture in it

movie/dinner gift certificates

GIFTS FOR GIRLS

flowers

perfume- make sure it's what she wears, nothing new

jewelry- nothing tacky; spend more then 7.95 at K-mart

books- Barnes and Noble has great gift books

stationary

music- listen when she says she likes a song or a group

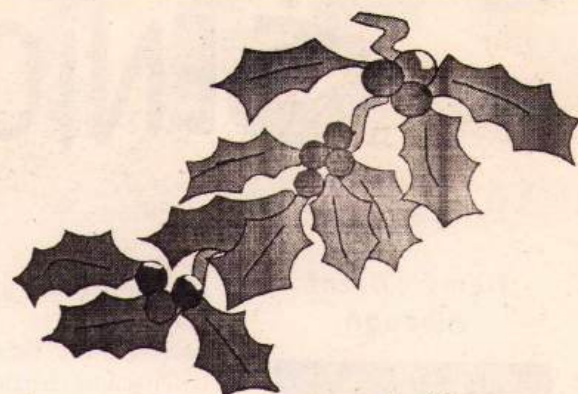
sweater/sweatshirts- your or her favorite college; go to her favorite store, ask for help

candles/ lotion/ bath sets- you can get prepackaged gift sets almost any where

stuffed animals- think- is this the only gift you've ever given her? If so, think again. But they can be cute with special meaning

ly, Jolly . . .

most memorable Christmas?



In third grade, Mike Balvanz told me there was no Santa Claus outside at recess, but Charlie Barnes said that there was a Santa Claus. I later found out that Mike was right.

Brian Kinnaird



When I went to Texas in third grade.
Pete Messerli

I was sitting down opening my presents Christmas morning and the Christmas tree fell right on top of me.

Sean Larsen



What do you want for Christmas?

"Two Moffatts tickets, one for me and one for my friend, Sara."
Kristin Popovics, Senior

"A new James Bond tuxedo."
Matt Messerli, Senior

"Tickets to Les Miserables."
Ashley Scott, Junior

"World Peace, and a Pony."
Sara Schroeder, Senior

"A new stereo system for my room."
Julie Straub, Junior

"A new muffler for my car."
Amanda Carson, Junior

"I want Matt Haddy to wake up Christmas morning with his head sewed to the carpet."
Ryan Young, Senior

"Grand Theft Auto II for my Playstation console."
Brad Young, Sophomore

"A new watch"
Brandon Nigg, Junior

"A CD burner so I can copy CDs and illegally sell them on the black market."
Kyle Koeppen, Junior

"A cruise to the Bahamas."
Mrs. Shultz, Staff

"New clothes, a car."
Rachel Eagle, Sophomore

A Visit With Santa

by Sam Ehlinger

Almost all of us at one time or another have seen the movie "A Christmas Story". The story of a young boy and his struggle to get a BB gun. His mom is skeptical, and tells him "you will shoot your eye out". His only hope of getting a BB gun rests in the hands of a mall Santa. When arriving at the mall Santa's workshop the boy finds a rude, dirty, and uncaring Santa. His hopes are all but gone, when Santa laughs in his face and says "you will shoot your eye out", and then kicks him down the slide.

When Anna and I were told that we would be interviewing the mall Santa we pictured the most disgusting, filthy, drunk piece of white trash imaginable. Boy were we wrong, we met the nicest, sweetest, jolliest Santa Claus we have ever met. He has been a Santa for a little more than three years, "I was given a card by another Santa, you see you must be invited into this," says Santa.

Some of Santa's responsibilities are, year-long training teaching him and other Santa's how to interact and speak with chil-

dren. There he is trained on everything even how to answer the toughest question of all. Are you the real Santa? When he is asked if he is the real Santa, he says "I never lie. I just asks the kids, 'Don't I look like Santa?' and the kids, in their own minds, come to the conclusion that I am indeed the one, the only, Santa Claus." All Santas must be good law abiding citizens. He can never drink, smoke, or use any illegal drugs. To keep his hair and beard looking its best he goes to Regis hair styling every morning. During Christmas Santa has no free time, besides listening to kids all day, he also stops and eats at five restaurants and talks to every person in the store. He also tries to help out the parents by asking the little boy or girl what they need to work on like cleaning their own room brushing their teeth, etc. And if a child asks for a bike they must promise Santa they will wear their helmet when they ride it.

It sounds like a tough job but according to Santa, "It's the best job in the world."

He says the only tough part about being Santa is dealing with less fortunate kids. Kids that have handicaps or who are under privileged. Sometimes the kids situation is so bad that it gets to Santa, and he has to shut the line down for a while. "When Dealing with less fortunate kids I pray I can give them some hope, put a smile on their face and say the right thing". "To those kids



During the season, Budget Rent-A-Car provides a 1999 red Mustang, which he calls Santa's Sleigh.

I give them a bell to ring so if they ever feel alone or scared they can ring it and know that Santa is thinking of them." "Dealing with these children is often the hardest part, but it is also the most rewarding."

Many people do not believe in Santa, they say it is impossible for some jolly fat man to fly in the air and slide down chimneys to give good kids presents. Maybe they are right, but this Santa does things for kids that are even more magical than that. He fills young kids hearts with love, goodness, and hope. Hope that there is something as great as Santa and a workshop full of elves. Hope that they will get every present they ask for just because they behaved this year or even hope that they will live to celebrate Christmas with their families for just one more year. After talking to this Santa you feel like he has given you something, a present that he does not have to slide down some chimney to give you, all of his attention and a piece of his big loving heart.



Anna Kalkwarf and Sam Ehlinger interviewed the Lindale Santa to find out what it's really like during the busiest time of the year.

SENIOR INTERVIEWS

**Name: Brent
Albaugh**



Age: 18
Activity: Football, Basketball, Track, and Baseball
Past Season Memory: Pitching in the first round of districts in the game against Vinton and winning the game.
Season Thrill: Making it to the play-offs in Football.
Starting Out: It was hard but I pulled through.
Advice for Newcomers: Always have goals and try hard to achieve them.
Favorite Weekend Memory: Playing basketball and football with my buddies and going to get-togethers.
Favorite Saying: It's all good!
Favorite Snack: Snickers Bar
If you could do anything, what would it be? I would like to move to Florida, California, or Texas because I like being around the ocean.
Biggest Influence: My parents because they raised me and put up with me.
College/Future Plans: Undecided college, but I want to play basketball or baseball.

**Name: Amanda
Nielsen**



Age: 17
Activity: Volleyball, Basketball Cheerleading, SODA, and NHS
Past Season Memory: Instead of just running for volleyball practice, sometimes we played tunnel tag, TV

tag, and other games for warm up.

Season Thrill: Varsity volleyball became district champs.
Starting Out: When I started out I thought high school would last forever and I would never get out, but now it has gone by so fast and I will miss it.

Advice to Newcomers: Take high school seriously but have fun, too.

Favorite Weekend Memory: Homecoming weekend, when Karen Pasker, our dates and I went to Chuckie Cheese's for Homecoming dinner.

Favorite Saying: Are you for real?

Favorite Snack: Strawberries
If you could do anything, what would it be? I would fly to Egypt and see all the pyramids.

Biggest Influence: My parents. They have supported me in whatever I have chosen to do.

College/Future Plans: I plan on attending the University of Iowa and majoring in Law.

**Name: Kristin
Popovics**



**Name: Sherry
Hoover**



Age: 17

Activity: Basketball

Past Season Memory: Winning 18 games last year to break the school record.

Season Thrill: Beating Don Bosco in overtime.

Starting Out: Fifth grade I started playing for school.

Advice for Newcomers: Work hard all year round and you will be successful.

Favorite Weekend Memory: All occasions with Amanda, Sara, and Megan Osborn.

Favorite Saying: Success is a journey, not a destination.

Favorite Snack: Peanut M&M's and blowpops

If you could do anything what would it be? Beat Matt Haddy at 1 on 1 and go to state this year.

Biggest Influence: Everyone who has helped me especially my family and coaches.

College/Future Plans: Attending Holy Cross next year and play basketball for them.

Age: 17

Activity: Wrestling

Cheerleading

Past Season Memory: Cheerleading at the State wrestling meet. The other cheerleaders and I were going into our room one night and Morgan said, without knowing that another teams wrestler was behind us "All right, YES, it's time to take nudie pictures!"

We had a few phone calls from the other wrestling teams that night.
Season Thrill: Having five guys go to Districts and Wycoff moving on to State.
Starting Out: Eighth grade cheerleading came around and I wanted to try something new.

Advice for Newcomers: Don't compare yourself to others, some live for the sport, just try your hardest and have fun.

Favorite Weekend Memory: I have so many. Just hanging out with friends and we always end up having fun together.

Favorite Saying: "You are valuable. Don't let anyone make you believe differently." and "Today's preparation determines tomorrow's achievements."

Favorite Snack: Ice Cream and Bagels

If you could do anything, what would it be? To have our whole senior class go

back in time for another day at Vernon in Seventh grade.
Biggest Influence: My peers, without giving into the pressure.

College/Future Plans: Undecided/UNI?

Name: Terra Pogue



Age: 18

Activity: Varsity Basketball Cheerleading

Past Season Memory: Last year being my first year and it was a new and exciting experience, meeting new friends, and going to the away games, especially districts.

Season Thrill: Flying
Advice for Newcomers: Be positive.

Favorite Weekend Memory: Homecoming

Favorite Saying: I love you
Favorite Snack: Cheez-it chex mix

Biggest Influence: Mason Akers

College/Future Plans: Go to college to become a Surgical Tech. Definitely something in the medical field.

PERSONALITY: WHAT YOUR LIKES/DISLIKES SAY ABOUT YOU

QUIZ #1 WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT WHEN CHOOSING A PARTNER?

Imagine you are walking in an art gallery there are four paintings on the wall. Pick the one that you would like the most?

- A. a tree with falling leaves in autumn
- B. Many trees with lots

- of leaves and sturdy trunks
- C. a tree in the winter with snow
- D. a garden with trees and flowers

- A. Cloth Covered
- B. Leather Covered
- C. Wood
- D. Cushioned
- E. One with a built in massager

QUIZ #2 WHAT YOU WANT YOUR PARTNER TO BE?

If you could pick the most comfortable chair to sit in which one would it be?

QUIZ #3 WHAT'S YOUR PERSONALITY

How do you eat your ice cream cone?

- A. Bite it
- B. Nibble
- C. Lick it
- D. Eat it from the bottom up

Answers on page 12

WHAT'S THAT NOISE!

By JoliAnn Delong, Anna Kalkwarf, and Lindsey Schneider

For those of you who don't know that much about cars, we put together a guide to help you figure out what is wrong with your car when you hear "that noise." We went to mechanics in Marion and Cedar Rapids to see what is frequently asked by teenagers who have problems with their cars.

DENNY'S MUFFLER

If you hear: Loud Exhaust: Loud, can smell fumes, rattle
What it is: Brakes: Grind or Squeak
Suspension: real bouncy, rattle, clunk



MOTORING QUALITY AUTO REBUILDERS

- * Collision damage
- * In the fall more accidents with deer happen.
- * During hunting season, drives deer out to the road so watch for them then

Teens Mostly:

- * Rear ending
- * curbs
- * not paying attention
- * do not realize the speed of the vehicle

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- * Clicking when turning and stops when wheels straighten = bad outer CV joint
- * CV Joint: Part of drive axle out of the wheel that puts power to the wheels.
- * Make sure to check the air in your tires once a month.

DC AUTO REPAIR

Brakes:

- * When brakes squeak when pushed hard but if tapped do not squeak?
Something may be wrong with the brake sensor.
- * When brakes are very hard to push to stop?
Something may be wrong with the power booster.
- * When the brakes are pushed to the floor to easily?
Something may be wrong with the master cylinder.
- * When your brakes totally do not work and you cannot stop?
Broken brake line.
- * When your brakes shake?
Rotors out.

Transmission:

- * If the car is shifting abnormally hard check the fluid.
Red Fluid = Okay
Medium Brown fluid = not good

PRE-GAME RITUALS

by Matt Haddy

I'm sure most of you have seen the girls basketball team hit the top of the door to enter the gym before their games, but what really goes on before sporting events at Marion High School? In this article I intend to find out.

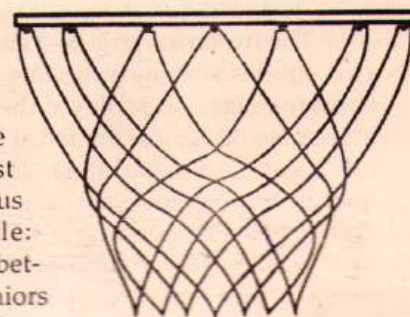
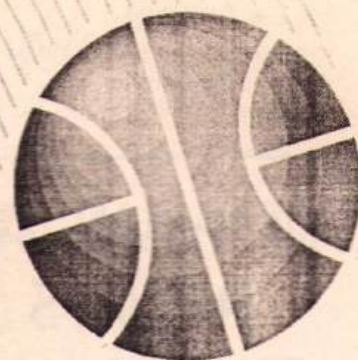
Thanks to many hours of strenuous research I have found that the boys and girls varsity teams have close to the same rituals before their games. Both teams watch the first half of the sophomore game before heading to their respective locker rooms. The girls like to listen to the "Ghettoblaster" at full blast before games. The boys also listen to the radio, although I'm not sure if our radio would constitute as a "Ghettoblaster." Then things get a little different for each team.

According to a reliable source on the inside of the girls team, they like to dance around before the game to get pumped up. In the boys locker room you don't see many people jumping or dancing around, most are either dribbling a basketball or sitting and stretching.

The girls also apply sparkles in the locker room before games, something you will more than likely not find happening in the boys locker room. My source also tells me that the girls have a designated massage-giver before each game that gives her regular massages. On away games the girls sit in the exact same seats on the bus as they have the last two years. On the boys bus there is only one rule: sophomores and juniors better double up because seniors don't like to double up. Some individual players have their own ritual. For instance, some people like to listen to a favorite song to get pumped up before the game. Kristin Popovics has a blow-pop before every game. During football Matt Messerli did 100 push-ups before every game.

I've talked to a couple of wrestlers and they inform me that there aren't many rituals among their team. The one that they could come up with is that every wrestler has to work up a sweat before their respective match. One biggie is that they eat after weighing in. They also borrow the cheerleaders' pillows, especially during the long tournaments.

So, a lot more or a lot less goes on before a game depending on your perception before this article. So next time you see a team run out onto the court you will know what just happened before this.



AS I SEE IT

by Matt Haddy, Sports Editor

As we begin basketball season, all the so called "experts" are making their predictions for the season who will win, what players to watch. All that you've heard, forget it. Honestly, do you want to believe someone who acts like Dick Vitale. To act like that, you obviously can't be right in the head. If you want to know what is really going to happen in college basketball this season then continue reading this column. If you don't care then go read the internet review article.

First off everybody wants to know if UCONN can repeat. No, for crying out loud. They lost to IOWA. The fact that they have a point guard that weighs more than some of Iowa's offensive linemen (Go grab a burger Khalid). Second, everyone wants to know how Michigan St. will cope without Mateen Cleaves. Cleaves is the best player in the country, and with him Michigan St. is the best team in the country. They may show some weaknesses without him, but when he comes back they will be in the Final Four and quite possibly the championship game. Take my word for it, Michigan St. will be in the Championship game against Arizona.

Here is a list of the Conference Champions:

ACC-North Carolina
Big Ten-Michigan St.
Big 12-Kansas
Pac 10-Arizona
SEC-Auburn
WAC-Fresno St
Mountain West-Utah
Big East-UCONN
Conference USA-Cincinnati
Atlantic 10-Temple
Missouri Valley-Indiana St.

FRESHMAN ARE ALWAYS IMPROVING

Amanda Carson & Anna Kalkwarf

The freshman girls basketball team has 13 girls out this year and are being coached by Ms. Gaffney-Paige. They played their first game on November 30 against Benton at home. The bobcats barely out-scored them 22-31. Jessi Clark lead the team with 8 points and 3 assists. Ashley Podoll had 8 rebounds and 3 blocked shots.

They played Linn-Mar at home on December 2 and lost 23-51. Ashley Podoll lead the scoring with 14 points. Podoll also had 6 rebounds and 5 steals. Kirstin Nelson had 4 points and 5 steals.

On December 6 the girls hosted West Delaware and beat them 45-35 to improve their record to 2-1. Podoll again led the team with 13 points, 15 rebounds, and 6 steals. Candice O'Connell followed with 12 points and 3 rebounds. Colvin also helped the team by adding 10 points and 6 rebounds.

LEARNING THE ROPES

by Jared Steger

The Marion Freshman Boys Basketball team started there season off with an opening

game loss to Anamosa 50-53. The B team however was able to squeak out a win 39-38. The team then suffered two losses to Benton Community, 29-65 and 24-49. Marion then played a close game against Don Bosco, but came out on the losing end of a well played 50-52 heartbreaker. "We have played very well in two of our last three games, and if they continue to improve they will get more victories," stated Coach Sloan. The Indians are lead by the solid play of Tim Henry and Caleb Lynott.

STARTING OUT STRONG

by Kristen Osborn

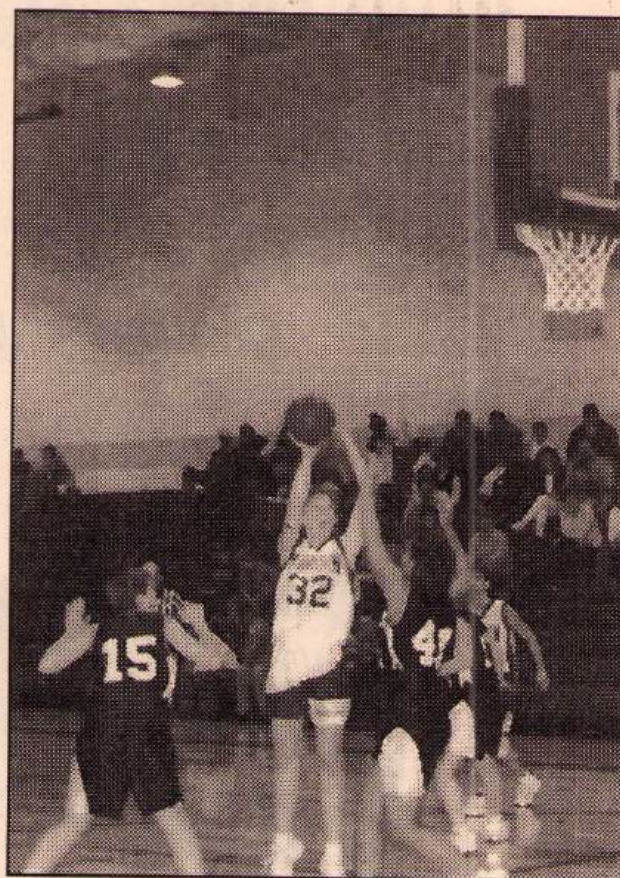
Basketball practice started and kicked off the season on November 8. The sophomore team consisting of ten girls and a new coach are anticipating a successful season. The girls traveled to LaPorte City to scrimmage them for some practice, and they looked pretty good. On Friday, December 3, the Indians faced Independence at home. They defeated the Mustangs 48-46. Freshman, Holly Hansen, lead the team scoring an outstanding 14 points along with Shelby Hurt scoring 10. Stephenie Rogers and Jessica Trumpold each had 8 rebounds. Foreign exchange student, Eva Delbos, from Germany, has never participated in basketball and thought she might give it a try. She is adapting well to learning the game and caught on quick. All the girls are very helpful in explaining things to her. "I really like basketball. It's all new to me, but everyone is helping me out. The team is fun!" Eva explains. On Tuesday, December 7, the Indians traveled to Gilbertville to take on Don Bosco. They lost a tough, hard fought game - 43-52. The Indians clobbered the South Tama Trojans 68-41, on Friday, December 10. Eva made her first appearance in the game and scored in the last seconds. Everyone played hard, and it was a good game. Monday, December 13, the Indians hosted Alburnett and slaughtered them 58-12. Rachel Eagle contributed 12 points along with Holly Hansen's 11 points. Stephanie Law brought down an amazing 13 rebounds, and Kristen Osborn had 10. The Indians are off to a great start and hope to keep up the momentum.

PLAYING TO WIN

by Matt Haddy

The Marion Varsity Boys basketball team started off the season well with wins over Alburnett and Don Bosco. Marion opened the new gym with a 78-54 victory over Mike

Boquist lead the way with 17 points, Matt Messerli had 11. They then opened up the WAMAC conference schedule with a 69-61 victory over Don Bosco. Matt Messerli had a double-double with 19 points and 11 rebounds. Marion then traveled



Julie Straub shoots over the Independence defenders during a home basketball game. Marion defeated the Mustangs 72-58. Straub had 13 rebounds in the game.

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take on the pesky Trojans. South Tama held off the stingy Indians 55-47. Marion was lead by Mike Boquist with 16 points. Marion is home on Friday December 17th against Waterloo Columbus.

HAMMERING THE COMPETITION

By Megan Osborn

The Marion Varsity Girls' Basketball Team is off to another tremendous start this season. They have an undefeated 5-0 record and are ranked 8th in the state. Marion kicked off the '99-'00 season with a first place finish at the Anamosa Tournament that took place November 22-23. Their first round victory was against Guttenburg and then the Indians advanced to the championship where they took on the hosting team, the Anamosa Raiders. The Indians opened up conference play the following Friday at home against Independence. Kristin Popovics led with 23 points, 5 assists, and six steals and Julie Straub owned the boards with 13 rebounds. The final score: Indians-72, Independence-58. The next challenge was just barely won in overtime against Don Bosco. The game was an exciting one from the get-go with great contributions all around from Kristin Popovics's 34 points, 9 steals, and 6 assists, Emily Baumert's 20 points, and Jamie Clark's 3 pointer with 30 seconds left in O.T. to put the Indian's ahead for good. The Indians ended this one with a final score of 74-69. On Friday the Indians beat South Tama 68-41 to put their conference record at 3-0, and will compete against Alburnett, Waterloo-Columbus, and Springville this week hoping to improve their record to 8-0 before Christmas break commences.

POWER! POWER!

by Lindsey Schneider & JoliAnnDeLong

The JV and Varsity wrestling team started their season off with a dual at Cedar Rapids Washington on Thursday December 2nd. For the JV team, Jake Blazek pinned his opponent in 1:49, Jordan Immerfall pinned his in 2:36, Troy Little also pinned his opponent in 2:21, and Tito Colomer pinned his opponent in 2:58.

The Varsity team defeated 4A Washington High School 51 - 20. Out of 13 who wrestle Varsity, six are returning letter winners and four are seniors. Freshman, Aaron Conway started

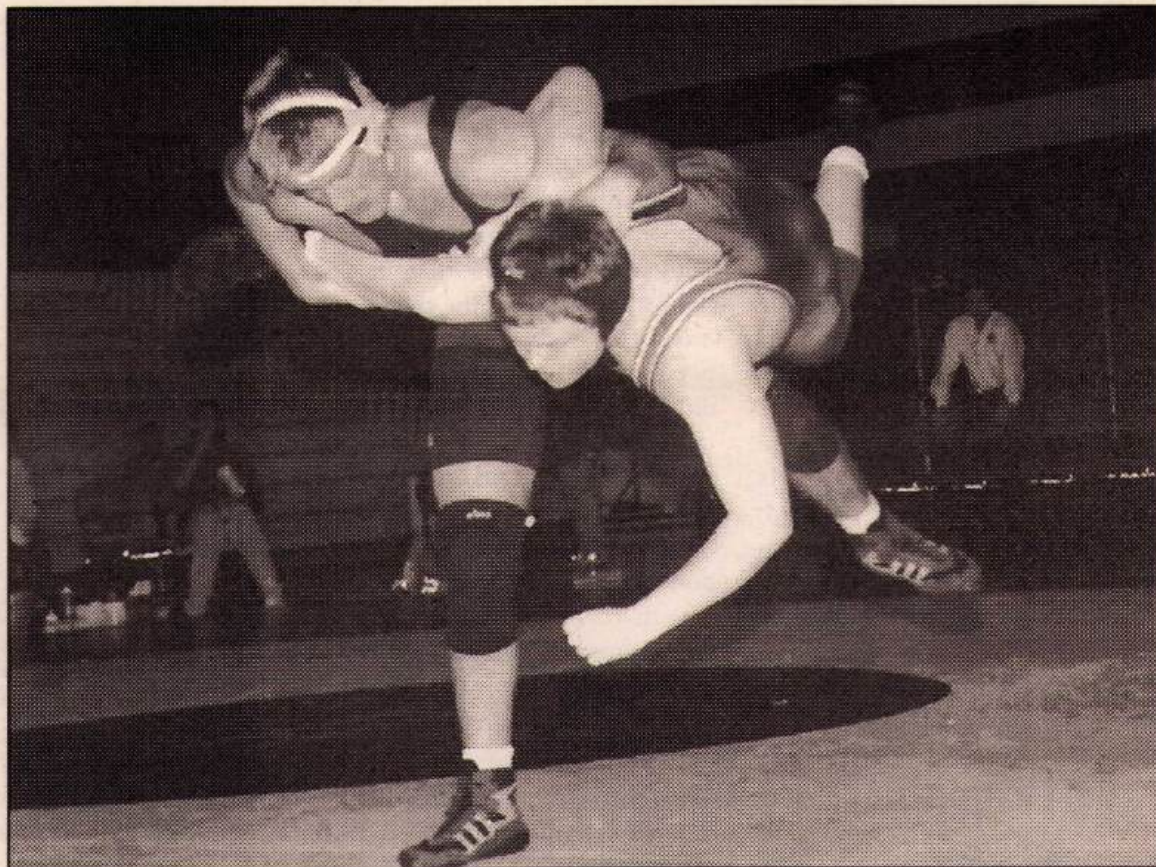
the night off with the first pin in 1:44. Justin Sperry defeated his opponent 19 - 9 and Jordan Forkner also defeated his opponent 20 - 10. Another winner was Tony Offerman who pinned his opponent in 5:26. The four seniors, Ken Ware (1:49), Jesse Kensinger (1:36), Matt Wycoff (1:28), and Chris Poggenpohl (3:16), finished the night strong with all four pinning their opponents.

The Varsity team travelled to West Delaware on Saturday December 4th to compete in the Hawk's tournament. Marion finished 4th out of 8 as a team with a score of 123. Matt Wycoff and Ken Ware placed 1st, Jesse Kensinger and Matt McCue placed 2nd, Aaron Conway received 3rd place, and Tony Offerman finished in 4th place.

The Marion Indian Wrestling team traveled to Gilbertville on Thursday December 9th to compete in a conference dual with the Don Bosco Dons. The night didn't start off that great, with the Indians JV getting stomped having only one winner out of six. Even after Varsity started you could see that there was going to be a blow-

out early with the light weights. The Dons, a 1A school who have the arsenal to when 4A tournaments, took a 43-3 lead early having six pins with the exception of the Marion, freshman hopeful, Aaron Conway at 119 pounds winning 4-0 in a hard fought match. The other wins on the Indians side came from a late rally by the 3 seniors Ken Ware at 160, Jesse Kensinger at 171 and Matt Wycoff, who is ranked second in state at 189 pounds. But the rally was too late to comeback from that far behind and the Dons came out with the win 49-20.

The Indians also took to the mat at the Mt. Vernon Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 11. With out a full line up the Indians fought to a well earned 3rd place finish out of 9 teams. Place winners included, Ken Ware, Jesse Kensinger, and Matt Wycoff all receiving first place titles. Getting 2nd place was Jordan Forkner and placing 3rd for Marion was Aaron Conway, Justin Sperry, and Matt. The Indians face off against Waterloo and Independence at Independence on Thursday December 16. On Saturday December 18, the Indians travel to Cascade to compete in the Cascade duals.



In the opening dual of the season, Matt Wycoff flies his CR Washington opponent before the pin. Wycoff is undefeated and ranked second in the state in class 2-A at 189 lbs.



Finishing the fast break, sophomore Spencer Dirks shoots for two in a game against Alburnett.

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HOME SCHOOL AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

By Josiah Bushlack

Have you noticed the Home School Program that has formed at the west end of our school? If you haven't, you should pay more attention to your school. Not only have we gained a new gym, cafeteria, etc., we have lost the west end of the school to kids that don't go to school. That doesn't make any sense at all. Should parents who choose to have their children home schooled be able to send them to our school and take up our space? The way I look at it is, if you're going to go to school, go to school, but if your going to be home-schooled, stay in your own house! Has anyone really been down to the west end this year? To me, it's uncharted territory anymore. Mrs. Braun and the Functional Opportunity room are still there but the choir room, Ms. Dodge's, Mrs. Johnson's, and Mr. Pantini's old rooms have been invaded. So what is the true story?

270 kids are a part of the home school/school at Marion. If you think about it, that's about half the size of our own school. Marion has the second largest home schooling system in Iowa next to Des Moines, which has 350 home school students. Why does there have to be a home schooling program? Can't they just be taught at home? Parents send their kids to home school-

ing programs for many reasons. Some parents don't want to teach their kids certain things so they send them to a HS program, which otherwise is called "Home School Assistance." Other parents have something against public schools and teachers, so they think and the teachers for the HS programs think that HS programs are better then regular school.

After talking to Mr. Doyle a lot of things were straightened out. He said that having the HS program in our school helps us out financially. They pay rent to use the four classrooms at the end of the school. The money from the HS program was used to build two rooms out of the old study hall and other new additions to the school. Mr. Doyle says that the HS program won't stay forever. They will definitely be here next year but from there on is questionable.

It hasn't been that big of a hassle to arrange or change anything since the HS program has started this year. They don't have school at the same time as we have so they're not interfering with anything that way. Knowing that they aren't harming anyone, they can't be looked down upon. In the end the fact still remains that a home and a school are two different places.

CHOIRS PERFORM

by Tegan Reeves

Mrs. Freese has got a lot on her mind this term with the Winter Concert and a brand new choir to deal with.

Both Chamber Choir and Concert Choir worked hard to prepare for the concert and have been practicing together for a combined piece at the end of the concert. Banding together was more work, but everything came out with an awesome sound.

The Chamber choir performed beautifully with many foreign pieces along with "Last Words of David", "There's a Pretty Little Baby", and "Gloria". Concert Choir also did well singing "Whistle Maggie, Whistle" "Gentle Annie" and a French piece called "Jannette Isabella" with a small group singing the French.

The newest addition to the music department is the new show choir, "South Side Singers." This auditioned ensemble contains 20 kids that will be pulling together and doing a choreographed dance along with singing. Their first performance was at the winter concert, although there was not enough time to do a real ensemble, the group performed a small performance to give a preview of what's coming up.



A new addition to the choir schedule is show choir, called the "Southside Singers." Their first performance was after the winter concert and consisted of holiday favorites.

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QUIZ #1

If you picked.....

- A. you think money is the most important in a relationship
- B. your partner has to be well built and have a good figure
- C. their looks matter the most
- D. you will be attracted to a person with a good personality

QUIZ #2

If you picked.....

- A. You want your partner to be with you at all times know matter what
- B. You want your partner to be more open with you about themselves
- C. You want your partner to take

more care of their appearance

D. You want your partner to be more relaxed

E. You want your partner to do more for you

QUIZ #3

If you picked.....

A. You always have your way and you are sometimes stubborn. You love to work and you are honest with your friends

B. You are very careful but you won't face problems head on you are sensitive

C. You are very social like to party and hang out with crowds you are very enthusiastic and love challenges

D. You like discipline, you like competition just for the victory, you love to travel