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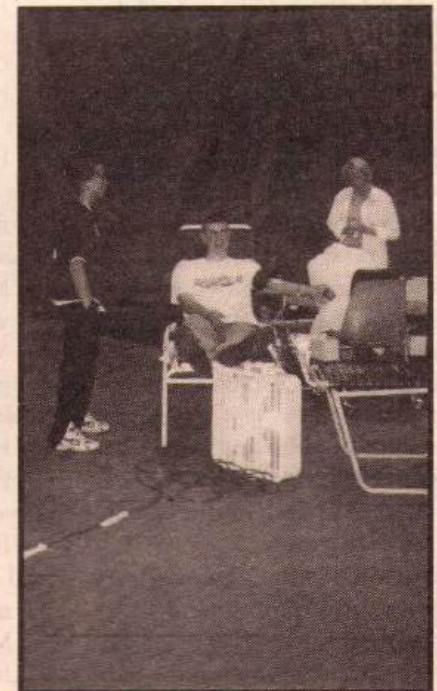
SAVING LIVES

For the third year, the journalism class sponsored a blood drive. Organized by Samantha Cook, Sara Derby, Tilena Waters and Cheyne

Westergaard, the drive netted the Red Cross 55 pints of blood. Each pint of blood can be used to help save three lives.



After donating blood, Shaun Conway, Mr. Weisinger, Carlee Boone, and Amber Hutchins drink juice and eat a cookie to make sure they have recovered. The juice was donated by Econofoods and the pastries were given by International Pastries.



With Lindsey Schneider watching for problems, Jeff Nagel donates his blood.

IT WAS EDUCATIONAL, IT WAS FUN, IT WAS

SPRING BREAK IN THE YUCATAN SUN

by Tim Nash

Leaving the MHS parking lot at 1:00 AM on Saturday, March 21, 10 students, five adults, and 2 chaperones left on a Mexican adventure. The trip was a roller coaster from rain and cold on Sunday to days relaxing in the sun on Isla Mujeres. Students walked the path of the Maya and bartered in Mexican markets. While few of the students had ever been as glad to see the high school as they were on their return March 28, it was a trip to remember.



After snorkeling in the water off Isla Mujeres, Jason Elgelbart, Angie Martin, Megan Weber, Katrina Martin, Mrs. Tarwater, Amy Swierk, and Karen Martin (Katrina's mother) pose with the snorkeling guides.



Ben Humiston and Tim Nash stop halfway down the great pyramid at Uxmal. Several of the group members climbed the pyramid for a panoramic view of the Mayan city.

While at Uxmal, group members listen to Alex (guide) explain the history of the ruins and of the Maya

SOMETHING TO Talk About

compiled by Steve Godecke

Hooray for waterfowl!

Let's salt the carpet some more.

That's quacktastic! Quack, quack,
quack!

Quack, Quack, Quack, Quack,
Quack, Quack, Quack, Quack.

Everybody walk your dinosaur.

2 for me, none for you! Ha ha

I hate guys who can't tell girls they
like them.

No, I will not make out with you!

Someday goats and penguins will
rule the world!

Who do I take to prom??!

If 8th graders don't move when

seniors ask nicely 5 times,

there's gonna be a

RUMMMBLE. Have a little

respect?!

There might not be an "I" in
"team," but there is a "me."

I don't want to go with her. I want
to go with you.

Oh my God, it's the monorail!

(spoken in a high, squeaky

voice)

Why do underclassmen have to be

loud and annoying in the halls?

I can't wait for summer!!! Oh

yeah!!!

Prepare, for the Day is coming.

Guess what, people? There are

certain things you just aren't

gonna get away with in school.

Big Brother is watching!

Bad boys, bad boys, whatcha

gonna do, whatcha gonna do

when they come for you?

What's up with not putting JV

Boy's B-Ball stats and scores in

the Vox?

[Editor sez: sorry, guys, but we just
can't do it when the coach
doesn't get them to us in time.]

I think it's really annoying when
people ask about 50 questions in
every class. Maybe they should
come after school and get some
help.

Oh my God, they killed John
Dillinger!!!

Ha ha! I'm going to Mexico and
most of you aren't!

Mexico? Who wants to go to
Mexico and get sick?! At least
you can drink from the Potomac.
Maybe we'll bring back some
giggly interns. =)

You people who wear all that
Hilfiger gear, watch out! Al
PigFarmer is watching.

If you didn't go to "The Butler Did
It," you missed out.

All hail to the glorious Art depart-
ment! We are not worthy!!!

May they sing of your exploits
for generations to come!

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Up there it's their time, it's their
time, up there. Down here it's
our time, it's our time down
here.

Golf requires goofy pants and a fat
%\$@!

Is that a bomb in your pocket or
are you just incompetent?

Just another brain glitch, just
another day in the laboratory.

Igor! Where are you?!

THE BLAMING GAME

by Jared Rogness

Recently, there was a half-hearted bomb threat made from the pay-
phone at Marion High School by two young students who called in the
threat using the 911 emergency line. "Kids at this age don't realize the
ramifications of their actions," stated Jerry Doyle Marion High School's
principal. This reckless behavior is often attributed to the 'live for the
moment' type mentality that is common for individuals of this age.

However, there are other influences that can be taken into consider-
ation. The entertainment industry makes millions upon millions of dol-
lars promoting bigger and brighter explosions, creating incredible visual
effects that appeal to young impressionable viewers. Yet they discreetly
forget to mention the burn victims, the emotional turmoil of the families
of the victims, and the needless loss of life, that is unfortunately always
present in bombings that occur in 'real' life. Most young people in America
are only exposed to one part of the truth. And that is the violence. Not all
of the blame can be placed on the entertainment industry, though.

The media glorifies tragedy, without taking responsibility for the
subject matter they depict to the American public. The media is also a
means that individuals who crave attention, seem to cling to as a perfect
opportunity to escape from their seemingly unimportant existence.

The misconception of truth is what many young people today seem
to be struggling with more than anything else. The adults who run every-
thing, the government, the movie industry, the media, display millions of
terrible, ghastly images, and false fallacies in an uncut, explicit format and
download them directly into the minds of America's young people. Yet,
in the same instant they demand that young people blindly comply to the
rules they have established, that inconceivably contradict the images and
ideals they are responsible for creating. So who is to blame for the desen-
sitized of America's youth? No one, everyone, who knows? Who cares?
Give it some time, it will have to get worse before it can get better, right?

Who will be left to let to take the fall? Not you, not I. Who then? The

children we raise will inherit the
earth. Yet what did we really teach
them? What did we leave them? A
world that bleeds from generations
already passed, that were content to
leave the mess for the next genera-
tion to deal with. When will we as a
people take a stand, face the prob-
lems, and start educating the youth
of America? We need to give them a
better chance at life. Don't give them
excuses, give them the truth. Who
knows- the truth could set us free.

I hear you knockin' but you can't
come in.

Nice baby cows.

All you underclassmen who have
been using the weight room a lot
lately, PUT YOUR WEIGHTS
AWAY!! The seniors are getting
tired of picking up after you.

Does age make girls stupid, or do
girls make girls stupid?!

Help! I'm talking and I can't shut
up!!!

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Now Showing

Lost in Space

by Steve Godecke

Starring: William Hurt, Gary Oldman, Matt LeBlanc, Mimi Rogers, Jack Johnson, Heather Graham, Lacey Chabert

Director: Stephen Hopkins

Another campy '60s TV series goes to the big screen, with a '90s-style budget and slick special effects.

In the future, mankind has just pulled together and started to get the hang of space travel. All fossil fuels have been exhausted, and only 40% of the Earth's ozone is left - in twenty more years, the planet will no longer be able to support life.

John Robinson (William Hurt) and his family are sent off on a ten-year suspended animation flight to Alpha Prime, the nearest habitable planet. Their mission is to set up a "hypergate" there which will allow ships full of Earth refugees to jump to the new planet instantly. Without the gate it's dangerous to travel in hyperspace, because you don't know where you'll end up. Going with them reluctantly is space fighter jock Major Don West (Matt LeBlanc, Friends).

Just before lift-off, however, the mission is sabotaged by a sinister scientist, Dr. Smith (Gary Oldman, the ruthless terrorist from Air Force One). He reprograms a robot to kill all the Robinsons and destroy important parts of the ship, but gets shocked and knocked out before he can get away. The ship lifts off with him still aboard. When he wakes up and realizes what has happened, he tries to stop the robot, but it's too late. Before it's brought back under control, the mechanical menace wakes up the Robinsons with some wild shooting, and throws the ship off course toward the sun.

Unable to escape by normal thrusters alone, John and West decide to risk going to hyperspace to get through the sun, rather than just giving up and dying uselessly. It works and they stop safely in an alien solar system - the problem is, it's not in their computer maps, so they have no idea where they are or how to get to Alpha Prime from here.

Finding a ship orbiting one of the planets, they go aboard and find it deserted, but they are able to download fresh maps from its computer. Just as they're ready to leave, they are attacked by fast-moving alien spiders with big teeth. Dr. Smith is bitten. After a running battle with lasers and high-tech body armor, they make it back to their own ship and break away, only to find more spiders hatching from the sides of the other ship and coming toward them through space. As the bugs land on their hull and begin biting through to get inside, they discover the spiders are attracted to heat and light. West orders the other ship's computer to light up its engines, and the aliens swarm back to it. He overloads the engines, killing the spiders, but knocking his own ship around in the explosion. They're forced down onto the cold planet below.

Looking for fuel to get them back out of orbit, they find a damaged future version of their ship, with future versions of Will and Dr. Smith (hideously mutated from the spider venom) aboard. The future Will has been running time experiments, trying to send himself back so he can stop the mission from ever happening. The planet begins to disintegrate from the stress of playing host to two timelines at once, and West is forced to lift off and try to escape without John. From the wrecked future ship, John and the future Will watch as the present ship is hit by flying debris and explodes. There's just enough energy in Will's time machine to send one person into the past, so he sends John back a few minutes to prevent the explosion.

This time, they fly through the caves in the planet and out the other side to safety - they think. After the planet is finished exploding behind them, it starts to collapse into a black hole, threatening to crush them. To escape, they set a more precise course for Alpha Prime. . . and use the hyperdrive again. And so the stage is set for the two sequels that are already in the works.

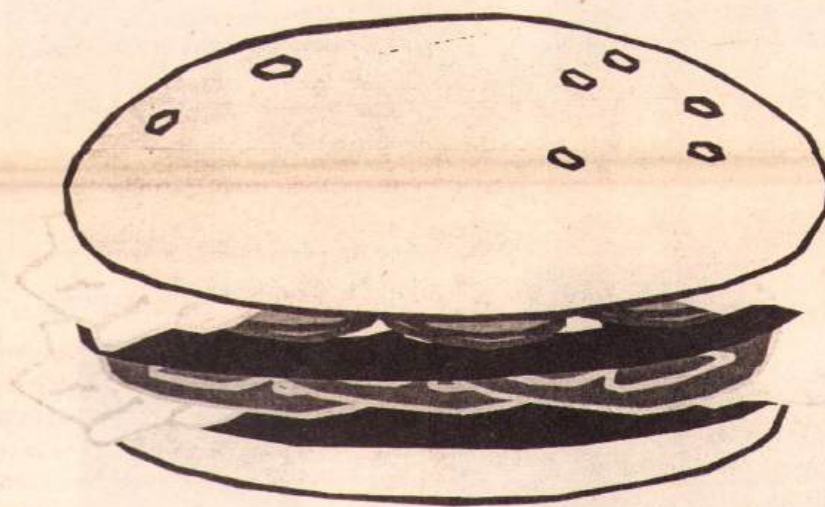
Rating: The plot is more complex than I can get across here, and the whole time travel thing is not handled as well as it could have been. If you're not a sci-fi fan, you may walk away wondering what happened between the nicely-done computer-generated special effects, because the writers and directors tried to cram a bit too much science in with the fiction. The reason for the other ship being there was never explained clearly enough. Gary Oldman is not good here; he speaks most of his dialogue way too softly and quickly to be understood. Will is too smart to be believable, and the character of Penny (Chabert) is not used in any significant way (which will have to be corrected in the sequels). I give this movie an optimistic two Milk Duds. It's like an amusement park ride that's too short. If you're looking for a film that you can really get into, look elsewhere.

WHAT do you pay for your favorite Fast Food

by Brandon Schau

PLACE	DRIVE-THRU	INSIDE	COST	COURTESY
McDonalds	5min.	2.5min.	\$7.75	Very Good
Wendy's	4min.	3min.	\$6.59	Excellent
Arby's	4min.	4min.	\$8.37	Very Good
Burger King	3.5min.	4min.	\$7.56	Good
Hardee's	5.5min.	3.5min.	\$7.14	O.K.
Taco Bell	3.5min.	3.5min.	\$7.58	Good
Taco John's	4min.	4min.	\$7.22	O.K.
Subway	—	2min.	\$6.99	Excellent
Bruegger's	—	3min.	\$7.11	Good

Over the past few weeks I have compared the many different fast-food restaurants. Each time I went, I bought two value meals. The first day I went to McDonald's, and it only took two and a half minutes inside but five minutes through the drive-up. Next I went to Wendy's. It took them three minutes outside and four minutes inside. "I thought Wendy's was great. They got our order right, they were fast, and the food was fresh, and it tasted good too," said senior Tim Nash. Then I went to Arby's. They were an even four minutes inside and outside, and they were very courteous. Burger King was the next one on the list. Burger King took three and a half minutes going through the drive-thru and four minutes outside. Up next was Hardee's. Hardee's was five and a half minutes in the drive-thru, but it only took them three and a half minutes inside.



Next I went to Taco Bell. They were an even three and a half minutes inside and outside. Taco John's was the next one on my list of places, and they had the food done in an even four minutes inside and outside just like Arby's. Although I thought that their service could have been better, I thought the food was decent. Subway was another restaurant that I went to and they had my sandwiches done in about two minutes. They are an excellent place to eat if you want fat free food that tastes good. Last but not least is Bruegger's. Bruegger's is a bagel place. It took them three minutes inside. I thought they had good food and they prepared and served it well.

When I compared these with the school lunches, I found out something totally different. If you buy two school lunches, the total comes to \$3.00. That is much cheaper than the fast food restaurants. Now the service you are going to get from the school cooks is probably going to be a lot better. The time may be a different thing though. Most of the time you stand in line, patiently waiting your turn. Then the next you thing you know, friends are letting their friends cut in front of you to eat first, and to make it worse, teachers are budging also. So you could be standing in line anywhere from two to ten minutes, depending on where you are in line. I took a poll to see if people would rather eat out or eat their favorite school lunch in school. I polled 50 people, and out of the 50 people, 47 people said they would rather eat out than eat their favorite school lunch. The other three said they would rather eat the school's pizza or Salisbury steak. A supporter of Salisbury steak, Brendon Kelley said, "Salisbury steak tastes great and I can't get enough of it." Out of the 47 people quizzed the most popular restaurant was again Wendy's coming up with 20 votes.

In my opinion, the overall best place to eat is Wendy's. Wendy's was the most popular in a another school poll that I took to decide where the overall best place to eat was coming up with 26 votes out of 100. McDonald's was right behind with 23. Burger King finished third with 21 votes. Arby's and Hardee's tied with 15 votes apiece. "I think Wendy's is the best because of the 99 cent value meal," said junior Tom Kinney. Another supporter of Wendy's was junior Ryan Bradley. He said, "They have better frosties and burgers than anybody else."



Name: Ben Humiston
Age: 18
Activity: Boys Track
Activity Highlights: Winning WaMaC back to back the past two

years, winning numerous invitationals, qualifying for state the past two years, and qualifying for the Drake Relays.

Activity Goals: Qualifying for state in four events, becoming state champion in the long jump, and breaking numerous school records.

Biggest Thrill: Coming from behind last year to beat South Tama and winning the WaMaC title once again. Hobbies: Eating (preferably at Taco Bell) sleeping, lifting weights, hanging with friends.

Starting Out: I started running track in 4th grade and joined a YMCA league and ran in many road races. Advice for newcomers: Work hard for what you want because the things that mean the most don't come easy.

Role-Model: Tim Barcz - He's a swell guy
Favorite Food: Taco Bell Bean Burrito

Favorite Subject: My opt. hour
Favorite TV Show/Movie: Seinfeld
Favorite Book: Crime and Punishment

College/Future Plans: Go to college and run track, and learn something too.

Name: Karen Hoover
Age: 18
Activity: Girls Track
Activity Highlights: We placed third at conference last year, and we were more competitive all season long.



Activity Goals: Accomplish my personal goals, improve over last year, and run hard all season.

Biggest Thrill: Placing third in our conference last year, because the year before we placed last.

Hobbies: Being with friends and family, being outside and staying active.

Starting Out: I had planned on going out for track in seventh grade but I heard how difficult it was and chickened out. Then in eighth grade Amber Eganhouse talked me into going out. I found out it wasn't as bad as I'd heard, and have stayed out for it ever since. I really enjoyed it; Thanks Amber!

Advice for newcomers: Work hard and stay with it. Always give 100% and always be focused.

Role-Model: My father
Favorite Food: Fruit
Favorite Subject: English
Favorite TV Show/Movie: Billy Madison

Favorite Book: I like many books I can't pick just one.

College/Future Plans: I'm going to go to college and study to become an Athletic Trainer.

Name: Tim Barcz



Age: 17
Activity: Golf
Activity Highlights: Placing third at semi-finals, three first place finishes at

duals, placing fifth at Monticello, placing sixth at South Tama.

Activity Goals: Make state this year after missing it by a few shots last year as an individual or team.

Biggest Thrill: Having Coach coming to the team van to tell me that I made districts after I thought I did terrible.

Hobbies: Laughing, goofing around, playing pranks on everyone, just enjoying life, and eating at Taco Bell. Starting Out: I started playing when I was 11, my dad would drop me off at the golf course on his way to work and pick me up on his way home.

Advice for newcomers: Find someone with a good swing and try to imitate it. Don't give up, if it were easy everyone would be doing it.

Role-Model: Tom Lehman
Favorite Food: "Yo quiero Taco Bell."

Favorite Subject: Lunch
Favorite TV Show/Movie: South Park/Curious George and the Man with the Yellow Hat.

Favorite Book: Garfield or Curious George Books

College/Future Plans: Play golf at Central and party.

Name: Jason Cleppe
Age: 17
Activity: NHS

Activity Highlights: Getting to clean the side of a road and find some interesting items.

Activity Goals: How can you have a goal in NHS?

Biggest Thrill: Going to France and talking to all the funny-looking people, they were easy to make fun of.

Hobbies: Spending money, playing laser tag, going to movies, playing video games.

Starting Out: Learning to read and write were significant tools to start me on my journey.

Advice for newcomers: Finish what you start, otherwise you'll never get done.

Role-Model: Kato Kaelin, "Never before has a man been recognized so much for doing so little."

Favorite Food: Anything from Taco Bell

Favorite Subject: Biology-Human Biology

Favorite TV Show/Movie: Goonies

Favorite Book: Choose your own Adventure series.

College/Future Plans: Go to Iowa State, and with an education, make a lot of money.

Name: Michael Jumpertz

Age: 17

Activity: Choir

Activity Highlights: Moving from tenor to bass, be in Chamber Choir

Activity Goals: Sing as good as Ted



Warden
Biggest Thrill: Singing in a different language.
Hobbies: Badminton, music, computers.
Starting Out:

I didn't know anybody.

Advice for newcomers: Have a German accent to get chicks.

Favorite Food: Pizza

Favorite Subject: Economics

Favorite TV Show/Movie: South Park/The Rock

College/Future Plans: Go back to Germany and finish high school, I have three more years left. After high school I have to go into the army for one and a half years.

Name: Nathan Stewart
Age: 18
Activity: Boys Track

Activity Highlights: Finally being re-

warded with a throwing coach (Two, no less.)

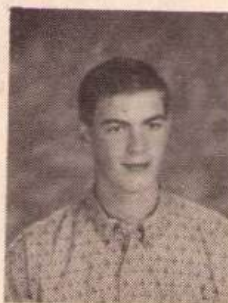
Activity Goals: Smash the school shot record into little pieces, maybe.

Biggest Thrill: Doing a cartwheel in my car then getting to ride in an ambulance. I got to meet a whole lot of nice paramedics and emergency response members.

Hobbies: Swapping cars, spending money, eating cookies (M & M's are the best), lifting weights.

Starting Out: Try to be in a hospital, it's more sanitary than your living room, doctors help too.

Advice for newcomers: "No matter where you go, there you are."



Name: Rachael Nigg
Age: 18
Activity: Choir
Activity Highlights: Being

Queen at the Madrigal Feaste this year.

Activity Goals: Try my hardest to do my best, and have a great time with it.

Biggest Thrill: The cool trips to Tennessee and Florida.

Hobbies: SODA Co-President, FLBA. Youth Commission, Shopping, Working.

Starting Out: Started singing in 4th grade with church and school and have been singing ever since.

Advice for Newcomers: Give choir a chance, you'll meet new people and have a great time.

Role-Model: Bette Midler

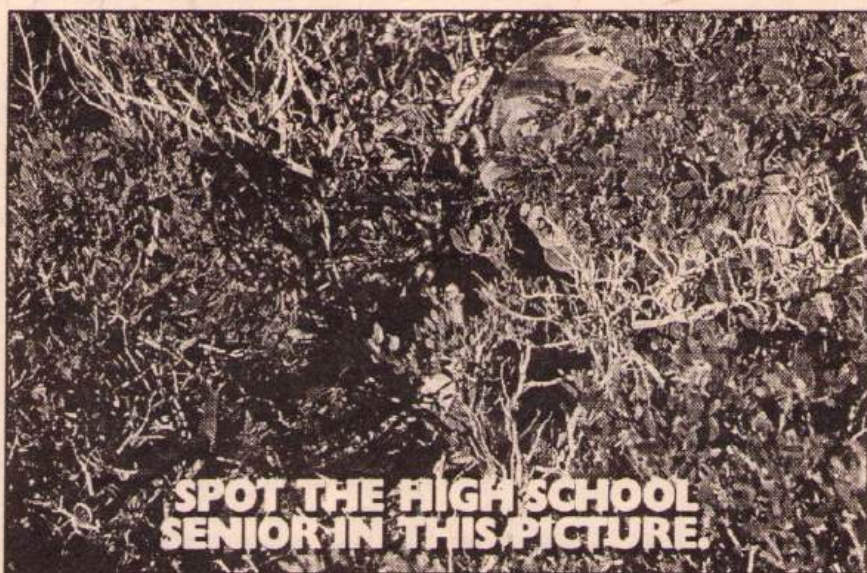
Favorite Food: Hy-Vee Chinese

Favorite Subject in School: Creative Writing/Consumer Math

Favorite TV Show/Movie: Fargo/Steel Magnolias

Favorite Book: I haven't read lately.

College/Future Plans: Work, work, Kirkwood, work.



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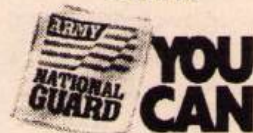
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How to Irritate People

by Steve Godecke

Want to get under someone's skin and drive them absolutely *insane*? Here are the best strategies, collected from ex-CIA and KGB interrogation specialists (mUAhaHAhaHA...)

1. Repeat yourself constantly. Repeat yourself constantly.
2. The best way to irritate people is to mess with their emotions. Try this: find someone who you want to reduce to an incoherent mess. Walk up to them in the hall and give them a nice long kiss, then slap them and walk away, all without saying a single word (NOTE: I do *not* recommend trying this on someone who's the same sex as you, because they will probably hit you before you hit them. Also, do not pull a stunt like this unless you are willing to risk getting suspended on charges of sexual harassment).
3. Repeat yourself constantly. Repeat yourself constantly.
4. Refuse to take them seriously - laugh at everything they say. Then when they say something amusing, glare at them and say, "It's just not funny anymore."
5. Look at them as if they are the most pathetic thing on earth and they deserve your eternal pity.
6. Do not look at them at all.
7. Kick the back of their seat at the movie theater (or at school, if you can).
8. Condescend to simplify everything, so that they are made aware that they are intellectually inferior imbeciles. (Put things into smaller words for them, so they feel dumb)
9. Insist on reading a sappy, amateur poem to them, tell them you won a national award for it, and ask them what they think. If they're honest and say they hate it, they'll look like idiots because of your fake "award." If not, they'll have to fumble to come up with an insincere compliment.
10. Repeat yourself constantly. Repeat yourself constantly.
11. Discuss intestinal parasites at lunch.
12. Tell them you'll call them at a certain time, then don't. Better yet.
13. Stand them up on prom night!!!

KARAOKE PLAN DOWN THE DRAIN

by Katie Shedek

This year, SODA had decided to purchase a karaoke machine. SODA usually rents one from BandStand Entertainment for Post Prom every year. Mrs. Putnam said that they had decided to purchase a karaoke machine to save money, and so that it would be more convenient for us to have it available throughout the year. She also said that Best Buy had given her a great deal. It cost only \$330, including a few CDs. Thanks to Dave Snider, who donated some of his own, there were a lot. SODA planned on having a fun night because the winter ski trip had been

canceled for lack of snow. The karaoke machine was being tested for the first time on Friday, March 6. When they started to prepare for the open gym, they realized that the karaoke machine didn't have the words running across the bottom of the screen. After returning the machine to Best Buy, they decided to rent one again for the fun night and Post Prom. So, once again SODA will rent a karaoke machine for Post Prom. With the extra money, Mrs. Putnam said that she would like to set a date to play sand volleyball at Volleys when the weather has changed.



Although the purchase of a karaoke machine didn't work out, SODA's fun night was still a success with a rented machine and good turn out of members.

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PROM: WHERE TO GO AND WHAT IT COSTS FOR EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO MAKE THIS PROM - OR ANY OTHER - UNFORGETTABLE

by JoliAnn DeLong, Morgan Leverett, Lindsey Schneider

To most, Prom is the biggest dance of the year. Prom is a time when everyone gets dressed up, goes out to eat at fancy restaurants, and gets to strut their stuff in front of a bunch of parents, staff, and students at the Grand March. But there is a lot of time and money that goes into this special evening. There is a car to be borrowed, dresses to match to tuxes, flowers to be bought, hair to be done, and skin to be tanned! There are a lot of decisions to be made and a lot of different places to go. So we hope that this list of prices will help make things a little easier!

PROM DRESSES

WEDDINGS ETC.

- slip dresses 140.00-180.00
- ball gowns 150.00-190.00
- pastel colors or more bold colors like red, navy and black are more popular this year

SECOND ACT

- slip dresses 35.00-65.00
- ball gowns 25.00-45.00
- fixer up dresses, darker colors and ruffles

ELEGANT REPEATS

- slip dresses 65.00-140.00
- (brand names) Alfred Angelo 90.00-188.00, Roberta 90.00-1
- short dresses 55.00-70.00
- darker colors
- accessories

- earrings 6.00-12.00
- necklaces 10.00-30.00 (pearl)

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TUXEDOS

by Brett Sperry, Andrew Dooley

As prom comes ever closer guys start to ask themselves, how much are they willing to pay for prom? Over the past few weeks we have gone from tuxedo shop to tuxedo shop looking for the cheapest

place for any guy wanting to attend the prom this year. And by doing this, we have found that prices range from \$75 to \$110. This all depends on how good you want to look.

After going through all the prices, we have come to the conclusion that Irwin's in uptown Marion has the cheapest prices, but by going through them you will have to order through a book. Mister Neat's is the most expensive, their prices range from \$85 to \$110, but you get to see what you are buying first hand.

But no matter where you prefer to do your shopping for this year's prom, have a good time.



Blended Families

by Nitasha Fish, Tim Nash, Greta Nelson

Living in the 20th century we see more and more blended families. The concept of a "traditional family" can no longer bring to mind the image of a mother, father, and two kids. In today's society there are many combinations of what you could call the "traditional family."

Single Mothers

The divorced mother raising the kids on her own. This has become an all too common situation these days. More and more single women are having children out of wedlock and then raise and support their children by themselves.

Single Fathers

A once rare situation but one that has gained popularity. Many divorced fathers are taking up the responsibility to raise their children single handed.

STEP-PARENTS

Families put together by marriage create a new family for children to deal with. You have new brothers, new sisters, new parents, and new grandparents, a whole

new group of people to deal with. Sometimes this is a harder situation to deal with, especially

with step-brothers and sisters. With step-siblings comes tough

now and I feel that my family is more honest with each other now. At first it was really hard, but my parents moved on after the divorce and our family has adjusted well to the situation."

Sherry Hoover's parents are also divorced but she lives with her dad. "Living with my dad has brought about some tough situations, but living with a blended family has brought me closer to my dad and made me stronger in the long run."

Emily Baumert's family is an example of a traditional family, and she sees it as an advantage. "I don't have to adapt to the changes in lifestyle due to divorced parents. I will probably never have to deal with new siblings or new parents for that matter. I have one house to live in and I don't have to divide up my possessions."

Now looking at family life from a professional's point of view, Mr. Bailey gives his idea and conclusion of families after having experience dealing with a wide range of families from different backgrounds and different problems. He believes that the main problem in society is there is more self interest rather than focusing on what is more important. Parents are more concerned about their needs rather than the children's. People don't value family today; they focus on their personal achievement, and this is what leads to divorce. As the parents continue to focus on their needs, they soon decide to marry again. There is soon resentment inside the family due to the remarriage. This is where children get the sense of not being loved and being put off due to the new spouse. A possible solution to these problems are to realize that the situation you are living with is not permanent.

The best possible solution to these problems is to try to cope with your new life-style and try to make the best of the situation you are put in. Although our family way of life has changed, a family is still a family, and it doesn't matter whether you have one mother, one father, a step-parent, or step-siblings - you are still part of a family that cares for you and that's what counts.

situations and possibly the fact that they won't get along.

THE "TRADITIONAL Family"

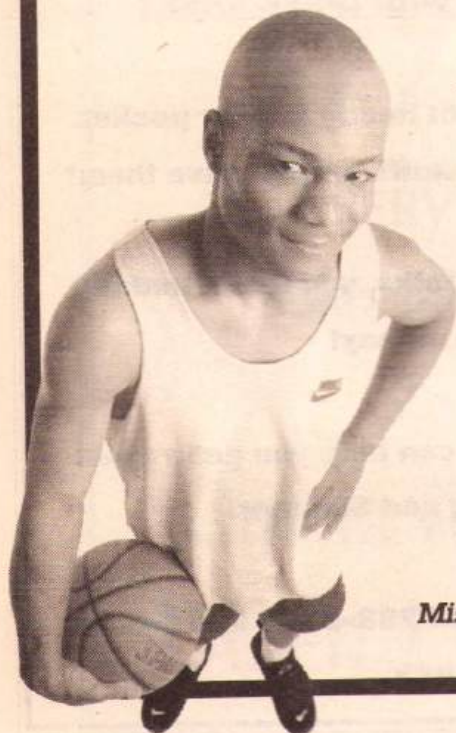
Two parents with two or more children. At one time this was what every American family was about. The families mentioned above were abnormal. But now times have changed and "traditional families" have become scarce. With more and more divorces and single women becoming mothers, the life-style of our culture has changed.

Which is preferred? Well, several students have voiced their opinions on these different types of life-styles. Megan Osborn, whose parents divorced when she was 11, has lived for 5 years with her mother in a single parent family. She likes life with one parent because "I have a closer relationship with my mom

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WHAT THE STARS SAY

by Brett Sperry and Andrew Dooley

ARIES: (MARCH 21- APRIL 20)



This month relationships and long term goals top your list. You will find that the end of the month brings you closer to your companion. You will need that extra attention to keep you busy, and maybe you can finish a long term goal. A fellow student will ask you for help, you think they are a loser, but help them anyway it's no skin off your back.

TAURUS: (APRIL 21- MAY 20)



Hope you saved your money last month because your parents are not going to be handing it out this month. Try not to fight with them. Your know-it-all attitude could get you into some arguments with your friends. You might receive a ring from an old flame. You won't be interested.

GEMINI: (MAY 21- JUNE 21)



Your friends will ask you to go somewhere grand for a summer vacation. Don't go because you are already in debt. A day off from school will be a day to remember as you and your sweetheart will find the meaning of true love.

CANCER: (JUNE 22- JULY 22)



Money is tight so keep your wallet closed and work those extra hours as your sweetheart's birthday is just around the corner. You will find that your parents aren't there to help with your money needs. But as the month comes to an end parties will be going and so will you as you find hard work pays off.



LEO: (JULY 23- AUGUST 23)

This month you will find that an inde-

pendent attitude is not in so you might begin to think about joining a group of some sort. You will run into two big problems as you will find a shortage in the money department and second you will find you are love stricken. Don't be a rule breaker this month as this is your time to get busted.

VIRGO: (AUGUST 24- SEPTEMBER 23)



Be aware of fights between you and your love, but don't worry it will pass over with time. Spring break will prove to be very expensive but you don't mind, it is all for fun. You will also solve that one problem that has bugged you for the longest time. Nevertheless this will be a month to remember.

LIBRA: (SEPTEMBER 24- OCTOBER 23)



Don't let gossip ruin your life, keep things to yourself. School will become fun because of the lack of homework. Romance will come around the middle of the month so be ready and take advantage of it. This month try to stay free from tense situations, because it might bring you to a frenzy.

SCORPIO: (OCTOBER 24- NOVEMBER 21)



Don't get jealous of your close friend hanging around your companion. Don't let it lead to a fight, you might lose a close friend. Remember friends are forever and relationships come and go. The end of the month will bring much emotion into your life as you will find problems between your close friends.

SAGITTARIUS: (NOVEMBER 22- DECEMBER 21)



Be aware of problems in the household as your parents and siblings will be quarreling. You should try to be the peace

maker, because without the help of you, your family will fall apart. At the end of the month a confrontation might appear at your job/school, don't blow it out of proportion.

CAPRICORN: (DECEMBER 22- JANUARY 19)



Don't be the risky one this month as it could lead to trouble. Single people will find new sparks, take it slow you don't want to ruin a chance of a lifetime. This month a sport you are involved in will start to succeed. And towards the end of the month write a note to a special friend.

AQUARIUS: (JANUARY 20- FEBRUARY 18)

Watch out for rude people, don't let them get to you. You will find that money isn't a problem for you this month, so spend while you have it.



And if trouble does come your way look to some close friends to bail you out. Towards the end of the month look for some pressure filled times, but don't sweat it you can handle it.

PISCES: (FEBRUARY 19- MARCH 20)



This month will be the worst month of the year for you but don't worry there are still eleven months in the year. You will find that your parents will still be treating you like a little kid, but don't get mad get even. And towards the end of the month friends from the past will appear to get caught up. Take advantage of your visitors.

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WHAT'S HOT FOR SPRING

Spring Fashions

by Kris Bogges and Sherry Hoover



Megan Osborn enthusiastically goes through the large assortments of boxers at Gadzooks.

As you all know spring is on its way, and with a new season comes a new and exciting fashion. We took a little journey to the major stores in the mall, Maurices, Express, The Buckle, and Gadzook's, and asked these store owners what they could tell us about spring fashions for '98. Every store told us basically the same things with a little variation.

Gadzook's commented on how much green, violet, and especially blue was beginning to become a popular color. "For girls a lot of patterned novelty shirts, dresses and shoes are being sold right now," stated a manager (although the dresses and shoes may be a big sale right now because of the dances the school's are having). "Swimsuits are also a big sale for girls. The big hit right now for guys is jeans. A lot of nylon pants for guys and woven in patterned knit shirts for girls are a big sale too," commented an employee.

The Buckle stated that for the guys everything is Tommy and Lucky, big fit and baggy. For girls, Silver and Lucky flares. With warm tones such as brick and red being the big colors in shirts.

Maurices and Express said approximately the same thing. "The colors that are in style for the spring season are the are bright, bold colors and pastels," says an employee at Maurices. "Most people are attracted to the 70's, retro styles and layers of clothing, but further into spring the layers should begin to come off, presenting a softer style towards the middle of the season." Both stores agreed that casual and dressy, sheers and knits, are always a big sale.

The worst part about being



Nitasha Fish and Megan Osborn are illustrating great examples of the way fashions will start off as layers and soon shed.

stylish is the money it takes to do so. If necessary, take this fashion advice and apply it to a different store. The mall isn't always the best, and definitely not the cheapest, place to buy clothes. Also take a look at the latest magazines to keep up to date with the new styles because they are always changing. Oh! And have a blast shopping for your new spring styles!!!



Sherry Hoover, Megan Osborn and Kris Bogges try on different tops from Gadzook's collections. Warmer weather brought on by El Niño means many spring fashions will be making an early appearance.



Sherry Hoover and Nitasha Fish pick out new shoes for the new clothes they will be wearing for spring. Retro styles are a big item for spring with platform soles and flowers making a return from the seventies.

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Who Did It?

by Chris John & Christine Akers

The spring play, "The Butler Did It," was held in the high school auditorium on Friday, March 13, and Saturday, March 14th at 7:30 p.m.. It was a classic murder-mystery, with twists and turns at every corner. The director Mrs. Gaffney-Paige said, "Performing a comedy is a difficult task. However, the cast did a superb job of portraying their characters. I was extremely pleased with their effort and performance." The cast members only had a short time to prepare for this play; about six weeks, which made the performances even more difficult. Even though minor mistakes were made, the cast pulled through when they needed to and made the crowd burst out with laughter. Junior Adam Langfitt commented, "The play was a lot of fun. It was neat working with a small cast and seeing everything finally come together in the end."

One of the many students that came to watch was Megan Osborn, and she said, "It was a nice switch from a serious drama to a comedy, and the cast did a good job pulling off the transition." The evening was one full of laughter and enjoyment for all.



Haversham (Christine Akers) screams and runs into the room hysterical, she had seen a man's face at the window. This frightens the guests in the room but Miss Maple tries to calm her down. Haversham is a little dense, she has trouble understanding things and tends to get frightened at everything.



Rita (Nitasha Fish) warns Laura Carlyle (Sandy Thurman) about Haversham, who is an ex-convict. Rita was concerned about everyone's safety at Ravenswood Manner.

Miss Maple (Kate Baumert) talks with Charity Haze (Jaclyn Hugg) and Chandler Marlowe (Adam Langfitt) about how the two met at Mardi Gras. Neither Charity nor Chandler described the meeting as a good experience.



Solo & Ensemble CONTEST: BAND/CHOIR COMPETE

By: Tim Wiley

April 3rd brought the night of the Solo and Ensemble for the band and choir. The night was short because there were only 13 groups playing that night. It was only Marion students there because they missed the actual day due to spring vacation. So the band director Larry Bobe and choir director John Heim asked some state judges if they would come and judge us. The band had 9 groups playing that night. Out of those, 5 groups received division I ratings, 2 groups received division II ratings, and 2 groups received division III ratings. Out of the groups who got division I ratings, there were two soloists, french horn player Ben Eilers, and clarinet player Dave Snider. There were also three ensembles. They consisted of a clarinet duet, a clarinet choir, and a percussion ensemble. The choir had only four groups competing. Of those, three groups received division II ratings, and only one received division I rating. The group that got a division rating was a boys quartet consisting of Josiah Bushlack, Ben Young, Ben Eilers, and Chris Hanel. It was a short night with a large sound.

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Girls Golf

By Megan Osborn and Nitasha Fish

This season the girls' golf team looks to be full of learning and developing skills and growing as a team. Although there are five varsity letter winners returning from last year, there are also five girls joining the team who have never played before. Coach Robert Miller feels that, "This could potentially be our best season depending on how the former letter winners as well as the newcomers improve." The team may seem small, but coach Miller says that it is a good size to work with. With a team this size he feels he will be able to work more easily with everyone individually and that way they can learn the game better. Everyone appears to be excited about the upcoming season, but expectations are uncertain. Last years top golfer, Brooke Ryther, says, "This years team seems to be dedicated to improving their game, and I think we will have a successful season." Practice starts March 31, and in the meantime, coach Miller advises the girls to go out and hit a few balls so they can get a feel for the game. Newcomer, Amanda McGrew stated that she decided to go out for golf because she wanted to try something new and golf sounded like fun. There are twelve meets that the team will be participating in so everyone will get plenty of oppor-

tunities to be out on the courses learning the game

Boys Tennis

by Tim Nash

Marion Boys Varsity Tennis Team is ready to begin their season and what exactly should be expected of this season. Senior player Brad Jones commented on the teams condition for this season. "We have a lot of newcomers this year and we lost a few varsity players from last year and we are looking to these new players to step up to a varsity level and help the team out this season. We need all the help we can get." Due to the loss of one of their top players early graduate Chris Cejka the boys tennis team has a tough season ahead of them. Most of the teams they will be competing with this year has year round players whereas many of Marion's players are multi-talented and involved in several different sports.

Girls Track

by Sherry Hoover and Greta Nelson

1998 Girls' Track team looks to have an exciting year. "If everyone stays healthy we could be very competitive. We have some talented athletes who could really pull together," says Coach Gaffney-Paige. They have 15 returning letter winners, led by Senior Amber Eganhouse who placed

6th at State last year in the high jump. Returning sophomores Greta Nelson and Emily Baumert were also state qualifiers, and will be strong in their races. (Greta in the sprints, 200m dash, and Emily in the distance, 1500m.)

Senior Erin Wycoff qualified for state as a sophomore in the 100m, and just missed qualifying last year. She will be called upon to lead the sprints this year.

"We want to build upon last years 3rd place in WAMAC conference finish and with the incoming talented freshman this is possible," hopes Coach Gaffney-Paige. "Benton looks to be the top school with the rest of the conference up for grabs." Senior leader state qualifier Amber Eganhouse says, "This year the track team will be hoping for a conference championship and sending many people to state."

MARION EARLY BIRD

No Team Scores Kept	
High Jump	Amber Eganhouse - 1st 5'0"
Long Jump	Michelle Petersen - 2nd 14' 5"
3200 Relay	3rd - 11:30
Shuttle Hurdle Relay	2nd 1:09.58
Distance Medley Relay	2nd 4:39.28
100M	Anna Kalkwarf - 3rd 13:53
400M	Michelle Petersen - 1st 1:06.56
800M	Keeley Hoyt - 2nd 2:44.87
200M	Greta Nelson - 2nd 28:7
400 hurdles	2nd 1:15.01
Sprint Medley	1st 2:05.47
400 Relay	2nd 53:59
1600 Relay	2nd 4:42.45

Boys Golf

By: Chris John

Although it is early, Coach Messerli commented about the upcoming golf season, "We are excited and looking forward to the season. We have four lettermen returning and several

other boys who showed promise last year. Our schedule is tough, but we will have a great attitude and I know we will work hard to improve." There were three lettermen that left last year and they were Johnse Bushlack, Matt Boggess, and Zach Bailey. When asked who will step up in place of them Coach Messerli said, "Our four lettermen include seniors Tim Barcz, who qualified for districts last year, Jason Gruber, and sophomores Ben Bailey, and Matt Messerli. Other players who should challenge are Chris John, Jared Steger, Aaron Stewart, and many other newcomers." He also said that he isn't going to have an assistant this year but, "Hopefully we will have someone step forward to help." One of the biggest debates this year is where the golf team will play and practice. Coach Messerli said that there are two options, Squaw Creek and Hunter's Ridge. Squaw Creek is where both the boys and girls team has been practicing for many years, but some of the players feel that playing at a tougher course like Hunter's Ridge would help make the golf team better. All in all it looks like the Marion Boy's Golf team will be ready to go by the first tee-off.

Boys Track

MARION EARLY BIRD

No Team Scores Kept	
Shot Put	Nathan Stewart - 3rd 42 1/2
High Jump	Seth Nemec - 2nd 5'8"
Long Jump	Ben Humiston - 1st 20'5 3/4"
	David Stemper - 3rd 19'9 3/4"
32000	Justin Campbell - 3rd
3200 Relay	3rd 9:25.74
100 M	2nd 11:68
200	Ben Humiston - 2nd 23.83
1600	Mike Balvanz - 3rd 5:09.48
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400 Relay	2nd 45:98



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NAMING THE TRACK

Almost everyone of you know or have heard of the Ron Altenberg track. Some go and enjoy the Marion football games on Friday nights and others go to enjoy the track meets. But this field was dedicated in the memory of Ron Altenberg, for his superior athleticism and his achievement in the classroom as well.

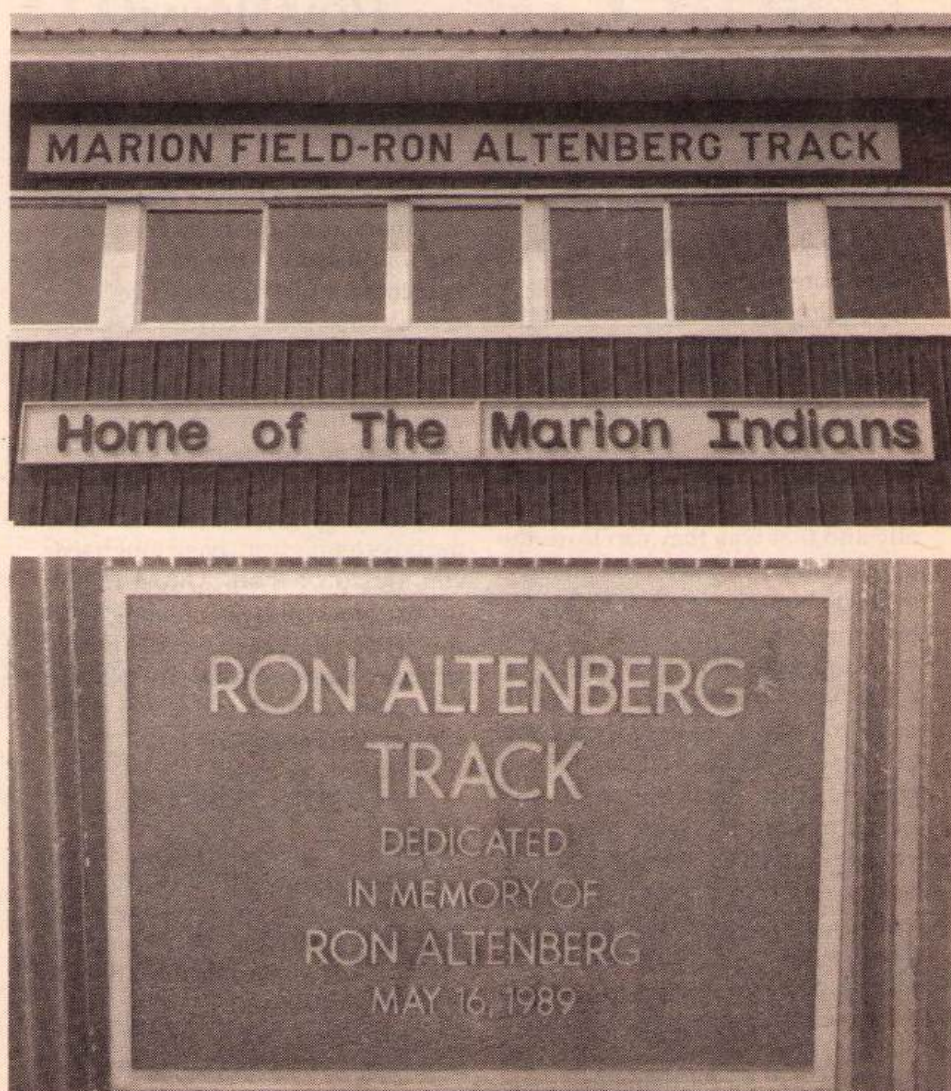
Ron Altenberg set two school records in track that still stand today, one being a 22'0 long jump, and the other was a 9.8 second hundred yard dash time both set in 1956. Les Hipple coached Ron in every sport and said, "I remember as a Freshman, (Ron) he went to Dubuque for the state meet, and he only weighed about 125 pounds he won the long jump with a jump of 19'3." Mr. Hipple paused and then said, "He qualified in four events for the state track meet the long jump, low hurdles, open 100, and the open 200. And he was the state champion in at least one (the long jump) maybe even two of the four events he participated in."

Mr. Hipple said, "Basketball was probably his best sport and then track." His junior year in basketball

the team finished 22-3 and were the WAMAC champs. Then his senior year the team finished 22-2 and again were the WAMAC champs, their final loss was in the district tournament to Davenport.

His senior year the football team finished with a 7-0 conference record and an overall 9-0 record. Coach Hipple commented on Altenberg's class as, "I think that team was probably as good as any class with great success, although we didn't make it to the state tournament it was still one of the better classes." And Mr. Hipple also said, "Anytime he would get through the line you knew he was going to have a huge gain, because he could out maneuver anyone one on one in the open field."

Ron's sister commented on him as, "I'm four years older than he is but in grade school I remember him getting up at 7:00 every morning to go work out, he was so dedicated." Even when he died he was still playing basketball. He has four children two boys and two girls and they were very involved in athletics. "He was a typical younger brother."



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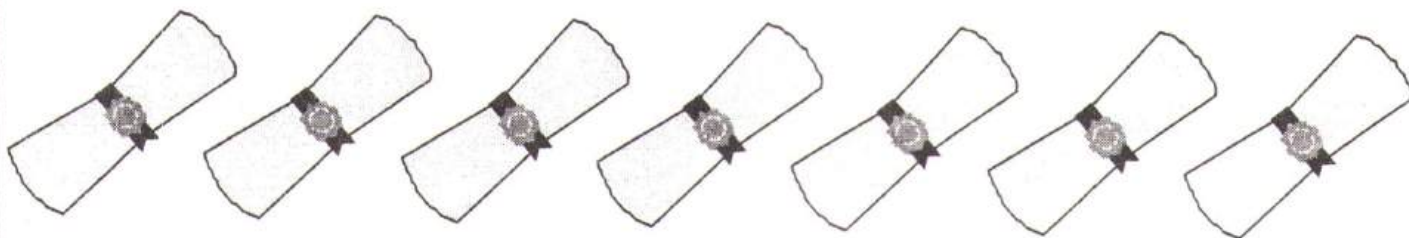


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