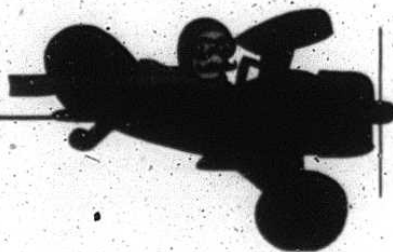


BREAK!



If you could go anywhere for spring break, where would it be and why?

Low interest sinks senior trip

BY BRIAN REYNOLDS

Only 15 out of 194 seniors signed up for the much discussed senior trip to Williamsburg, Virginia. The trip was cancelled due to the lack of interest.

According to Sergeant Major Keith Taylor, who is part of the Student Support Committee, "The senior trip was not planned quickly enough. People did not have enough money or enough time to gather money."

Many seniors thought the senior trip was overpriced.

"Five hundred and fifty dollars is way too much for a senior trip to Virginia," said senior Shanda Stamper.

"For that price we could go to Florida or somewhere better than Virginia."

Though some students felt the cost was too high, Taylor said \$550 was probably the lowest price possible for a trip on short notice, with such a large number.

Discussion concerning a senior trip began as early as last March. The Student Council began taking action in September, but the information did not get to the seniors until early February.

Recommended Taylor, "If underclassmen are interested in a senior trip they should begin planning the beginning of their junior year."



The Virgin Islands, because that's where I need to be.
—Michael Brummett, 11th grade



Jamaica, because it has very hot weather, and I love to see tropical places.—Brittany Offutt, 9th grade



The Bahamas, because I have never been.
—Angie Boring, 12th grade



Paris, because I have been once and I loved my time there.
—Amanda Cummins, 11th grade

Students, teachers ready for spring

BY JACOB MELTON

"ROAD TRIP," said senior Daphne Adams when discussing her plans for Spring Break 2002.

"Destination unknown, but I don't care, I'm just going."

Adams won't be the only person headed out of town. Spring break is next week, and that means one whole week off of school for students to do whatever comes their way.

There are several students who are going to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, including junior Elizabeth Matekovich.

"Because there is nowhere else to go and I don't want to stay here," she said.

Junior Tiffany Chandler will also be vacationing on the Atlantic coast.

"I always go to Myrtle Beach with my family," said Chandler.

Science teacher Debbie Cash also goes with her family to the



same place every year—Cocoa Beach with the baseball team.

"I have gone to Florida since my oldest son [Andrew] was a freshman."

But is going to Florida with the baseball team really that great?

English teacher Nancy Bussell thinks so. Her entire family goes along.

"The sun, the water, and the baseball—it has it all."

If she had the chance to go anywhere she wasted she would still go Cocoa Beach.

While some loll about on the sand, there are those people that just want to kick back and relax.

"I am going to spend the week at UTH (University of The House)," said senior P.J. Rowe.

Principal John Hale's plans are simple, too.

"I plan to have a few days off

without any telephones."

But while some kick it back at the house with their family others have to travel to see their family.

"I am looking forward to spring break very much," said Assistant Principal Betty Jo McKinney.

"My daughter and my son live in Nashville and I have a new granddaughter who is four and a half months old. I am hoping to spend a couple of days there and hold that baby."

Sophomore Jennifer Kidwell will also be spending time with her family.

"I am going to Florida to see my mom. I don't get to see her but like two times a year."