

**HOLMES, ONCE AGAIN CONGRATULATIONS
ON SOLVING THE MISSING MARBLES...
WANT TO SHARE YOUR PROCESS ?**



**EASY... FIRST, I HAD TO DETERMINE
WHY SOMEONE WOULD STEAL ALL THE
MARBLES JUST BEFORE THE SCHOOL'S
SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIP... ?**



**SECOND, HOW DO YOU SNEAK
OUT OVER 100 MARBLES FROM
THE SCHOOL WITHOUT
ANYONE NOTICING ?**



**I WOULD GUESS SOMEONE WHO
WANTED TO HAVE THE MARBLES TO
HIMSELF MIGHT STEAL THEM ALL...**



**OR SOMEONE WHO SIMPLY CANNOT
STAND THE SIGHT OF THEM... SUCH
AS PROFESSOR MARBURY.**



**YOU MAY RECALL HE TRIPPED A FEW WEEKS AGO
AND SEVERELY SPRAINED HIS ANKLE,
NECESSITATING THE USE OF A CRUTCH.**



WHAT YOU MAY NOT BE AWARE OF IS HE
SLIPPED ON SOME MARBLES LEFT ON THE
DINING HALL FLOOR BY A COUPLE OF
ABSENT-MINDED STUDENTS.



I WAS COMING BACK FOR THEM IN JUST A FEW MINUTES... I WAS CHECKING OUT A DISTURBANCE IN THE AUDITORIUM.



THUS THE MOTIVE... I WAS ALSO ABLE TO DISCERN AS HE WAS WALKING THROUGH THE COURTYARD TODAY THAT HIS CRUTCH WAS LEAVING A DEEPER IMPRINT THAN IN PREVIOUS DAYS...



**THIS COULD ONLY BE DUE TO HIS HOLLOW
ALUMINUM CRUTCH BEING HEAVIER THAN
USUAL... HE INTENDED ON DUMPING THE
STASH IN THE ON-CAMPUS POND.**



**WELL, THE MARBLES HAVE BEEN
RETURNED AND THE PROFESSOR HAS
BEEN GIVEN A FEW MONTHS OFF...**



I GUESS YOU COULD SAY
HE 'LOST HIS MARBLES' IN
MORE WAYS THAN ONE...

