

HENNING'S LOVE FOR VOLVOS

by Drew Johnson

You may have noticed Mr. Matt Henning's slick new set of wheels out in the school parking lot, but do you know the back story?

He is currently cruising in his 1987 Volvo 245 dl. That vehicle right there, ladies and gentlemen, is the Cadillac of all cars.

We all know that Henning is an interesting guy, but his cars are as

plain and simple as they come. Most of us want the newest car or the one with all the bells and whistles, but Henning just wants something that will get him from point A to point B, and that's exactly what a Volvo does. He has owned 15 Volvos

throughout his lifetime, none of which were new.

His philosophy is simple: Buying new cars is a bad in-

vestment. They de-preciate quicker than older cars. "The MG Midget is like a little sports car, and you should've seen me in that thing. I was like a monkey on a coconut. It was a lot of fun," Henning said.

When asked what he likes about Volvos, he said, "They're just no-nonsense cars,

the old ones, anyway. They don't have a lot of fancy things on them, and they're really well built. In fact, the first gas-powered passenger car to reach one million miles was a Volvo '66 P1800S." Henning even owned a Volvo that had nearly 500,000 miles on it.

"For someone like me who can work on their own car, Volvo is a good choice, but it's not everybody's cup of tea," Henning said. Being able to fix his own cars makes buying used cars very inexpensive.

If you're wondering how he stumbled across his new ride, this is how it happened. "The guy I bought it from lives in Pella, and every time I drove by it, I would comment on it about how much I like it. So when I saw the for-sale sign on it one day, I told my wife. I thought that she would say no, but she said I'd better call!"

His car was a steal, costing him only \$1,200 dollars. His new Volvo is quite the head-turner.



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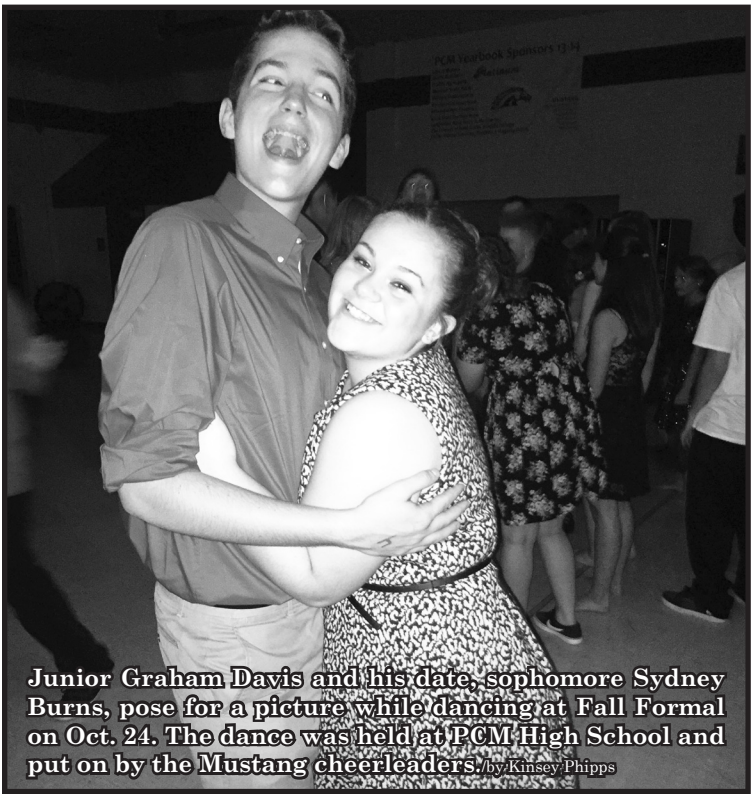
As you know, I am an Iowa Hawkeye fan. And I'm not going to lie and act like I saw this football season coming. In fact, I can't imagine how any Iowa fan realistically saw a 7-0 season coming into the season. It's perfectly okay to dream of the College Football Playoff. I know some people believe in superstitions and that you will "jinx" the Hawks if you go around saying it's possible. However, in all honestly, given the remaining schedule, it isn't crazy to think 12-0.

Just think: 12-0. Before the season, many experts predicted 7-5 as a very likely finish, and that was before we knew senior defensive end Drew Ott would be gone for the year with a torn ACL. Before we knew we would be missing two starting tackles and play a true freshman at tackle and guard. Before leading receiver Tevun Smith went down with a sprained knee, along with a few more injuries. Head Coach Kirk Ferentz has done an outstanding job and is at this point in the season very likely to be one of the candidates for National Coach of the Year.

People everywhere have criticized Iowa's "cupcake" schedule. But let's look at the facts. Fact: Iowa up to this point has had a tougher schedule than the following teams in the top ten, according to Jeff Sagarin's strength of schedule: #1 Ohio State, #2 Baylor, #3 TCU, #4 Michigan State, #6 Clemson and #9 Florida State. That's six teams, and did you know there are only two teams IN THE COUNTRY to have two wins over a ranked opponent? The first one is a college football juggernaut who has absolutely dominated the college football world lately: Alabama. Do you know the second? It's Iowa.

It's pretty crazy to think Iowa has a legit shot at a the Rose Bowl, and dare I say it, the College Football Playoff. The team from smack dab in Midwest USA, a team that doesn't get the five-star recruits because Iowa is "just a bunch of cornfields." And to be honest, most writers have no clue what or where the University of Iowa is. I can't tell you how many times I have had to listen to reports call Iowa "Iowa State" or vice versa. I literally just read an article on ESPN saying the U of I was located in Des Moines.

So, Hawk fans, please make sure to have fun and enjoy being one of the best teams in the country while you can. Because much like I'm learning with high school, time not only flies by, but you never appreciate things until they're almost gone.



Junior Graham Davis and his date, sophomore Sydney Burns, pose for a picture while dancing at Fall Formal on Oct. 24. The dance was held at PCM High School and put on by the Mustang cheerleaders. by Kinsey Phipps

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Name: Austin Sneller (L)
Nickname(s): Snell
Parents: John and Kari Sneller
Future Plans: Attend Iowa State for Agriculture
Extracurricular Activities: Football, track, FFA, 4-H
Three Words that Describe Me: Likable, determined, athletic
Favorite Classes: English, Spanish, science

Name: Karina Van Dyke (R)
Nickname(s): K-Dog
Parents: Niles and Julie Van Dyke
Employer: ChildServe and Lutheran Church of the Cross
Extracurricular Activities: Volleyball, basketball, tennis, theatre, speech, FCA, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Youth Group, Youth Band, National Honor Society
Three Words That Describe Me: Responsible, intelligent,

Advice for Underclassmen: Enjoy every minute, and make memories.
Best High School Memory: State track my junior year
Dream Job: Any agricultural job that I would enjoy going to every day
Favorite Movie: "Friday Night Lights"
Favorite Music: Country

driven
Advice for Underclassmen: If God shuts a door, stop banging on it! Trust that whatever is behind it is not meant for you.
Best High School Memory: Falling into a trash can in front of the whole crowd at a basketball game freshman year
Dream Job: Famous singer
Favorite Book: "Left Behind" series
Favorite Movie: "Taken"
Favorite Band: Nickelback

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