

SONOMA STATE COEDS SCHEDULE CARPOOLS Knuti Van Hoven, left, Christina M'Innes

Hitchhike? Try The SSC Carpool

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times, though, it leads to rape, ers. assault, injury. And sometimes, Parancia?

trying to solve it at least tem-situation is desperate. porarily with a Carpool Co-ordination Switchboard to link Approximately 80 female She lined up volunteers, got those with transportation to hitchhikers reported being co-operation from the college

those who need it.

they're manning a telephone, ficials. arranging rides and collecting For some girls, it's even signups by drivers with space the schedules and itineraries of worse. Last mouth a Santa Rosa available and the offers were

the county. Between them is a SRJC student has disappeared. The hitchhike dilemma: how growing list describing assai- Twenty-year-old Jeannette Kadoes a college student get to lants and their cars.

Sometimes, it works. Some-ences in an effort to warn oth-Press Democrat she heard of

Of a sort, perhaps. More like-ought to do something." Students at Sonoma State Col-ly it's a response conditioned by "I can't find a job so I had

Twenty-year-old Knuti Van County Estimates are that nine and a phone extension; she got Hoven, SSC senior, heads a of 10 rapes go unreported either a signup form printed and her

co-operation of the college, ment from law enforcement of-

the sciences and innerates by whose Lash mount a shall along symmetry and drivers.

Headquarters is a desk in the from Larkspur to Saata Rosa, a day from poople on campus. Bobby of the Commons, campus She was raped and strangled, One Robnert Park resident, watering hole and meeting spot, her nucle body damped over an Mrs. Althea Sheeban, offered "RIDES" says a sign on the embantment on a remote road, the services of herself, her son

mahele dropped out of sight afclass without a car and there's "WATCH OUT FOR THESE ter leaving her Cotati home last no public transportation? The answer: flumb a ride. the girls share their bad experi-class. Miss Van Hoven told The

four rapes during a two-week period, and "I knew somebody

lege know the problem and are the growing awareness that the plenty of time. There was no way I could rationalize not

raped last year in Sonoma for use of the Commons location coalition of 11 concerned volum because of the stigma of the de- group spent three hours stuffing teers staffing and organizing the girading act or because women the inserts into The Sonoman, switchbard operation. With the get less than sympathetic treat- the campus newspaper.

20 or 30 A Day

A few days later she had 100

bulletin board beside a map of And now another hitchhiking (Continued from Page 7 Col. 1)

The Hitchhiking Dilemma **And Carpool Coordination**

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Miss Van Hoven a way by which drivers are de-descriptions of the rapists, how-SSC campus or re-routing to stead of addresses so they won't operative.

permanent carpool arrange them is one "LeRoy," a black Bus service from Santa Rosa ments, but the service is availa- about 40, who drives a blue or was attempted in 1966 but was ble to anyone who needs a green pickup truck and likes to not patronized sufficiently and ride-an alternative to hitchhik-"rap a lot about the girls he's the experimental runs down Peing.

"If your carpool ride fails to The girls say that the authori- were dropped. show up, or if your car has bro-ties know about "LeRoy," but Why weren't they patronized? ken down-or even if you're just "LeRoy's still around." stranded someplace DON'T There's negative response to manager R.M.D. Childs is that HITCH!" says the Switchboard the carpool co-op, too. registration form.

number down someplace where Switchboard effort, terming the Rosa. you can find it in an emergency raping of hitchhikers as "inevit. Miss Van Hoven plans to 6 at night,"

to an expanded operation next said, year and until public transpor- Miss Van Hoven, who has and others. tation is available, according to hitchhiked since she was 17, "Public Miss Van Hoven.

computerize the operation using not hitchhike any anymore," County is non-existent, campus facilities, making the since forming the Switchboard. said. Switchboard a project for com- "I've been very lucky, really." "It's a great rural location for

In the meantime, it's a primi-couldn't handle. tive type of operation, the "Unfortunately, some people's service. schedules listed in looseleaf attitude is, if you stick your "We can go to school, but we thumbtacks scrounged from oth-way out here with no bus ser- bus.

While most response has been be raped, beaten or like her-"many of us have to hitchhike." heartening, some has been deri- and she pointed at the bulletin she said.

and their car to transport stu- The two girls in charge have Jeannette Kamahele. dents anywhere locally in their been called paranoids by Lack of bus service is a situa-

some skeptics.

will develop into more or less bitual rapists. Notable among told.

raped and almost killed."

The contacts made during the it as a learning experience."

your thumb knowing you may we like it or not. That's why so

board poster of the missing

tion she's meeting head on. together Female students have re-She's talked with officials of the with her cohort Christina Mac-vealed rapes they'd not reported Golden Gate Transit System Innes, 19, Santa Rosa, devised to officials in order to add to and found that service to the

signated by area numbers in ever. Their attitude is co-nearby major roads is not possible under current contracti be set up as burglary targets. From their descriptions of agreements. An intra-county Identification is also required rivers who assaulted them, the agreement with the Sonoma for the protection of riders. girls have pieced together the County Board of Superivisors Hopefully, some of the rides identity of men who may be ha would be necessary, she was

> taluma Hill rd. and Hwv. 101 The theory of SSC business

students either could not afford Not one or two but 11 men on the fare or were too scattered to "Call us at 795-2594. Write the campus have protested the commute from downtown Santa

We'll be there from 7:30 a.m. to able," some said the girl hitch-broaden the base of her crusade hikers should "relax and regard for public transit, contacting senior citizens, Rohnert Park rest of this school year will lead "Hell, the chicks like it," one parents groups whose children walk E. Cotati blvd. to school,

transportation was told by a man last week through the rural areas of Tentatively, the plan is to that she "better watch out and southern and western Sonoma

> I was never in a situation that I a college here, but it has neither local housing facilities nor bus

notebooks, a cardboard carton thumb out you're asking for it. | can't live within walking distserving as a filing cabinet, "It's really rough to get a ride ance and we can't ride to it by

er bulletin boards throughout vice, especially when you use "We're commuters, whether