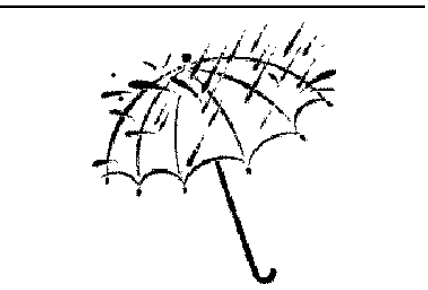
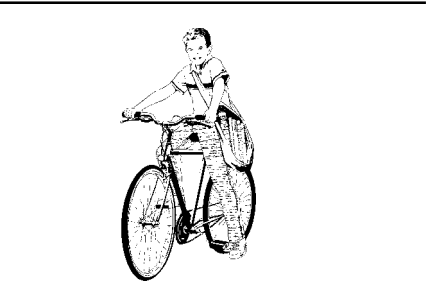


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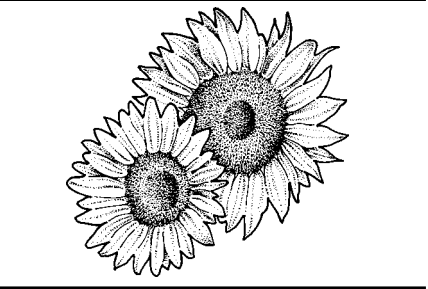
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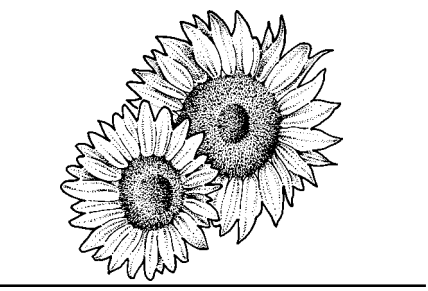
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## March to the beat

### Students learn from marching guests

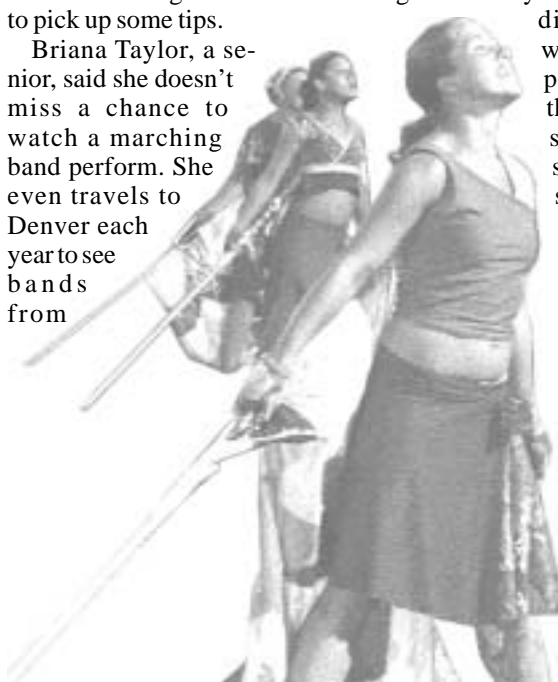
**By Kathryn Burke**  
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The pound of the drums reverberated through Cowboy Stadium as the sound of over 100 horns rose to the sky.

The crowd stood on their feet, cheering and yelling in appreciation, and the Crossmen, a drum and bugle corps passing through town, took a bow.

The stands were packed with teachers, doctors, businessmen and Goodland High School marching band students looking to pick up some tips.

Briana Taylor, a senior, said she doesn't miss a chance to watch a marching band perform. She even travels to Denver each year to see bands from



all over the country compete.

"I've told a lot of kids that they need to go," she said.

Taylor plays the piccolo and the flute and joins the marching band on the flag team. This year, she will be the captain of the team.

Taylor was at the stadium early and watched the band practice. When they practice in slow motion, she said, it helps to see the moves.

"They're pretty good," she said.

Josh Cech, a junior, said he really likes watching the band.

Cech has played the trombone, an instrument not included in the corps, since fifth grade. He said he likes to watch the band play anyway.

"It's amazing what they do," he said, adding the band has an edge just through attitude.

"What really makes a big impact is their energy."

Cech joins the marching band at school and said watch-



Cech



Tovar



Rohr



Bolin

ing the corps helps him to pick up good ideas.

He wants to pursue music in college and said he'd love to join a similar marching band.

"I think that'd be really cool," he said.

Matt Rohr, a senior, said he was learning moves from the band.

"It was really good," he said after the performance.

He said the marching band here doesn't practice as often as the Crossmen. He said they do get to work on marching at the two week band camp in the summertime.

The drum and bugle corps even drew an audience from out of town.

Gabriel Tovar and Jacob Bolin of Burlington traveled 30 miles from their hometown to see them play. Both are in the drum line at Burlington High School. Tovar is a senior, and Bolin is a junior.

"We pick up a lot of stuff," Tovar said, like different combinations and things with the snare drums.

He said going on to play for a corps is what he practices for.

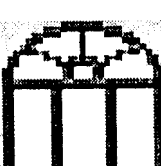
"That's kind of my dream," he said.



The drumline and bugle players in the Crossmen Drum and Bugle Corps (top) donned their uniforms and put on a show at Cowboy Stadium. The flag team (middle) danced using flags and props. The entire field was filled with performers for a short show after a day of practice for the Crossmen.  
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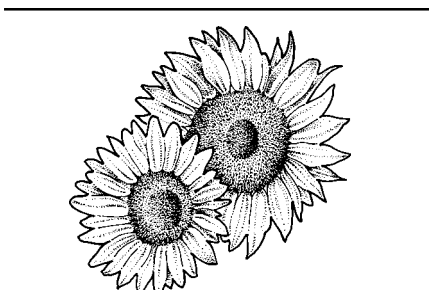


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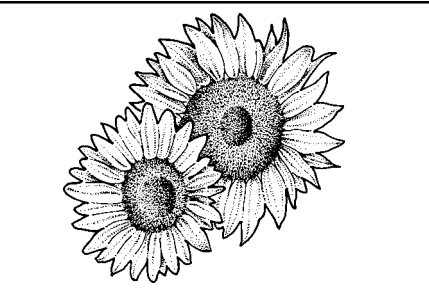
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