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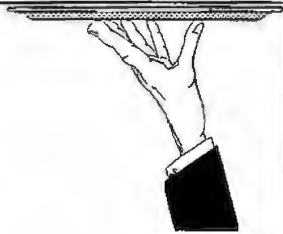
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## New equipment brings world to HA High School

New equipment is helping Hoopeston Area High School students get a better focus on the world.

A new video cassette converter and monitor allows students to take videos filmed throughout the world and convert them to the National Television Systems Council (NTSC) format used in the U.S.

The \$2,900 Panasonic system was purchased jointly by the school district and Hoopeston Rotary club.

While expensive, "five years ago, you couldn't

touch it for \$10,000 to \$15,000," said Dan Read, high school media teacher.

Using the converter, monitor, a VCR and television, as well as the original tape and a blank one, the system converts the original from any of several formats into NTSC, producing the converted version on the new tape. It can also convert an NTSC video into formats used in other parts of the world.

The converter is designed to automatically identify the format of the video being converted, and

See **EQUIPMENT** on other side

## New Miss Hoopeston to be crowned at DSA banquet

A new Miss Hoopeston will be named Wednesday to represent Hoopeston and the Jaycees' National Sweetcorn Festival.

Shannon Cornelius will be crowned at the annual Jaycees Distinguished Service Award banquet Wednesday night, said Marti Kaeb, co-director of the National Sweetheart Pageant.

Cornelius, 18, was chosen in November, from a field of approximately 14 girls, Kaeb said.

The selection committee chose her, in part, because of her experience in other pageants. As first runner up at the Miss Vermilion County Fair, "she knew about interviews and that sort of thing," Kaeb said. "She presented herself very well."

Also considered were Cornelius' high school activities, which included serving as class president, student council president and secretary of the National Honor Society. She was also involved in cheerleading, cross country, Authors So-

ciety, Future Homemakers of America and chorus.

In her entry form, Cornelius explained that she wanted to be Miss Hoopeston because the title "is a lifetime experience which I will never forget - a year full of meeting new people, visiting pageants, preparing speeches, participating in Sweetcorn Festival events and, most important, representing Hoopeston."

As Miss Hoopeston, Cornelius will represent Hoopeston and promote the festival at area pageants and parades. She will also give speeches to community groups, and, during the 1995 festival, will work with the pageant committee, participate in the pageant, and serve as official hostess to the Miss National Sweetheart contestants.

Cornelius is a student at Eastern Illinois University, plans to major in elementary education. She is the daughter of Gary Cornelius of Hoopeston and Valerie Cornelius of Florida.

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**Equipment** continued from other side  
also lists formats used in various countries throughout the world. "If we know the country, but don't know the system, it can help us with that," Read said.

The system will benefit local Rotary exchange students, both incoming and outgoing, as well as their families and others who have friends or family overseas, said Rotarian Jim Bowers.

Exchange students traditionally take slides of Hoopeston with them on their travels, which has presented a problem. "In some countries, it's virtually impossible to find a slide projector," Bowers said.

The new technology will allow students to video Hoopeston and their lives to show to in the countries they visit, and will allow students to record their adventures overseas and play them when they return. Incoming students will be able to convert films of their home countries.

Hoopeston residents will be able to convert videos for free, if they provide their own blank tapes. Local businesses and other Rotary clubs in the district will be charged a \$15/video hour fee, half what is charged commercially for video conversions.

Bowers said a survey done prior to the purchase showed a local need for the technology, both because of price and distance.

Similar systems are available in Champaign, St. Joseph and Charleston, Bowers said. Some large retail stores offer conversion, but take five to six weeks to make tapes "and the quality was terrible," he said.

Approximately six Hoopeston people have asked about having videos converted. Others have called with questions, especially about whether the converter also changes foreign language videos into English. "It doesn't translate," Read said.

Anyone wishing to take advantage of the technology may contact Hoopeston Area High School at (217) 283-6661 or any Rotarian.

## Sign-up underway for dinner

Sign-up is now underway for the fourth annual Sweetheart Banquet at 12:30 p.m. Feb. 14, in the Hoopeston Area High School gym.

Reservations for the special senior citizens dinner can be made by calling 283-6668 by Jan. 27.

## Police News



No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 3:27 p.m. Tuesday.

Ryan J. Goodner, 405 S. Second Ave., was driving a 1985 Mercury northbound in the alley between Fifth and Sixth streets when he struck a 1989 Dodge Ram 50, driven by Russell L. Rudd, 813 E. Lincoln.

According to police reports, Rudd stopped to make a right onto East Chestnut. Goodner reportedly told police he tried to avoid Rudd's vehicle but slid on snow.

Carolyn S. Daniel, 823 Elm, reported Tuesday that someone took a jacket from her son's locker at the junior high school. The jacket is valued at \$110.

Lori Ziegler, 126 E. Fifth Ave., Rankin, reported Wednesday that while she was working Tuesday, someone took an unspecified amount of money from her billfold. The theft occurred at McDonald's.

## In the hospital



**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital  
Jan. 10, 1995**

**Admitted:** none.

**Discharged:** Nell Simmons, Hoopeston; Claire Dewey, Rossville.

## Weather



Cloudy and mild today, with a 50 percent chance of rain. High 45-50. Tonight, rain continuing. Low in the upper 30s. Tomorrow, showers likely. High near 46, low near 41.

*Hoopeston Jaycees*

## Pancake & Sausage Day

**Saturday, Jan. 14  
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