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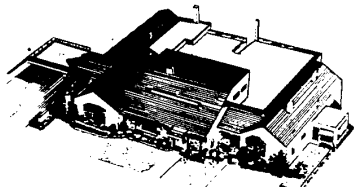
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Fire service surveyed

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good, averaging two minutes for each mile traveled, the system fell down some because the first personnel to arrive are patrol cars, while the pumpers arrive later.

"The pumpers needed for a major fire attack aren't normally the first units at the fire, so the actual fire fighting must wait until the pumpers arrive," said the study.

The consultants emphasized that whether fulltime or paid volunteers, the important factor was garnering personnel who would be available to respond to a fire. Overall, the departments studied lack enough personnel who respond to fires from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday.

"The problem of daytime response by volunteers stands out vividly," noted the consultants who said anywhere from zero to four or five volunteers turn out during the daytime hours, with three being the average.

But employment of fulltime personnel isn't necessarily the answer to improving fire protection, they found.

"Experience throughout the country will bear out the fact that a well-organized volunteer fire department with a modern communications system can provide fast response to fires and also prevent them from developing into larger fires."

Students write newspaper

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Dalawrak. "We like to tease her about that."

Meanwhile editorial page editors Mike Kleiner and Paul Gurzian pound out commentary on the issues that affect junior high students—like school spirit, vandalism in the locker rooms and the new lunchroom system.

"WE'RE TRYING to put in stories that will affect everyone," explained Kleiner.

"I try to write about things that the kids are concerned with but are afraid to talk about with the teachers. It's their voice," said Ms. Striewski, who has her own column.

Sports fans get a chance to read the latest news about different teams from editors Cindy Jump and Dee Duncan.

Both of the editors are faced with the same problem as monthly publications. They are forced to concentrate on stories that still appear fresh.

"We can't cover the games because by the time it gets into the paper, it's a month old," said Ms. Duncan.

All of the editors are faced with the problem of appealing to different groups. The more students who like the paper, the more copies they can sell. Eastward is far from being a money making proposition, but it's advertising staff of Cheryl Lacey, Sue Marmon and Stavroula Peterson has managed to sell a full page ad to Burger King. For the price of \$1 for each one column or two inch square, the fast food chain has given \$38.75 to the fledgling newspaper.

"WE DON'T TAKE no for an answer," explained Ms. Lacey. "We keep on talking and we don't give them a chance to say no. We push our low prices and we haven't been turned down that much."

The consultants suggested that a "strong effort" should be made to recruit volunteers who already are employed by the local governmental units and permit these people to respond to emergencies while on duty.

Training also concerns the consultants.

"The training program in all seven fire departments is inadequate and lacks uniformity," said the study.

In Farmington Hills, firefighters receive two to three hours of training each month, use the training manuals developed by the International Fire Service, and participate in drills once or twice a month.

In the City of Farmington, personnel receive anywhere from two to eight hours of training per month under the direction of the fire marshal. The city will boost its training effort when a three-story training facility is completed, notes the study.

COMMUNICATIONS, said the study, are oriented towards police activities, in the areas under study, which have led to such things as wrong addresses being given and improper station dispatch.

In the City of Farmington, one of the four dispatchers is on duty at all times with personnel from the detective bureau filling in when needed.

For all efforts, the paper is about \$100 in the red, according to Ms. Akers. The PACE program provided the initial \$200 for the project. Ads accounted for an additional \$80 but printing cost the staff \$180. The student body of 1,200 bought 560 copies of the first issue for 10 cents each.

"This isn't designed to be a money making proposition," she said. Meanwhile, editors and reporters carry on the small struggles stemming from differing opinions about the way stories and pages should be handled. As in real life, the editor gets the last word.

"I have to make sure that everybody is doing what they should," said Ms. Striewski. "If I don't like the way a story is written, I hand it back to the reporter. If there isn't enough time to hand it back, I rewrite it. I lay out a page over again if I don't like it."

"I like being in charge of things and telling people what to do," she said.

Latin teachers join Caesar

At one time nearly every Michigan high school had a Latin teacher and the "dead" language was the only foreign language taught in some high schools.

Today there are fewer than 100 Latin teachers—91 to be exact during the 1975-76 school year—employed by Michigan's public schools, according to the State Board of Education.

Spanish is the most popular foreign language taught in public schools. In all, there were 785 Spanish teachers among Michigan's 100,106 classroom teachers last year.

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