

# Schulman sued for 'extravagant' deals

By LARRY BROWN  
Seattle SuperSonic stockholders are being encouraged to join a lawsuit contending that Sam Schulman, president and majority stockholder of First Northwest Industries of America, Inc., is responsible for at least \$1.4 million in legal fees and settlements relating to player acquisition.

## Grant to run in S.I.R. race

Jerry Grant, former Seattle racer, is planning a homecoming in the \$50,000 L & M Continental at Seattle International Raceways September 30.

Grant will drive a newly designed Formula 5000 Eagle built by All-American Racers of Santa Ana, Calif. Grant tested the car today at Riverside, Calif., Raceway.

Grant will drive a Dan Gurney Eagle in Sunday's California 500 in Ontario, Calif., starting in the front row. He qualified at 198.8 miles an hour compared with the 199.6 m. p. h. he clocked in 1972 to earn the pole position at Ontario.

Grant suffered a tough break on race day a year ago. His Offy engine blew on the race parade lap.

## Oregon golfer wins P.G.A. title

EUGENE, Ore. — (AP)—Harvey Hixson of Cottage Grove, the only golfer under par, won the Northwest Professional Golfers Association tournament by two strokes yesterday at the Eugene Country Club.

Hixson finished with a two-under-par 142. Al Mengert of Tacoma was second at 144, and tied for third at 145 were Byron Wood of Portland and Bob Whisman of Seattle.

Letters to all stockholders of the National Basketball Association team are being mailed by Delight Johnson and George Livesey, Jr., plaintiffs in the superior court suit, inviting participation in the litigation.

Superior Court Judge Solie M. Ringold ordered First Northwest Industries to submit the names of all stockholders.

The plaintiffs were required to post a \$15,000 cost bond to be paid if it later is decided the suit was brought without reasonable cause.

The letter from the plaintiffs states in part: "Unlike the so-called corporate gadflies you see at some annual meetings, we're not trying to second-guess management. Far from it. We're both avid Sonic Fans."

"We didn't decide to go forward with this case until we found out the truth about the massive amounts of our money our corporation spent on lawsuits in the past two years."

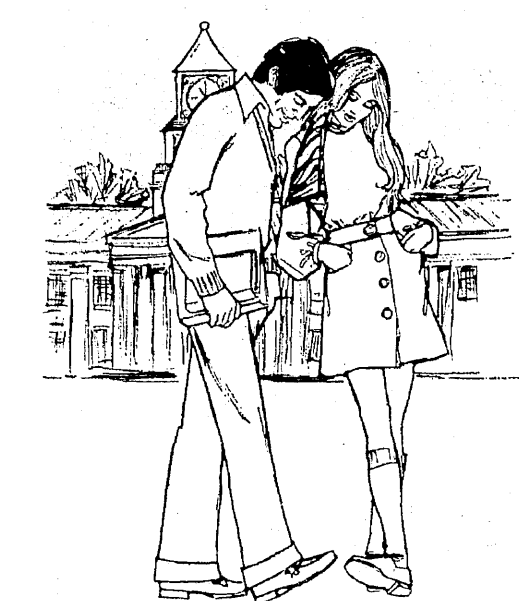
"The attorney's fees alone total \$717,909.09. "While neither of us owns many shares, nor stands to gain a penny personally by the suit, we feel we must speak out about the spending of more than \$1.4 million in legal fees and settlements to lure players away from other teams — \$584,612 on the McDaniels lawsuits and settlements alone."

"This is your chance to let Mr. Schulman know that F. N. I. shareholders object to his extravagant and reckless means of doing business."

"It's your chance to show him that sportsmanship is an American tradition. We'd like your help in keeping it so."

Acquisitions of Spencer Haywood, McDaniels and John Brisker have subjected F. N. I. to at least 12 separate lawsuits during a two-year period, said Ronald J. Bland, lawyer for the plaintiffs.

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