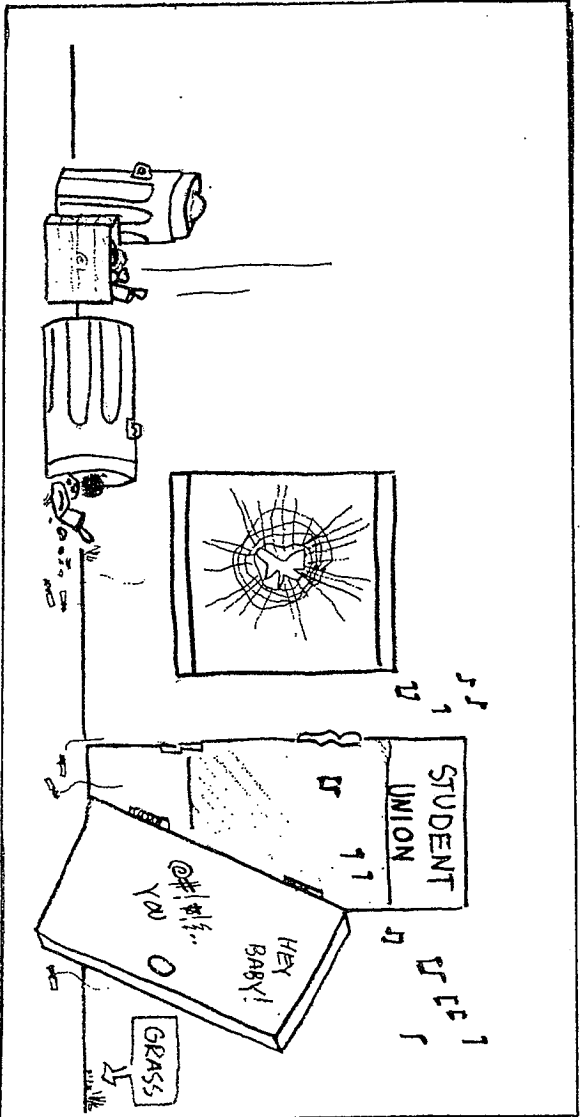


# Misuse and Vandalism Force "Student's Union" to Close



Guess why the student union was closed . . . .

What happens when we finally succeed in obtaining a room for us? It is abused. Many of us never entered the room or even knew it existed, but now our student room is closed.

Room A-2 was opened a few weeks ago for the students of Peterson High. It was furnished with desks, chairs, a couch, and even a record player. It wasn't lavish, but it was neat and clean, and it was ours.

Now it is closed. It is obvious that we were not prepared to use it properly.

We were permitted to make use of the chalkboard. People began using different colors of chalk which are hard to erase. This was accepted, but then students began using walls, poles, and bulletin boards as additional drawing space. Most of this

cannot be removed. The record player also became a problem. Students did not know how to properly use and treat this piece of equipment or the records that belonged to other students.

Food was even allowed in the room. Ice cream, potato chips, and student's lunches were brought in. Much of the food and the wrappings ended on the union floor.

The students, in addition to these disturbances, added to the general chaos by making far too much noise, thus creating competition for neighboring teachers trying to teach classes.

The result - the doors of the students' room are now locked. After it has been cleaned up, the room will be re-opened for the students' use. This time, let's try to keep it open.

## Car Rally Planned For April; Juniors to Sponsor Happening

"Pie Plate Doubleons" is coming! Friday night, April 10, 1970 is the date and Peterson High School parking lot is the place of the junior class sponsored car rally. The registration time is 6:00 to 7:45 p.m. and the cost is \$2.00 per car.

There will be three divisions to accommodate everyone: beginner, novice, and expert. No experience will be necessary. Trophies and plaques will be awarded for top finishers in each category and one trophy for "dead last." Dash plates will be distributed to every car that participates.

Release forms will be required from all students entering from another high school. They should be obtained by April 10 in order to fill out necessary information and validating parent's permission. Two people to each car is all that is needed, but no limit is going to be set. The only equipment necessary to each car is a clipboard, or some strong surface to write on, and a flashlight. The rally will be a variety map rally and will mainly cover Santa Clara and Sunnyvale. The objective is to figure out the clues presented

and then locate the corresponding streets and the pie plate here.

This rally is to have fun and is open to the public. Mike Mace, co-ordinator of the rally, warns: "Come early and make sure you can enter as a large turn-out is expected."

## San Jose State: Survival Faire!

"Ride a Bicycle for Clean Air," "An Atmospheric Awakening," and "Life Cycle" were the words of the students, faculty, staff, and visitors attending the Survival Faire which was held at the San Jose State College during the week of February 16-20

During the week of the awakening, students rode their bikes to school instead of the usual smog producing autos.

The famous "Burial of the Car" was a disappointment to some people. Instead of using a Plymouth Daytona, a yellow 1970 Ford Maverick was buried.

All shows presented the traveler with a physical and psychological look into the future if America's present rate of decay is maintained.



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### Purple Kool-Aid!

Through another merciless act of fate, the Current has met its deadline and at this moment is serving as an unusual book cover to Pirates all over our groovey little campus. At this time, the journalism people wish to announce that although this issue is a mere two pages, it is quality, and not quantity, that counts in the long run. We wish to apologize for the overall degradation that both quality and quantity have produced. Oh, well, the staff has been so fagged out recently. And yes, Virginia, there is a Linda Ortiz. If you don't like this issue, Steve Turner hopes you choke on your purple kool-aid. Scorch.

### Fresh Honor Roll

Due to a lack of space, the remainder of the honor roll is printed in this issue of the Current. The freshmen not mentioned in the February issue of the newspaper are listed below:

#### FRESHMEN

David Rupel, Patricia Meyer; Geselle Meader, Elaine Endow, Melanie Dickson, Chuck Dougherty.  
Leah Crossetti, Jeff Kanemoto, Craig Ingulis, Gregory Huebschen, Rick Greenan, Bill Fairchild, Mike Mohr.  
Louise Matros, John Mitts, Hector Hayes, David Watts, Judy Akerson, Eric Chalmers, Julie Dunn, Deborah DeYoung, Steve Throver, Gayle Miller.  
The Current staff would again like to extend its congratulations to all freshmen who made the honor roll.  
The honor roll was compiled by Mrs. True Cook, head registrar, and a friendly computer.

Once again, the Current has arrived for all rah-rah Parties. Straight and hot right off the presses, this issue is designed to find its way into the hearts of all Peterson People. Scorch.

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**Wendy Crossetti** sometimes helps.  
**What a burn, right, Wendy?**  
**Advisor and Assistant** . . . . . Nancy Ames and SPIDAH

## P.E. Innovations Necessary

The physical education program at Peterson is outmoded, unfair to many students, and unrealistic. Important innovations should be made in the P.E. system to make it relevant and educationally valid.

In its present form, P.E. is simply considered a trap by many students. Students hate being forced to suit up, to be a number in roll call, to march out for exercises, and to participate in often meaningless activities. How many students really care about learning to folk dance, tumble or play field hockey? As a result many students either cut class or spend their time trying to contrive a way to beat the P.E. system.

For a class that claims one of every six hours of your high school education, these results are a mockery of the educational system. To make learning more relevant and to spur student participation, the English and Social Science departments are introducing a variety of electives. The P.E. department should innovate a similar system of electives.

Such an elective system would allow students to choose the activities which they feel are meaningful. Miss Alverson has stated that she feels it is ridiculous for juniors and seniors to take team sports such as volleyball and basketball. After high school graduation, how often is the average student likely to play volleyball? Probably never. Instead, students should be introduced to sports which would be practical in later life, such as tennis, swimming, golf, archery, and badminton. This elective system would give students the chance to learn these sports in depth.

Also, students would have to take only the activities in which they possess some natural ability. Some students simply have inherited no coordination for tumbling or basketball. Such a lack of coordination can even be dangerous. One junior girl was given the choice of either trying a backbend or having her tumbling grade lowered. She tried the backbend, but having no natural ability for it, she badly injured her back. As a result, she missed school for two weeks while her back recovered. If an elective system had existed, she could have avoided the tumbling course and the injury.

Another important effect of the system would be the change in the status of the P.E. teacher in the school. As he began to teach more specialized and demanding courses, his educational status would also become more professional. He would receive the gratification of instructing a group of fairly enthusiastic students in their chosen sport, instead of forcing hostile or apathetic students to participate in what they see as a pointless activity.

Students are required to spend one period a day for four years in a physical education class. They are coerced to pass this often senseless class in order to graduate. Couldn't the system be changed to allow the students freedom of choice so that P.E. is not just a trap?

## SCOR-R-ICH

by Steve Turner



Happy Unbirthday to Joan Owen. Happy Unbirthday to anyone else for that matter. Anyone who has a birthday today-HAPPY BIRTHDAY. If you would like an unbirthday, come and see me tomorrow. After all, tomorrow is another day. (Forgive me, Scarlett, but "Frankly my dear, I don't give a damn.") Hmm.

I remember that every other Friday in the lunch room at my elementary school in Menlo Park, the cooks would serve a special treat called "Ice Crush." It was ice crushed so fine that it resembled snow, and this was saturated with citrus fruit flavoring. They probably served the dessert (it was the best offered) on the days that they defrosted the refrigerator. Hmm.

Poor little Patty Holmes! First she broke her arm, then the library card cataloge!! Tsk, tsk!! Why should poor Patty suffer? Take note, you know who? Hmm.

Once again, C.S.F. initiation has come and gone. Far-cial and fun and fine. It's a good thing for Greg Keyrk that the initiation takes place but once a year- I don't think that his nervous system could take it.

Spidah is still a very nice catly kitty, Larry Owen.

Running the mile in Phys. Ed., certainly holds no aura of fascination for me. It's much more interesting to watch Cindy Tice and Kacy McCarty walk around the track and then attempt to hit a few golf balls. Keep swing-

ing, girls. Hmm.

Somebody put a fondue fork that was a bit too hot for their own good to their lips the other night. What a burn. Ha.... No, huh? Hmm.

Let's take up a collection to ship Pat Long to some post office near the Siberian salt mines. It certainly will get her out of the area. Hmm. Anna Chavez, why are you ignoring me? Please join the N.B.C. Turn your application in to Wendy Crossetti or Pam Marshall or Nathalia Gullely or somebody. Better yet, turn your application into a potato chip.

The mole walks. Somebodies had better watch it unless they would like to be sucked under by the Underrow. Hmm.

Happy Unbirthday to Larry Owen.

I know a cat that might have kitties. Irony - it is believed that La Kat met her husband on Saint Valentine's day.

Anyone who would like to learn to sing religious hymns and psalms please report to B-7, Wade Ehrlich (Do I hear a CLICK???) will be more than glad to oblige. Let's all sing out! Hmm.

Something really fishy is going on in the Journalism Office. Forgive me, Linda, but I do need to fill up the space.

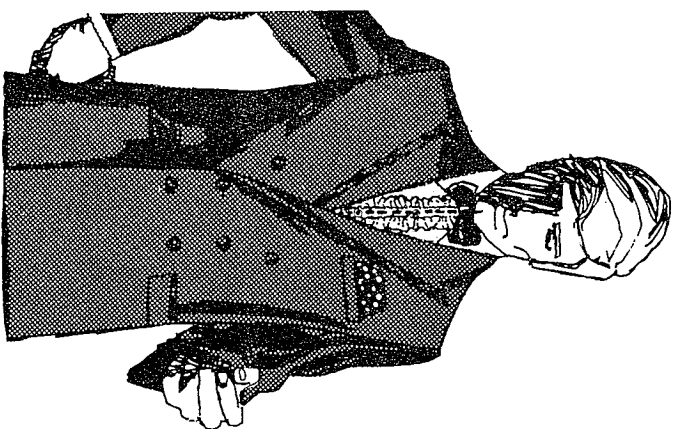
Britt Hammond and Wendy Crossetti snuggle up with blue teddy bears. Hmm.

And to Tommy Tomblin, who wanted me to burn all 17 1/2 inches of him in my next column.

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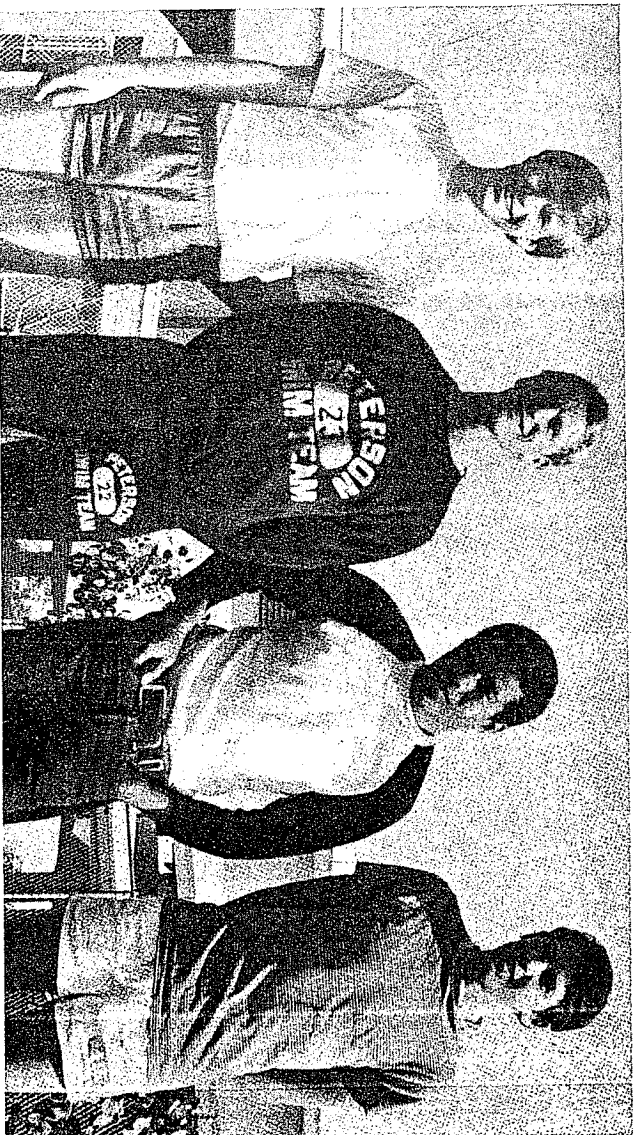
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# GRODINS



Peterson's top four spring sports athletes are (from left) Steve Chikes, track; Tom Bruce, swimming; Palako Tullefano, baseball; and Mike Forchmer, tennis. Ed. note (Chikes has since suffered a broken foot and his usefulness this season is in doubt.)

## Rains Halt Season Openers, Aquamen Finish Three Meets

Like every year since baseball was started here at Peterson a game was rained out. Coach K.R. Smith's crew found themselves in the rain instead of in the dugout during the Cupertino game.

"It figures," complained one of the baseballers, "we always have good weather for practice but every time a game comes up it's another story."

Of course the Varsity nine isn't the only team that is effected by the rain. JV coach Dennis Mulvihill and Frosh coaches Don Ouellette and Mike Paterakis are all equally drowned by the March downpours.

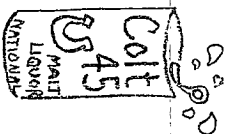
The Freshmen, who always have a large turnout, have 35 yearlings on the field and Ouellette predicts no cuts.

"We can only field 18 players at a time so I am delighted with the great completion out here," Coach Ouellette said.

Track is another sport that has found the hardships of the latest monsoon weather. Coach Nunes, although not available for comment, must be grateful for the rain after losing star trackman Steve Chikes due to a broken foot.

Once it stops raining Nunes and Company will be out to win more than any other track team so come out and watch

## Under the Pop Top

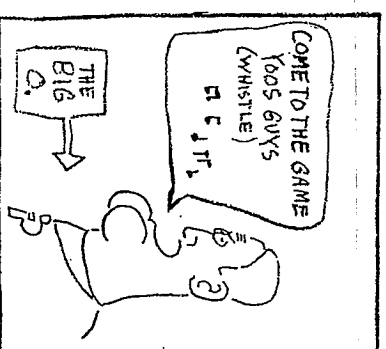


Frosh "L.J." cut short her love affair with "C.F." for the likes of "M.F." ...Trackstar "S.C." has a broken bone in his foot. Will this mean more attention to a certain junior girl? Shades of Yesterday! ...Soph "S.P." dumped "D.W." for "B.W." But even Danny's crutches didn't prevent him from finding "L.L." ..."P.S." is known as the F.N.S. to her friends(?) ...Football star (cough) "P.L." is moving to Santa Barbara this summer. I wonder what Uncle Sam will have to say about that ...Get this for a weird couple. "T.M." likes "D.S.", she knows it, and likes him too. But they're not going to "get involved" until he gets his car! Talk about planning things out!! ...Do Fremont girls like free hamburgers? Ask Senior "R.M." Better yet, ask his mate "K.B." she has her own opinion about it ...Senior "B.B." was accepted to the University of Nevada at Las Vegas. I'm sure he'll get in a lot of studying. (ha) Maybe he should major in "craps" ...Senior "J.T." (you remember him) made a startling discovery at his last Saturday league game. "J.G." you foxy woman ..."H.R." whats this about cheating with "M.S."? Oh for shame! Go say ten hail Marys ...Burr of the month: Junior "S.S." took senior "D.E." to a church formal. Surprised? Don't be. He left half way through! Oh Scorch!!!

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## Bulletin

Athletic Director Don Ouellette announced to the Current in an exclusive interview that the Peterson faculty will play host to the Harlem Clowns on March 17.

The Peterson faculty are just recovering from the KILV Prunes game, which they lost 67/64, last Feb. 19.

The Boosters Club acquired the Clowns so that they could raise money for a project to purchase two current event signs in front of both entrances of the campus.

The Clowns, not to be confused with the world famous Globetrotters, have been playing area schools for about 6 years.