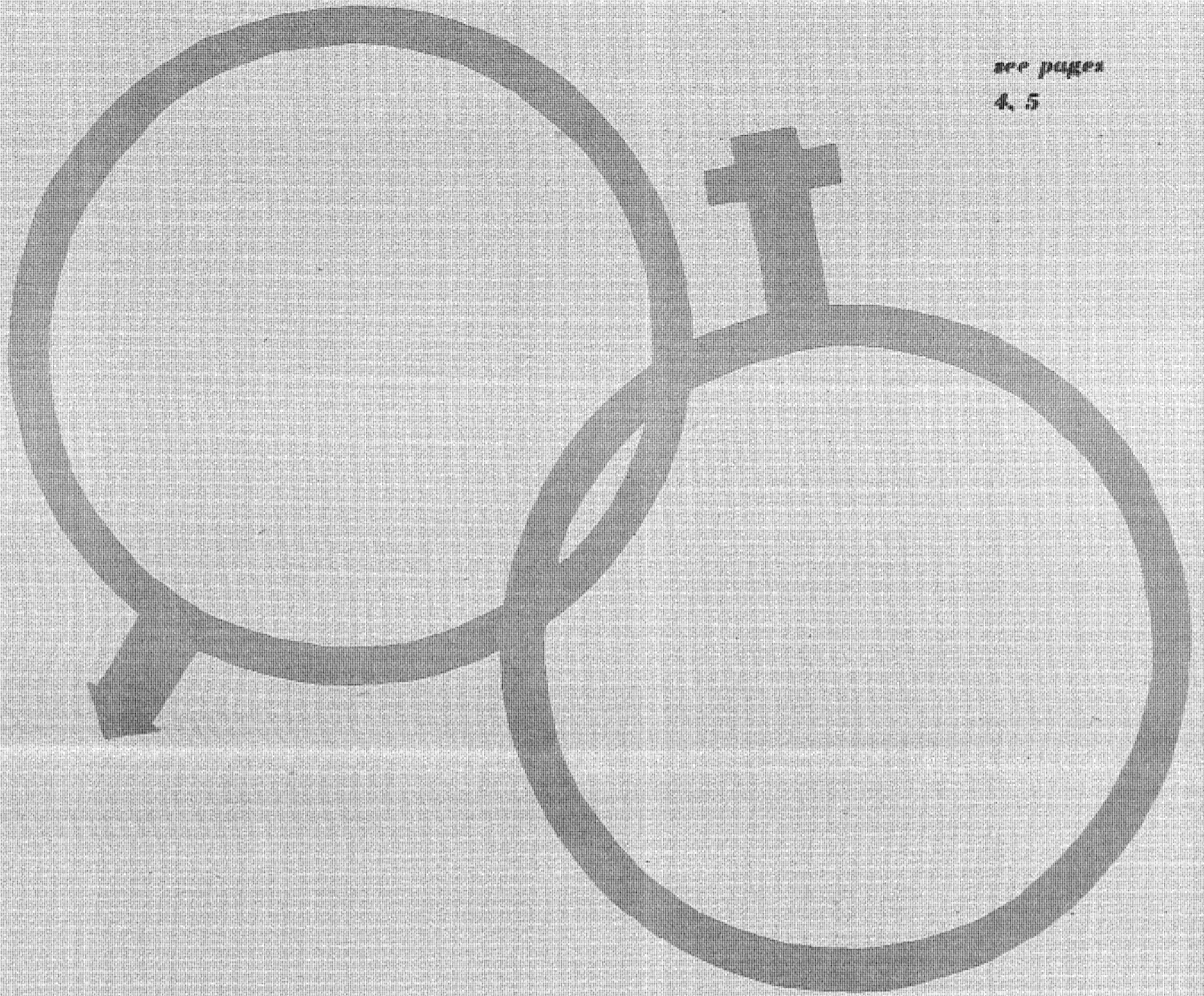


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Adult rights: new future

As the majority rights in the state of Iowa have been lowered to 19 last year and then 18 this year, the question has been raised in many minds: Just what are majority rights?

To conservative Iowa legislators the term immediately suggest the condoning of an unwanted practice among youngsters, especially high school students: drinking.

To guzzling teen-agers of tender age, majority, or adult rights at 18 probably produce a feeling of increased freedom and legality in their drinking practices which no doubt would continue regardless of the law.

But to the average 18-year old who does not drink and is not concerned with the heated drinking controversy, what significance does the lowered legal age have? Probably none, because the average 18-year old has either only a vague idea of what the rights entail, or absolutely none at all.

Changing the minimum age for persons to purchase alcoholic beverages is only one of over 50 specific rights and responsibilities outlined in the bill enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Iowa this year. For instance, a person of 18 now may be an elected or appointed trustee of a sanitary district. A person of 18 now may sign petitions to the governor for arbitration and conciliation for settlement of labor disputes. Both of these are prime examples of how a really concerned youth could be actively involved in local politics or his local business, if only he knew about them.

An 18-year old boy may now marry without his parents' consent. The age for girls remains as it was: 18. A licensed 18-year old may assume the responsibility of driving with a person who has only a drivers permit, if that person is 16 or older. These rights and many more are on the books, ready to be taken advantage of, but they are hard to find, and not generally known.

If any fault, were to be found with the Iowa lawmakers' decision to change the legal age of majority from (21 to 19) to 18, it would have to be that the persons it was intended to benefit are largely unaware of what it entails.

Perhaps in the future, in order to glean the maximum potential from the new law, a program of education could be established for youths in Iowa detailing the privileges and responsibilities of adulthood in Iowa. **STORY**

Will the Women of Troy have the opportunity to participate in a girls' interscholastic program next year?

Dr. Merlin Ludwig, Superintendent of Iowa City Schools, will recommend to the school board a proposal asking for the adoption of a girls' basketball program next year in the high schools.

Bob White, Athletic Director, was asked to prepare a proposal for Dr. Ludwig to present to the board on April 24, at the Board of Education meeting. Mr. White is 100 percent behind the proposal and has been urging the school board to adopt such a program for the past three years.

Interest in such a program is great. Girls who played in the Coralville and Iowa City Recreation Center leagues have expressed a desire to compete on teams at the high schools. Freshmen girls at the junior high schools have been playing girls' basketball this year and would like to continue playing during their high schools years.

Girls' interscholastic basketball is the major girls' sport in Iowa. Playing in the girls' state basketball tournament is an exciting event for the girls.

In a recent article printed by the Iowa City Press Citizen, it was stated that the states 508 high schools, 33 had not committed themselves to a girls' interscholastic basketball program. Iowa City West and City High are among the 33.

School officials estimated \$10,000 is needed to start girls' basketball programs at both of the high schools. The crucial factor in adopting the program will be how to raise the needed amount.

Raising the pupil-teacher ratio would make available more money. With less teachers to pay salaries, more could be spent on girls' basketball. However, many

people feel that the ratio is too high now, and would be against this solution.

Taking funds from other athletic programs and using the money for the girls' basketball program is another solution. This is more favorable because the money could be taken from programs that are established and could function with less funds.

Transportation costs comprise a large part of the money required to fund the program. If the school board would agree to pay transportation costs, a lesser amount could be used to start girls' basketball.

Uniforms are another large expenditure of the program. A home uniform and an away uniform, costing \$25 a piece, are required. Mr. White also felt that warmups would be needed because the boys have them, therefore, the girls should, also.

Home uniforms would not have to be bought; the girls could use the new girls track uniforms. These uniforms could also be used for away games if the hosting school agrees.

Scheduling practices for each team can be arranged. Time allotted for the use of the gym floor would require careful scheduling. Practices must be carefully planned to make full use of the gym.

Games scheduled for next year's program would be against teams also in their first season. Games against the junior varsity squads of near by small schools could possibly be arranged.

Hopefully, a ten or twelve game schedule could be planned for the first season. This would provide the girls with experience and competitiveness.

The West Side Story believes that the school board should decide in favor of the girls' basketball program for next year. **STORY**

Oops!

In the last editorial, Analysis: school budget, it was found that the capital outlay budget has been cut so drastically, funds are no longer available. This budget pays for equipment for the departments throughout the school (i.e. cameras, projectors etc.). Since funds are not forthcoming, the audio-visual department, for instance, will not be able to replace projectors, record players, tape recorders etc.

We found that it is the instructional materials budget that has been slashed 40 percent. This budget pays for all instruc-

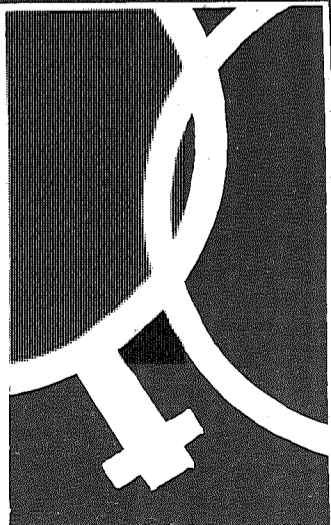
tional materials, such as maps and books. The situation seems to be worse than we expected.

The name in the caption under the picture on page six was misspelled. The name should have been Tom Filer (73). Two stories in the last issue were attributed to the wrong writers. The astrology story on page three was written by Vicki Mott, not Janelle Gibson. The sports story about Coach Bush was written by Tim Grady, not Gene Gessner. **STORY**

cover

What is marriage? Is marriage a social institution or a personal relationship between man and women? The scientific symbols for male and female on the cover suggest an united relationship.

Couples choose various ways to express their closeness and their attachment. Three of these ways are explained on the inside pages; a couple who found a wedding ceremony unnecessary, a couple who lived together, and then decided on marriage and a couple who chose marriage all along. **STORY**



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Hitchhiking: a way to go

by Sara Muller

Standing near the curb, arm extended, thumb out: a common position for a common means of travel: hitchhiking.

Although hitchhiking has been in existence since the advent of the automobile, it is most popular today with the youth of America. Three reasons for this popularity could be lack of a car, lack of money and the desire to make traveling an interesting, broadening experience. Particularly, hitchhiking can be a good way to meet people.

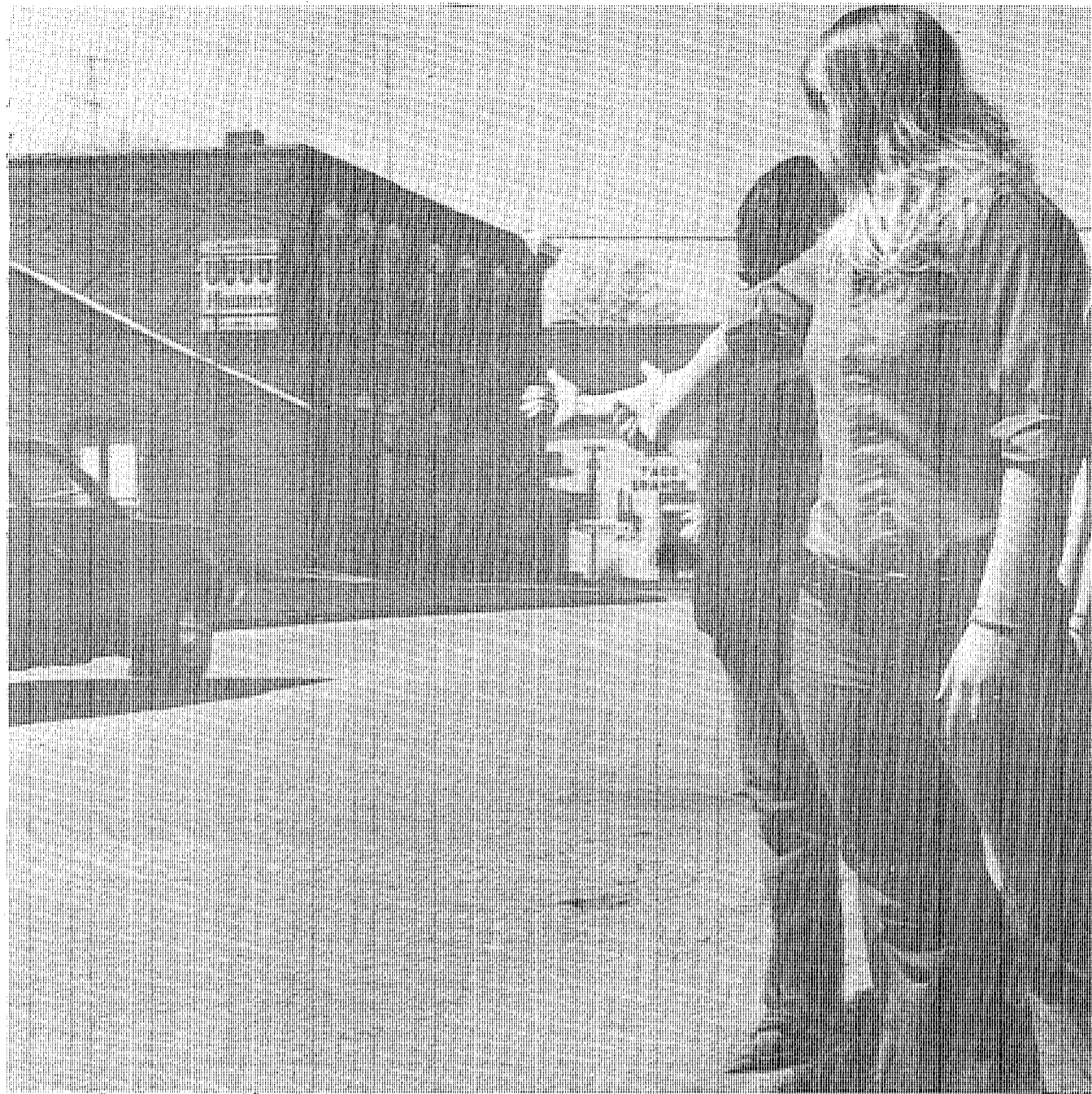
There are, however, a few risks involved. The chance of being picked up by someone not interested in taking you to your intended destination always poses a potential threat. Then there are the laws concerning hitchhiking which differ from state to state.

In Iowa, you can hitch a ride from just about anywhere. The only exceptions are the interstate highways on which soliciting a ride is permitted at entrances and exits only.

Try traveling into Colorado with visions of bumming a ride, though, and the only one you may get is with the highway patrol to jail. (Unless you are good at diving for the ditch.) If your diving effort fails and you are caught, a fine is usually involved.

Around Iowa City, the majority of hitchhikers probably attend the University, rather than a local high school. The reason, for example, at West is many students own cars, have friends with cars or drive their parents' cars to and from school. If they don't drive, their parents come to school and pick them up. Last, but not least, the city and school buses are available.

So why hitchhike when you have all those other alternatives? As one West student who participates in the timely art of hitchhiking so aptly put it, "because it's fun!" **STORY**



On any sunny day in Iowa City, hitchhikers of all ages can be seen on the streets

soliciting a ride.

photo by Elliot Oshiro

Jerri Stutts is graduating May 30, 1973. This doesn't seem unusual except that she has only had two years of high school.

"I decided to do it (graduate early) about the middle of last year. I heard Mark Zanger had done it and it seemed like a good idea, because I didn't want to stay here."

Graduating early has become a popular solution to 'having to stay here.' So far 14 seniors have graduated at semester and some juniors are planning their schedules for early release.

Early graduation represents something desirable to many seniors looking back on an almost completed three years of high school. Now it is too late for them.

Jerri says that there was a certain procedure she had to go through. The first route was to her parents. She said she was very lucky because her parents were behind her and helped a lot. After discussing it with them, she had sessions with the counselor, talking over such problems as work loads and graduation credits. The final step was a parent-counselor meeting with Mr. Barker. At the meeting, grades, maturity of the student and over-loaded work requirements for next year were the topics.

What are Jerri's personal reasons for wanting to get out?

"I'm lonely here. Although I get along with everyone, there are no close relationships and that is something I need. The pace is very slow here, though it has to be in a public school. Even with a full schedule, I have a lot of study halls. I'm just sitting around wasting time."

As far as classes go, she began planning her schedule in the middle of her sophomore year and took summer school to relieve this year's load.

"I have to take a heavy load, but not more than most students."

One bad aspect she pointed out was that she couldn't drop courses she didn't like, because every class she took was required for graduation.

Why does she think more people don't take advantage of early graduation?

"People don't know they can get out. Most everyone just accepts the fact that they will be in high school for three years."

Next year Jerri will be attending the University of Iowa. She hopes to continue her main interest, poetry, and wants to get into the University poetry workshop. **STORY**

High School: three years or two?

by Barb Alderman

Living arrangement works for couple

by Natalie Kanellis and Leanne Shank

In October of 1969, Diane met Ken at the University of Berkley in California. Nine months later, after dating frequently, Diane and Ken decided to live together.

Currently, both Diane and Ken are attending the University of Iowa. They discuss their living arrangements with an open and honest candor. Both feel that if they are honest about their relationship people will not look so negatively at the relationship that Diane and Ken consider to be rather positive.

"We started living together at the beginning because of the uncertainty," stated Ken, "of where you are going and what your plans are."

Diane, a small woman with dark hair added, "Ken and I are good roommates. We are not only compatible sexually, but we have the same interests, food, the same ideas, it isn't only a sexual thing."

(Both Ken and Diane are seated informally at their dining room table. A bird flying around in it's cage chirps in the background.)

"I want to keep my name. Really, a marriage license is not the important thing."

Ken explains that he would dislike Diane not being any more than "MRS. ME." "She is not welcome to have my name. She has a perfectly good name of her own." Ken smiles at Diane. She continues.

"All of a sudden changing your name is like being a non-person."

Ken and Diane share the rent, groceries, and the housework. They both have separate bank accounts. The furniture within the house is also owned separately so if they do decide to go their separate ways there will be no furniture hassle. More of Diane and Ken's friends are married than are not, but both are quick to point out that if they can't accept Diane and Ken's situation, "Then they aren't worth having as friends."

Diane states, "In marriage, people fall into the position of expecting others to do certain things. People take each other for granted." According to Diane and Ken, they feel their relationship has added stimulation because "you have to try harder." In their relationship no one can afford to take anyone for granted.

"Factually," Ken projects, "marriage is becoming outmoded. Unmarried couples aren't in the statistics but it is happening more and more. I don't think that being unmarried and living together will ever take the place of conventional marriage, but the trend will be toward one marriage after another."

Ken and Diane are asked about the possibility of a family. What would a child do to their relationship presently?

Diane answers. She is very positive about the present state of things.

"A family would really screw up the

relationship. It just wouldn't work because I couldn't have a job." She pauses. "There's no need for that problem to come about, but if it did, I would get an abortion."

Ken looks at Diane, "I am in no position to be a father at present time. However, I would do whatever Diane feels is necessary."

Ken and Diane discuss their relationships with their families. Both their fathers are deceased.

"When Ken and I first started to live together, my mother attempted legal action to keep me home. Actually living together was not the only problem, but the last straw." Diane does not correspond with her mother and corresponds with a sister infrequently.

"I was brought up in a Catholic family, Diane said, "but I haven't practiced the religion since I was about eight." She feels no guilt concerning her relationship with Ken.

Ken's mother, on the other hand has visited Ken and Diane occasionally. She is more willing to accept their relationship.

"When we have family get-togethers, Diane goes along and although she's not treated as part of the family, everyone gets along quite well."

Ken added that the only thing his mother was worried about at the beginning was, "What will other people think?" Ken and Diane are careful about being "above board," about their relationship but are not overly concerned about "what people think."

Discrimination is an inevitable part of living together. Both Diane and Ken stated times when people would not rent out to them because of their living arrangements. Sometimes, if an employer finds that you are living with someone, it could be a reason for denial of a job or even dismissal.

Ken and Diane tell other people who are thinking about living together that they must be very certain on "why," they are going to.

"If you are going to do it, just to escape from problems, like your parents, stated Diane, it's not a good reason." Ken asserts that the couple must be compatible and be responsible.

What about the future?

"We don't plan to be married or not to be. Ours would not be the typical marriage."

(Ken also talks about parting.)

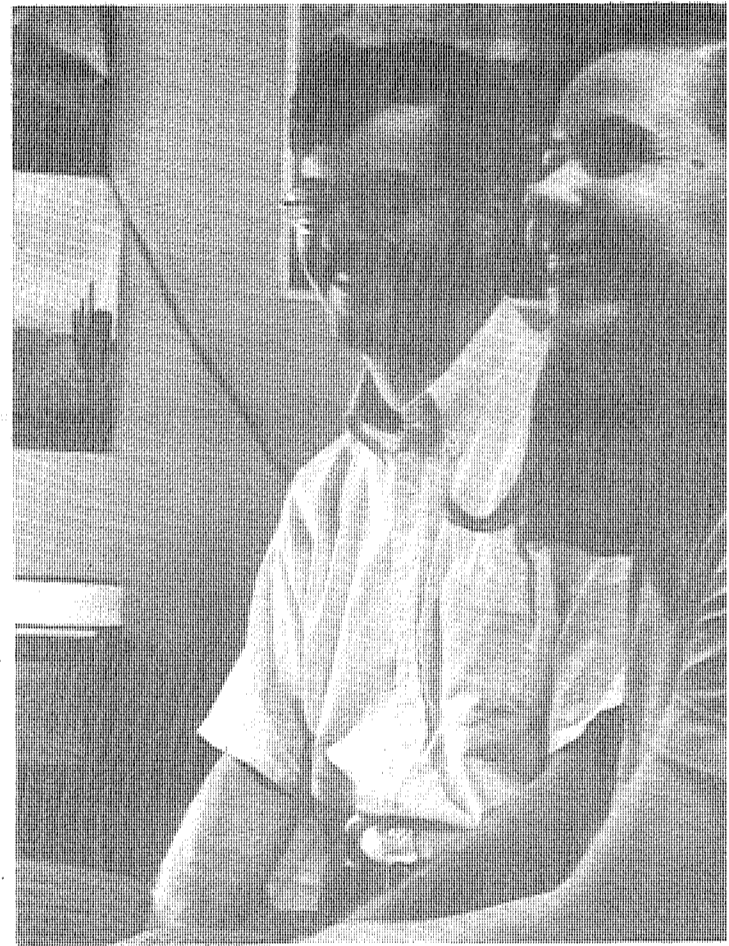
"The main problem of divorces is that people wait too long. With us it would be very different, we would go about parting very matter-of factly."

Both feel that their relationship isn't a "normal one." "We force people to deal with it." But both are quick to point out that it might not work out as well for some.

STORY



artwork by Mike Breazeale



John and Daphne, a young married couple living in Iowa City, believe that their marriage was "prearranged" by God.

photo by Mervin

*Living together;
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getting married*

by Janet Pope and Vicki Mott

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Daphne and John, partners with God

by Natalie Kanellis and Leanne Shank

"Love is going out on a limb. It's dangerous. You put yourself in a vulnerable position. Unless you're committed to each other, you can't keep putting yourself in that position."

"A marriage made in heaven." This whimsical phrase is more than just a dream for Daphne and John. According to them, it is reality.

Daphne and John are a young married couple in Iowa City. The couple is concerned with marriage's changing status and think that marriage is right for them. They believe that even before they knew each other, God had decided that they should become husband and wife.

Their marriage and their lives revolve around this strong belief in God. "Marriage looks like it is dying in the general public," stated Daphne, "But we've found marriage to be really fulfilling. It can only be that way if the couple has a relationship with Christ."

Daphne, a fulltime housewife, and John, an office manager first met in the eighth grade. They dated off and on throughout high school but then were separated by their choice of colleges.

Graduating from the University of Iowa in 1970, John first went to Cedar Falls for two years. It was there that he was introduced to God by a Christian

organization. "I quietly asked Christ to come into my life one night," he said, "...I found a peace of mind which I had never known before."

"At this time, Daphne and John were communicating with letters. Daphne was sceptical of John's relationship with God at first; "I had always been pretty religious. I was afraid, though, that John was in with some group that was fanatical. But it wasn't like that at all. He talked about God in a way that I couldn't, as if he knew him."

Because of John, Daphne's interest in religion also grew. When she found herself feeling negatively to the idea of marriage in her early years of college, she turned to Bible study and discovered that it is possible to have a happy marriage. Daphne got married in the middle of her junior year with a home economics major and an optimistic view point of marriage.

"With Christ," she explained, "a marriage can improve...I'm really looking forward to the rest of ours."

John has a similar point of view. "Without a relationship with God, people really can't love each other. That's why a lot of marriages have grown shallow. Marriage was often just something people thought they should do. It doesn't mean anything without God."

In marriage, Daphne and John follow the traditional husband and wife roles. John provides, and Daphne stays home and cooks and cleans. Daphne relies totally on John from the economic standpoint.

"I don't feel like I'm taking a step down or losing my individuality," Daphne commented. "I find marriage very exciting. We're involved with this Christian organization and that's what we want to give our lives to."

Being married means a lot to Daphne and John; it's a learning experience and a commitment. "You learn about yourself when you get married," Daphne said. "Selfishness seems to be the main problem in most marriages."

John thinks that being a husband has taught him responsibility. "In marriage, you learn about thinking about other people. Your actions will affect others besides yourself."

The symbolic wedding was an important part of Daphne's and John's marriage. John explained; "A marriage ceremony meant more to us than just a ceremony. It was an expression to everyone who came that we were doing this and that we were committed. Two people can live together and enjoy each others company but if they've never made a commitment in marriage, then their relationship won't last."

Daphne also believes that a commitment is important. "Love is going out on a limb. It's dangerous. You put yourself in a vulnerable position. Unless you're committed to each other, you can't keep putting yourself in that position."

Daphne and John's marriage may have been made in heaven, but right now, it's in their hands. A marriage can last John said if love grows and doesn't become stable or stagnant.

"Love is giving." Daphne and John agree with this statement. If love is giving, then their marriage is in good hands. Daphne and John give of themselves everyday; to their home, to their jobs, to their Christian organization and to each other. **STORY**



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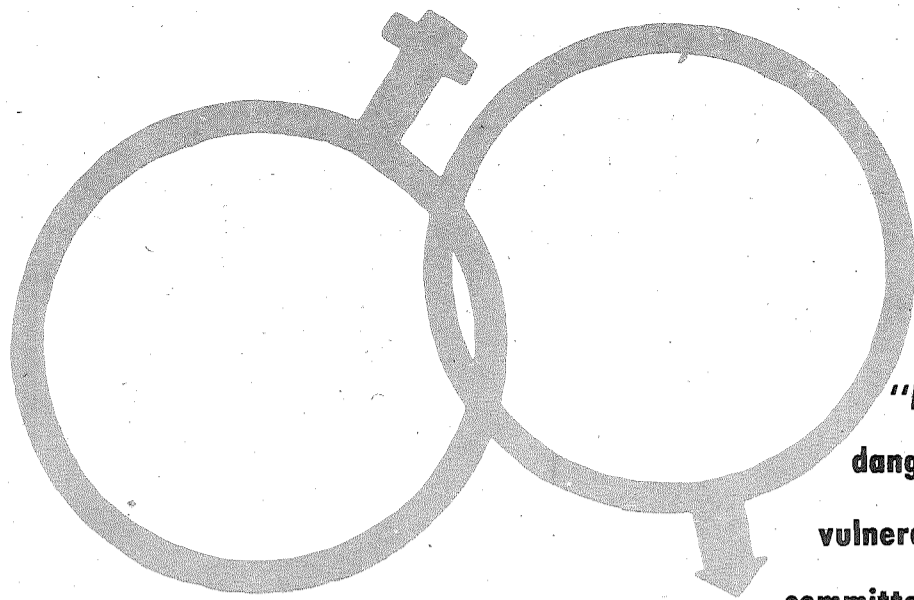
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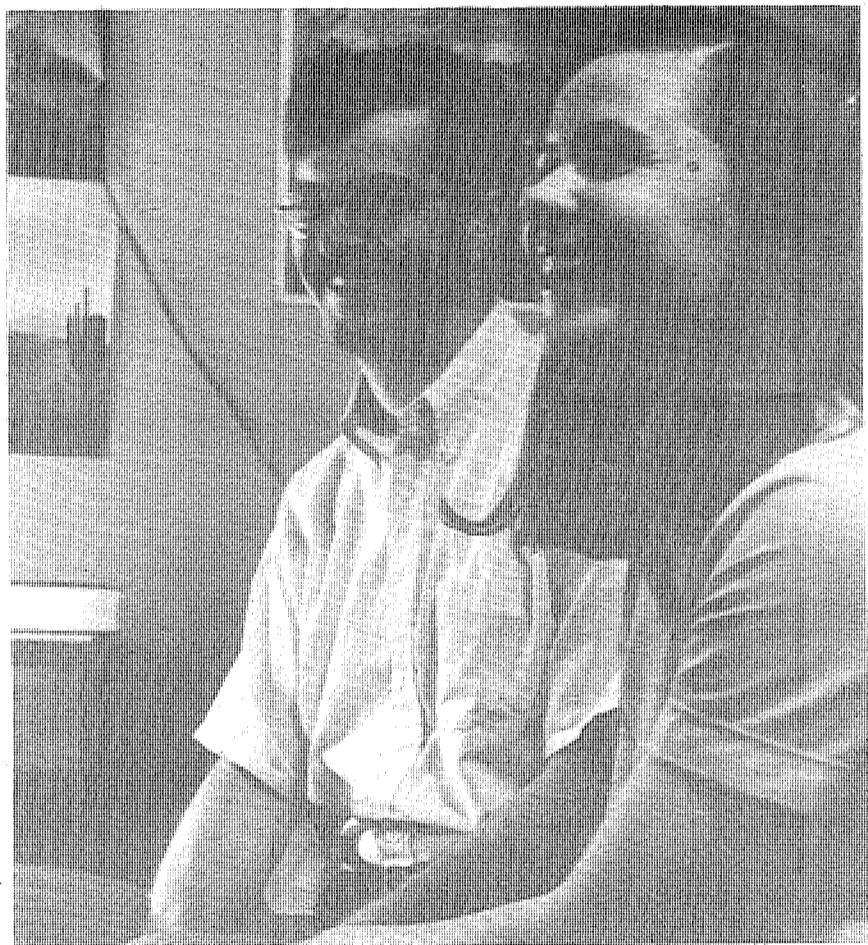
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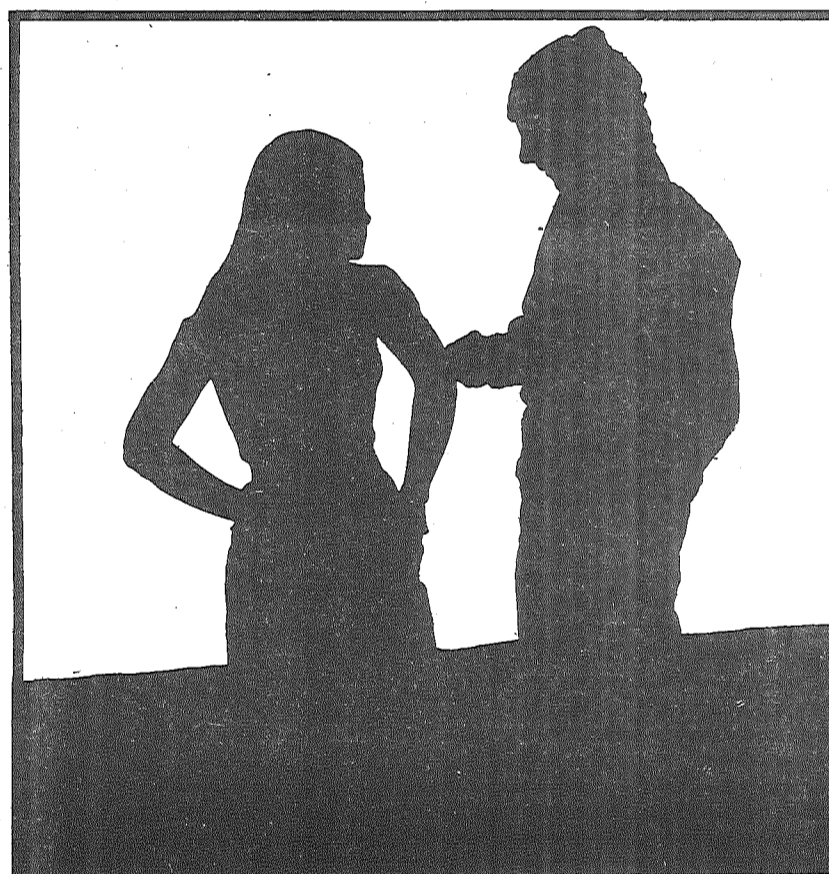


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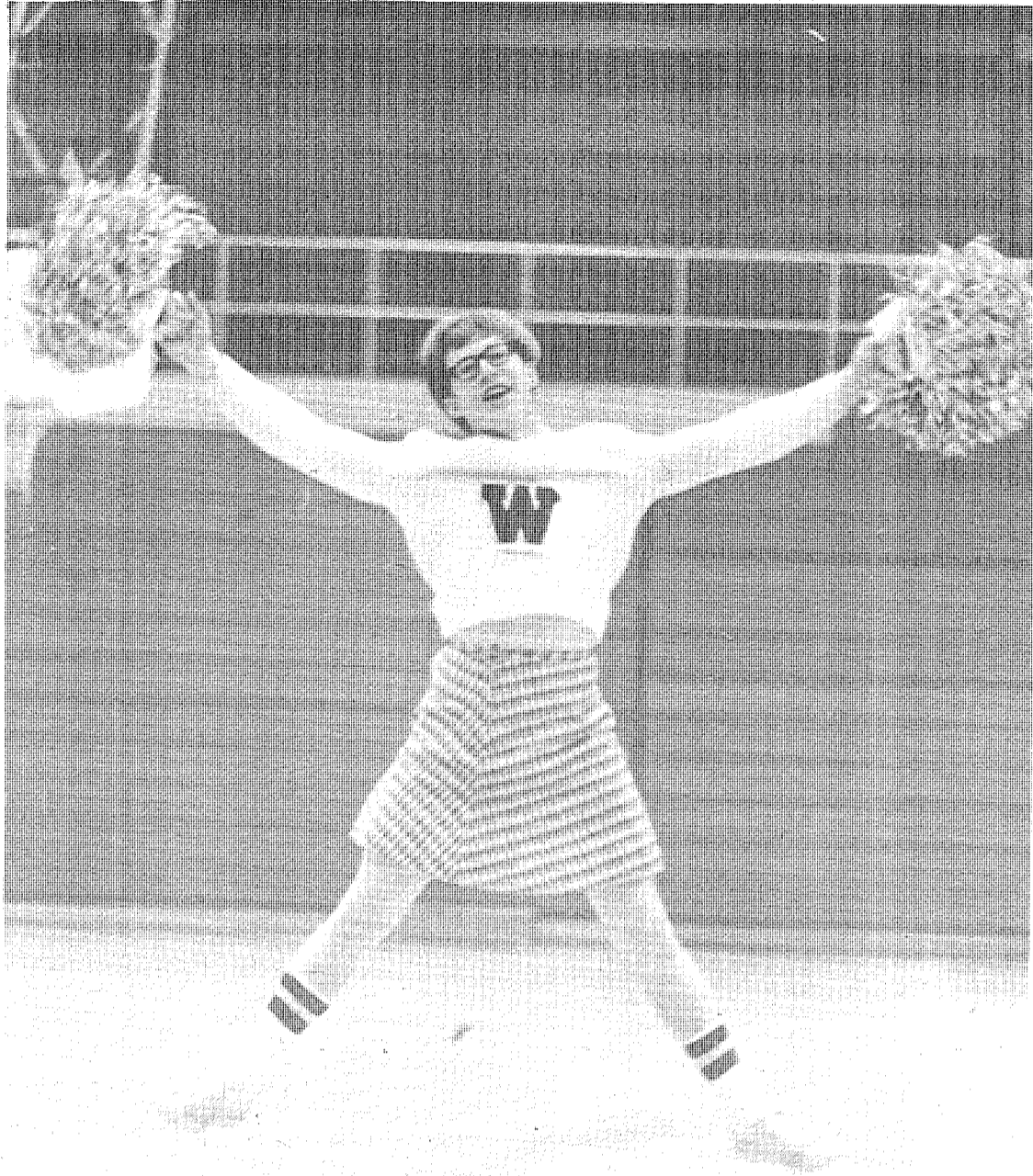
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Jumping Dennis Hartvigsen (74) leads a cheer for the junior girls, in the student-

faculty basketball game.

photo by Elliot Oshiro

Past, present and what's new

Juniors triumph

Dribbling West junior girls bounced over the women student teachers and faculty May 5 in a rousing student-faculty basketball game. The girls defeated the teachers with a 49 to 43 victory.

At the whistle the juniors took immediate control of the game. They went ahead 12 to nothing in the first quarter. The girls lead all the way and showed no signs of fear at the attacking teachers.

Despite their loss, the teachers did have a few bright moments when gym teacher, Phyllis Urban charged into the game. With dazzling plays and a friendly scorekeeper the faculty kept fighting.

The juniors swishing victory was highlighted by performances of Sue Anciaux, Becky Carson, Cece Cutler, Dawn Fenske, Paula Hanson, Bev Meade, Deb Miller, Janet Pope, Janet Ross, Jan Smith, Lori Wei, Barb Weno and Sherri Winter. Proceeds from the game go to this year's Junior-Senior Spring Thing, which will be held May 26.

STORY

Culture speaks

International Day is one day set aside for West students as a cultural experience. High school foreign students from the area visit classes with a host student.

Students were greeted at West Thursday evening with a potluck supper. Following the supper, the visitors and their hosts played volleyball in the gym. On Friday, they visited classes, concentrating on the foreign language and social studies classes.

Speakers from foreign countries such as Romania, Poland, Chile and Yugoslavia told of their experiences living in the United States. Not all the students who participated in International Day are on exchange programs. Some have come merely to study while others have come seeking a new life. STORY

Environment Week

by Sarah Swisher

This year West High School is fortunate enough to have an active Environmental Actions Committee. It consists of a small but devoted group led by Nancy Feddersen. They have planned a week of environmental emphasis called "Environmental Actions Week."

Starting Monday, April 23, West High students will be asked to spend a lot of time thinking about, and maybe some time working on, the improvement of our environment. Each department is asked to get involved in some way. English classes could do some reading and writing about nature, while social studies classes could discuss individual improvements. Art classes may plan to make posters.

Tuesday, April 24, has been set aside as self-motivation day. Cars create air pollution, but horses and bicycles do not. Feet even have distinct possibilities. The committee is encouraging getting together with a group of friends and walking or riding together. If cars must be used as a last resort, then form a car pool. One car with four people is an improvement over four single passenger cars.

Since West has the only committee of this sort in the district, the principals of all the other schools have been contacted and encouraged to participate in some form. No specific plans have been made at this point.

To end the week of activities, Project Green has asked West students to take part in a "Bike-a-thon" which they are sponsoring. It was organized in order to raise money for a bicycle path on Highway 218 from North Dubuque street, across the Interstate 80 interchange to the Coralville Reservoir. The "Bike-a-thon" is scheduled for Sunday, April 29, regardless of the weather. It is based on a pledge system much the same as the "Hunger Hikes" in past years have been organized.

Riders are asked to assemble at one p.m. on Capitol Street, between Market and Jefferson. The route will consist of a minimal two mile lap, and any individual may cover fifty miles or twenty five laps.

"We hope to involve each student in some activity. The important item is awareness. People need to be aware of what surrounds them and how their environment affects them" says Nancy Feddersen. "We will be needing all of the help and participation we can get."

Individual teachers will have a schedule of events and interested people should be informed of each activity. It promises to be an informative and rewarding week. The Environmental Actions Committee sincerely hopes that everyone will take advantage of the opportunity to learn more about the world around them. STORY

What's happening?

April 16-20	Spring Vacation
April 20-22	Vivachi! Dance Theatre, University Theatre 8:00 p.m.
April 24	GRA Mother-Daughter Night 7-10 p.m.
April 25	University Symphony Band 8:00 p.m., Hancher
April 27	Pep Club Dance 8-12 p.m.
May 1	Travel Club trip to Hannibal Missouri
May 2	University Symphony Orchestra, 8:00 p.m. Hancher
May 3-5	West Chorus Tour
May 11-12	Red and White Carnival City High

Girls spring into athletics

by Tim Grady

With spring well into its third week, track, golf and tennis are in full swing.

Although some people assume these are boys' activities, they do not realize that these sports are offered to the girls of West High as well.

Girls track is in its first year at West. 55 girls reported for the first practice and according to head coach Ralph Kryder everybody will get a chance. "A big criticism of girls' athletics is that so many girls drop out. One of the main goals of this track season is keep all 55 of the girls interested," Mr. Kryder stated.

There is no definite schedule yet but Mr. Kryder expects two dual meets along with a number of invitationals. There will be three teams, varsity, reserve and sophomore so everyone will be included.

Golf is also a fairly new sport for the girls. Last year, in its initial season a squad of six girls participated in the sectional tournament at Belle Plaine. This year head coach Dean Frerichs expects at least seven meets. Having not received the official schedule, Mr. Frerichs says it will consist of City High and several Cedar Rapids schools. This year's squad has 15 girls, headed by returnees Becky Carson (74), Peggy Stokes (74), Cathy Epperson (74), Connie Knowling (74), Cece Cutler (74) and Janet Homewood (73).

Heading the girls' tennis team will be three girls back from the top six. Barb Rakel (74), Jane Boenker (74) and Karen Ranshaw (73) hope to improve last year's 5-7 dual meet mark. **STORY**



Paula Hanson (74) follows Karen Villhauer (73) as they work out during a girls' spring track practice. Over 50 girls

signed up for track, which is in its initial season at West High.

photo by Elliot Oshiro

BRIEFS

Trackmen strive for records; tennis and golf get underway

Tennis

This year's West High tennis team is looking ahead to one of their best seasons ever and a possible Mississippi Valley Championship.

The team is led by returning senior standout Jim Houghton. Jim placed third in the state last year and has a good chance of becoming West's second state singles champion. Other returning West lettermen are Paul Maxwell (73), Tim Grady (74) and Mike Anderson (75). U-High lettermen now playing for West are Craig Becker (74), Chuck Vernon (74), Nick Rossi (75) and Charlie Hale (75).

The team's chief competitor will be Bettendorf, Valley champ for the last three years.

According to the West High coach Ed Foraker, "West has a real strong team this year, we have everybody back from last year and up and down the line we have one of the toughest teams in the Valley. If we get ready we could beat Bettendorf and take the Valley crown, but it won't be easy."

West has a strong lineup from first to last man consisting of Jim Houghton, Craig Becker, Paul Maxwell, Chuck Vernon and Nick Rossi. West's first meet is against cross city rival City High on April 11. Coach Foraker commented that "West should have a fairly easy time in defeating City High." **STORY**

Golf

This is the best turn out of golfers West has ever had," stated golf coach Harry Dean when asked about this year's team.

Practice officially started Monday, April 2, although many players have been practicing so that they will be in top shape.

Coach Dean stated "Tom Huber (73) should be one of the best golfers in the conference, but the fact that he will have to miss the first two meets could hurt him. Jim Bain (73) is another golfer that came along real well last year."

"This year's team is lacking experience, having only three returning lettermen. It's hard to say whether we can improve on last year's 5-5-1: win-loss-tie record. **STORY**

Track

Depth wise, this is the best track team West has ever had. We have over 60 boys out for track, 25 seniors," stated head track coach Gary Hollingsworth.

West opened its outdoor track season April 5th against Cedar Rapids Kennedy. Kennedy finished a point and half behind West in the indoor Mississippi Valley conference meet, but West came back to beat them 99-93 in the outdoor meet.

Coach Hollingsworth said, "Our goals for this season are to do better in dual meets and to do better than fifth place in the Drake Relays."

Co-captains for the track team are Larry Lindell (73) and Jeff Hartzler (73). Both captains are probable record breakers in the high jump and the mile and two mile, respec-

tively. Other hopeful record breakers are Don Rinehart (73) in the 100 and 220 yard dashes, Mark Parker (73) in the half mile, Mark Kozik (73) in the two mile and Bruce Banres (73) in the high jump and shot put.

Other steady performers for West are John Waite (73) in the long jump, Doug Hetzler (73) in the mile run, Steve Riggan (73) in the relays, Jim Schedl (73) in the relays, Chris Wilhite (73) in the quarter mile, Kevin Rittger (73) in the hurdles, Glen McCord (73) discus and John Cretzmeyer (73) in the pole vault.

Future track events for West are Saturday, April 14th at Tipton for the Tipton Tiger Relays, Tuesday, April 17th at Amana and Saturday, April 21st, here for the A.C. Forwald Relays. **STORY**



Fishing has always been popular around Iowa City, especially here below the

Burlington Street bridge on the Iowa River. photo by Paul Olin

Go fishing, save money

by Karl Moscrip

Saving money and relaxing are two things that seem to be important to many people today. One way to combine these two activities is fishing. Tom Anderson (73), said he fishes more for enjoyment but that the fish he catches "help out with the grocery bill."

If money is your main concern, then you will be interested to know that little equipment is required to "go fishin'." All you need is a long pole, an inexpensive reel, some line (six pound test will handle just about anything the Iowa river has to offer) and a few inexpensive plugs and jigs. Minnows are also helpful, but expensive. If you plan to do lots of fishing, it is best to seín your own minnows in the spring.

Lying on a grassy bank with a pole propped up on a forked stick is a relaxing way to fish, but if you really want to take home a full stringer, you have to work a bit.

Hip waders are an almost must for this type of angling. The way to do it is to wade out in the water to get closer to the fish, cast into a backwash (a place where the water is still and food and debris accumulate, such as the downstream side of a large rock) and work the jig, spoon or plug—depending on what type of fish you want to catch.

No catches are guaranteed, but almost everything you catch is edible. Walleyes, walleye eggs if you like caviar, northerns (anything under three pounds throw back—too many bones) and crappies. Catfish can be bought in the summer, but lately there has been talk of mercury contamination in scavenger fish. Game fish are not plagued with this pollution problem. They provide a cheap source of food for the part-time fisherman. **STORY**

Unusual sport in skydiving

by Erik Madsen

Skydiving could be considered a strange sport. Jumping out of a plane at 3,000 feet is not exactly the safest thing to do, but about 30,000 Americans will try it this year.

Most people would never skydive because they are afraid of falling to the ground at that great a speed (about 120 miles per hour until your chute opens). These people would rather stay on the ground than entrust their lives to a parachute; but skydivers are a rare breed of people.

Considering the risk involved, it is often hard for the divers themselves to explain why they jump. Reasons range from "proving yourself" to "a sense of freedom". As one skydiver says, "It (skydiving) gives me a free and peaceful feeling because there is no one around"

Also known as parachuting, it was first used to drop troops or supplies and as an escape route for passengers in airplanes.

Early in the 1930's, people started to think of parachuting as a sport and competitions were later developed to judge form and accuracy. Since then, it has been growing in popularity but lack of facilities and funds keep it from becoming a big sport.

While it takes intensive training before attempting to skydive, the only real requirement is that you have a "cool head." Training includes physical conditioning and learning how to fall and land. All facets of a pre-dive program are very important because they reduce greatly the possibility of an accident.

Men and women from 14 and up can skydive if there are proper facilities.

There is a course in skydiving at the University of Iowa for a fee of \$50, worth one hour of credit. Included in the course are 30 hours of ground training and two jumps at a jump site near Lone Tree. **STORY**

Big Norm's sports calendar

April 14 C.R. Washington & Kennedy (tennis)

April 21 Girls' meet at City High (golf)
A.C. Forwald Relays at City High (track)

April 29 . Motocross at New Hartford, Iowa (contact: 351-5900)

May 1 C.R. Prairie Relays at Prairie (track)

May 6 Motocross at Iowa City (contact: 351-5900)

May 19 M.V.C. Outdoor at Muscatine (track)

