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★ **Police News** ★

Two boys, ages 15 and 16, were arrested at 8:13 p.m. Thursday in the 100 block of East Main. Each was charged with loitering and released on a notice to appear.

The black and pink Magna bicycle found Sept. 13 at 330 W. Orange was claimed Friday by the owner.

Robert D. Wood, 19, of 707 W. Penn, was arrested at 8:15 p.m. Friday in the 100 block of East Main. He was charged with loitering and released on a notice to appear.

A boy's 10-speed bicycle was found Saturday in the Price Less parking lot. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

Briefly

Band contest results

The Marching Cornjerkers took fifth overall at Saturday's Viking Invitational contest at Danville High School.

The group received second in field and parade behind Champaign Centennial High School, and was awarded best percussion section.

The Marching Cornjerkers tied for best auxiliary and received third for drum majors at the competition, their first of the season.

The band competed against 17 other schools at the event.

The Marching Cornjerkers directed by Mark and Marty Lindvahl.

Music Booster winners

This week's winners in the Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing are: Oct. 2, Phillis Vandenberg, Hoopeston; Oct. 3: Louise Hamilton, Hoopeston; Oct. 4: Hoopeston Area Junior High Student Council, Becky Prina, Hoopeston; Oct. 5: Jerry Scott, Wellington; and Oct. 6: Clara Kaufman, Rankin.

Yard nominees

Don't forget to call Just the Facts with nominees for this week's People's Choice yard contest.

Call 283-9348 between noon and 1 p.m. Nominees will be listed in Wednesday's edition.

Senior citizens to meet

Rossville Area senior citizens will have a potluck at noon Oct. 9 at the Rossville Church of Christ. Blood pressure checks will be given and David Trimmell, exchange student who went to Lapland, will give the program.

Area seniors are invited to bring a covered dish and participate.

Flu shots will be given at the church from 1:30-4 p.m. Oct. 10. Shots free to Medicare patients with Medicare cards.

Obituaries

COBB - Danny W. Cobb, 40, of Hoopeston, died at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, 1995, at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial, with military graveside rites, will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hoopeston Police Department Auxiliary.

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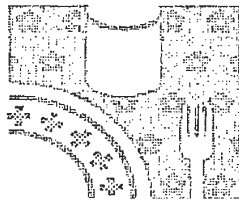
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Classifieds

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College student finds algebra class X-asperating, asks Y

I must have masochistic tendencies.

I say this because this fall, I decided to go back to school, get some higher education.

One of the classes that students must take to get a degree in almost anything these days is math. More specifically, algebra.

Now, I'm not in a regular algebra class, mind you. I'm in what I call "idiot algebra" for those of us not quite ready for the real thing.

It's been a long time since I've had to work with Xs and Ys instead of 2s and 3s.

X and Y are called "variables" because they change. I always thought math was an exact science. After all, the answer to 2+2 doesn't change (except in California schools, where you get points for trying even if you don't get the answer right. It's a self-esteem thing).

We just finished a lovely section on story problems. You remember story problems, don't you? They go something like:

"Dillweed has \$30,000 invested in two accounts. One pays 10 percent interest, the other pays seven percent. How much does Dillweed have in each account?"

The answer seems easy. Dillweed is not too bright if he's got money invested at seven percent when he could be getting 10.

(Unless, of course, it is easier to liquidate the money invested at seven than it is the money invested at 10, but if that were true, Dillweed did not plan ahead well.)

Anyway, I learned that writing that Dillweed needs a financial counselor is not going to get me any points with the teacher.

Instead, I go through this long formula, substituting X for one amount and Y for the other amount, then multiplying them by .07 and .1, subtracting this from that and saying some magical mumbo-jumbo over the whole thing to make it come out right.

Another favorite:

"Train A leaves the station at 9:15, travelling 60 miles per hour. Train B leaves its station at 10:05 going 75. When will they meet?"

I say that's impossible to solve, because everybody knows trains never run on time. And what if Train A has to stop because there's a herd of cows on the track?

Meanwhile, Train B may have had some kind of mechanical breakdown, or been hijacked,

making it late.

Futhermore, who's to say that they're not running on the same track and that when they meet, they'll run into each other at their respective rates of speed, killing everybody on board.

Do we really want Train A and Train B to meet? I think not.

College students are allowed, in fact encouraged, to use calculators to solve these problems. But there's a fly in that ointment, too. In order to use my calculator correctly, I'd need a degree to figure out what all the buttons are for. I'll be darned if I can figure out how to use the keys that are supposed to fill in for X and Y.

I can't figure out why I need algebra. It's not like I'm planning a career in math or engineering. I plan to use words, just like I do now. I don't mind Xs and Ys when they're in words.

But someone, in an ivory tower somewhere, decided college students should have a well-rounded education, including algebra.

If you ask me, he should be Xed off the face of the earth because I see no practical reason Y I have to take this stuff.



Weather

Mostly sunny today with a high in the mid 70s. Tonight, increasing clouds with a 40 percent chance of showers. Low in the mid to upper 50s. Tomorrow, rainy and cooler. High near 66, low near 56.

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