

HI-FI CLUB'S electronic stereo unit took top honors in the statue contest. Started late, the statue failed to gain any points in preliminary judging. All Hi-Fi's efforts on Friday night and again Saturday morning paid off in enough points to give the club third place in the final standings.

Club president Jon Lohla, of Birmingham directed the effort, aided by Clark Davis and Terry Logue. Lohla has indicated a desire for the return of his washtub (with hole in center), missing after completion of the statue.

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SNO QUEEN MARLEEN PAYNE (center) representing Fitzgerald House, and her court, Mary Puzerski (left) of AWS and Roberta Lieb (right) of the Engineering Society gather for OBSERVER photographer Pookie Hughes after last Friday's contest finals.

Twelve organizations entered the contest, sponsored by the SAC, in hopes of gaining points for the overall trophy, and winning a reputation for the best girl-watching eyes on campus. Apparently the talent is concentrated in the men's dorm this year.

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JET AIRPORT PLANNED FOR COUNTY IN AREA WEST OF MSUO CAMPUS

'SENATE IS ACCOMPLISHING NOTHING,' DEAN SELLS SAYS

"I'm not sure MSUO is old enough to support a student government, and by old enough, I don't mean age, I mean the maturity with which the Senate is facing its problems," Dean of Students Duncan Sells told the Student Senate Wednesday at its weekly meeting.

Sells' comments followed a debate by the group about the existence of a "machine" which allegedly rigged elections and campus and Senate voting.

A report by Senators Fred Pung and Roger Finzel named 10 senators who are purportedly members of the "machine."

In reply to questions directed at him concerning the rumored power group, Paul Allen, named as a member of the "machine," said, "Without organized support you're not going to get elected. I think Howard (Hinkel, president of the Student Government) knows that. As far as influencing voting, that's ridiculous."

After an hour and a half discussion, the existence of the "machine" had not been proven. Leroy Keifer, also named as an alleged member of the "machine," was unable to get an answer when he asked how the "machine" had misrepresented the students of the university.

Luther Wilson reported a conversation with Allen in which Allen is said to have told him that because he (Wilson) had voted "the right way," he had a "good chance" of being

made treasurer of the Senate next year. Allen would not admit or deny that he had made the comment to Wilson.

Sells outlined his conception of the responsibilities of the Senate, citing the area of student conduct, the university's student recruitment program and orientation for new students, the promotion of faculty-student relationships and awareness of the "wishes and attitudes of the students."

"The situation developed here is unhealthy," Sells said.

"At the present time you are not accomplishing anything. If you have enough respect for each other you will decide whether or not you are capable of working together," he added.

"TAKE HOME" LEARNING

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (UPI) Electrical engineering students at Massachusetts Institute of Technology are doing their homework these days in "take home" laboratories. The kit of components for electronic circuits is about the size of a large textbook.

Michigan State University Oakland may have a \$25 million-plus international airport within three miles of its north-west boundary.

Plans for the multi-million dollar jet facility were unfolded Tuesday by Pontiac Mayor Phillip E. Rowston who declared that jet airliner service from the Pontiac metropolitan could be possible within the next few years.

In commenting on the airport plans, Chancellor Varner said "I think such an airport would

be of considerable advantage for the MSUO students. Such a development would be good for the county, and what is good for the county is generally good for us."

The Oakland County Board of Supervisors has ten days to decide whether to appropriate \$360,000 from county reserve funds to initiate development of the airport, which would rival Detroit Metropolitan if approved.

Detailed plans for location of the new airport in a general area bounded by Joslyn Ave-

nue, Walton Road, M24 and the I-75 (Chrysler) Freeway route conclude exhaustive studies by a nationally known firm and the Oakland County Planning Commission.

Approval by the board of supervisors is deemed the final hurdle in making the international jet airfield a reality.

Through federal and state support, the county would be acquiring the multi-million dollar airport for only a quarter of its actual cost.

The federal government would pay half the cost and the state a quarter under existing agreements.

County officials who have been working quietly on the plan for several years noted that both federal and state aviation agencies already have given tentative approval of the general site.

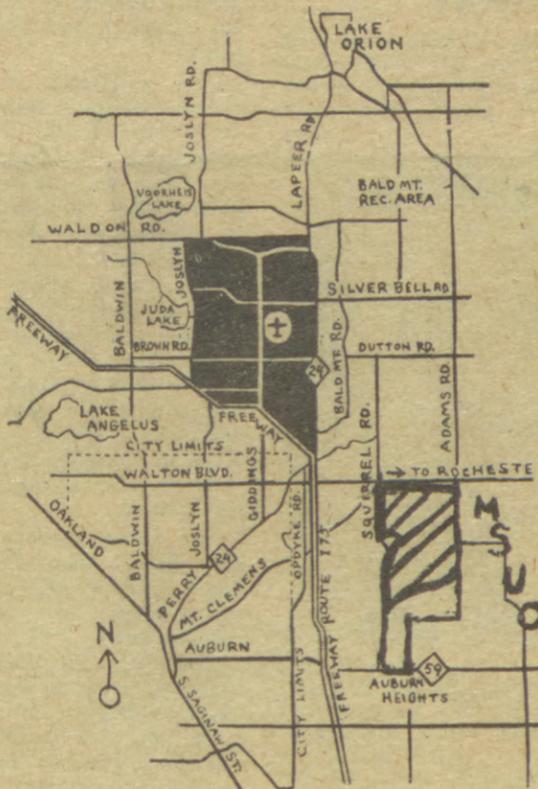
Formal application was submitted for approval by the Federal Aviation Agency Friday.

Promoters of the airport plans in the county have been Delos Hamlin, chairman of the board of supervisors, Pontiac Mayor Philip E. Rowston as chairman of its Aviation Committee and J. Robert F. Swanson, chairman of the county planning commission.

Selection of the site — deemed excellent for a large airfield, superior even to Detroit-Metropolitan Airport — resulted from intensive surveys by the planning commission of the entire county, Macomb County, and as far north as Flint.

"The chosen site is by far the best, and we are lucky to have such an area still rela-

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"Petty Politicking" Results In Confusion

Paul Allen and a group of supporters are blamed for the dissension that is threatening to destroy our Student Senate. The alleged Senate "machine," master-minded by Allen, has been privately accused of "fixing" elections, controlling voting, and generally running the Senate for its own unknown purposes.

If these allegations are valid (and who can prove whether or not they are?), we condemn the "machine" for its petty politicking. There is no place for these tactics in a student government only 17 months old; politicking can only result in confusion and bitterness so small and so new a group as our Senate. Sadly, an organization that was once regarded as a respectable governing body is now looked upon as a playground for boy politicians.

But what has happened to the Senate is not the fault of Paul Allen or any other individual. We think the conflict is attributable to twenty senators and 980 other students.

Problems are never solved by backbiting and secret caucuses. They are solved by open, objective discussion among the group. But it wasn't until Wednesday that the Senate shifted its attention from the price of hot water in the Oakland Center and similar picayune issues, to its own problem.

Blame for the Senate's faded reputation also lies with the student body. The "visitors' area" of the "Senate chamber" never contains more than five people. The Senate has not effectively publicized the location of the "chamber" (behind the curtain in the resident cafeteria) or the time of meetings (4 p.m. to 6 Wednesdays), but with initiative a student can easily get this information.

Student interest provides a sort of "checks and balances" system for the Senate. Technically the Senate acts in behalf of MSUO students; a watching student body can make sure that the Senate is not legislating in behalf of an individual or a particular group. The present Senate conflict might have been avoided if the student body had been watching.

The Senate is so unfavorably regarded now that students are asking why we need a student government at all. "It doesn't do anything, and without the fraternities and sororities, ROTC, and required physical education that a student government traditionally battles on other campuses, what is the purpose of the government at MSUO?"

MSUO does not need Greek societies or ROTC in order to have an effective student government.

We think our government does need the following elements in order to be effective:

- A clearly defined purpose and specific goals, outlined by the president when he takes office, and reviewed periodically by the Senate. Every senator should be able to tell other students why we need student government by pointing to the Senate's purposes and goals and to the progress made toward those goals.

- As president, a strong, decisive leader who will be quick to spot and resolve serious differences before they become irreconcilable conflicts. The president must also have as his primary concern the interests of the students of MSUO. His own drive for power or recognition should never influence decisions made on behalf of 1,000 other students.

- Responsible senators whose only interest, as senators, is the welfare of fellow students; who are able to rise above petty squabbling, but are not hesitant to recognize and openly discuss the Senate's differences within the Senate; who are more anxious to establish the Student Senate than their own reputations.

- A constitution providing a means of impeaching and removing from office all elected representatives, including the president, and including in the general election the selection of a vice-president. (The vice-president is now elected by the Senate.) The constitution should also define constituencies so that each senator is responsible to a particular group for his actions.

We need a student government. But we need a unified government free from of fatuous factions.

—S.B.

Campus Needs Additional Wolves Workhorse Jim Not Enough

As everyone well knows, MSUO lacks student spirit. This is not a problem peculiar to MSUO, however. Mr. Robert Fuoss, new editor of the Saturday Evening Post, speaks of our generation as bland. Neither his comments, nor these, are going to change the apathetic, egocentric attitude of tomorrow's leaders. We are as we shall be.

Let us, however, give you, and Mr. Fuoss, a notable exception to apathy and blandness.

His name is Jim Wolfe and he is a student at MSUO. If you do not know Jim from the seven or eight organizations he was in last year, or from the nine activities he is in this year, then you can meet him in the language lab where he works six hours a week. Jim has a 3.0 average as a secondary education language major.

We cannot expect everyone to try to emulate Jim Wolfe. Jim is an exceptionally talented and dedicated worker. What he does he does well, and he is respected for his work.

We cannot even begin to hope that the 800-plus non-participating students on this campus will suddenly wake up and see that their apathy and resultant attitudes reflect their character for the rest of their lives.

All that we can do is respect Jim Wolfe — and a handful of other students like him; for without these few MSUO would be completely dead.

—B.H.



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OBSERVATIONS

Everybody's wondering how come Fabian and Annette and Bobby Darin rate a spot on Charlie's news-stand. Charlie explains that he doesn't always have enough magazines to fill the shelves, so the distributor gives him whatever he has in his truck as filler. Charlie says sales of the movie mags aren't good. That speaks well of MSUO's reading preferences. . . . Fitzgerald House showed fine spirit in signing up for all but one of the Winter Carnival events. Our dorms are supposed to have all the advantages of fraternities and sororities without the disadvantages. The boys have made that a fact. . . . Speaking of the Carnival, we thought it went off well. Lots of interest generated by the queen contest and the statue contest. Let's not let that interest die. . . . MSUO's two-year language requirement seems to bother almost everybody. We heard a suggestion that might ease the pain and the gripes: offer one solid semester of language study, with no other courses. With lab time figured in, that would add up to the same number of hours as the regular load of four courses, and with the resulting intensive study the purpose of the language requirement might be better accomplished. Another suggestion is that language students failing at midterm be placed in special sections which would cover the material more slowly. Some students don't have a language aptitude just as others don't have a mathematics aptitude. . . . The Observer office is now in 109 FH, Dr. Hammerle's old office. (Only it has a window in the door now.) Visitors are welcome, but not on Mondays and Tuesdays (deadline days). . . . George Fritz, Oakland Center director, and Ed Goodwin, director of food services, came up with a winning solution to what had amounted to a noon meal quarantine for resident students. After three weeks of "confinement" in the resident cafeteria, the dorm students were mighty tired of eating alone. Now, under the new arrangement, dorm students may eat in the commuter cafeteria at noon, and Sunday night they may order 75 cents worth of anything they want, in the grill. Now everybody's happy. . . . Thanks to Hollie Lepley, director of physical education, there are two toboggans available for rent at prices ranging from 25 cents an hour to \$3.50 for a weekend. Mr. Lepley deserves a free ride and a tow up the hill for providing the toboggans.

Mead Criticizes Education

NEW YORK (UPI) — Why, in the 1960s, should we have schools at all?

"Why shouldn't mothers, who spend all day with their children, teach them to read, to understand money, to think about numbers, to understand the calendar, the clock, time, space?"

The questioner is anthropologist Margaret Mead, calling for a fresh breeze of thought through an educational system she feels has grown without plan and now has hardening of its contradictory and bureaucratic arteries.

"No society today, however small or isolated, starts from scratch to think out all over again what, if one were quite free to choose, would be planned now as the best way of educating children," said Dr. Mead in an article in the educational journal, Teachers College Record.

And "what possible grounds are there," asks Dr. Mead again, "for believing that education should begin at six or four or three. . . . It is wholly possible that the fundamental aptitudes for being able to handle mathematics or to play chess, with the accompanying abilities to plan and anticipate, are learned under two. . . ."

Dr. Mead proposes no an-

swers, only the questions for consideration.

"For the older adolescents, education is an individual thing, something for which each person should pay, not only in money, but in inferior social status. . . ."

The younger who leaves high school for a job becomes an adult, with the right to marry, establish a home, and go on strike.

But a student of the same age "is treated like a dependent child," says Dr. Mead. In some states he is denied the right to vote. If he protests, the protest is treated as a riot.

"Why should learning a minimum be a right, but learning a maximum amount be a privilege? Why isn't the student who works at his studies as much a member of the working group as any boy who gets a job as a bookkeeper or a garage mechanic?"

"Why should we perpetuate the outworn notions that higher education is for the rich who can afford it and the poor with very superior intellects, instead of its being a right and a duty — as a citizen in a country — for everyone to develop his potentialities to the full?"

All these questions, said Dr. Mead, "need re-thinking from the beginning."

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

Last Thursday, Feb. 1, a gold men's wedding ring was misplaced in the lower level of the Oakland Center. Since that day efforts to find the ring had been nearly exhausted. Finally Tuesday morning, an anonymous person dropped the ring on the Oakland Center candy counter saying that he was returning this ring at someone else's request.

To whomever is responsible, I say thank you. The ring is not expensive in dollar value but it does have sentimental value. Thanks again for its return.

Kerry M. Keeley

Dear "Confused Freshman" and Fellow Students:

We the undersigned feel that there is a certain personal interest group (the "machine") working within the Student Senate which is detrimental to the student body. Because these personal interests are wasting our time and your 50 cent fee, we feel that it is only right to answer your letter to the OBSERVER.

Student Government was established to serve the majority of the student body. Thus far attempts to fulfill this purpose have been impeded by these personal interests.

The people holding these interests have found it convenient to use Student Government, under the guise of student opinion, to disguise personal grievances against the University. In our opinion this practice is not compatible with the purposes of Student Government.

We wish to emphasize the fact that it is not the ideals of Student Government to which we object, but rather the use which certain people are making of it. Attend a Senate meeting and witness this practice for yourself.

Howard Hinkel
Marge Swoboda
Ronald Miller
Beverly Donto
Shelby Lockamy
David Welsh
Alfred Monetta
Bruce Plaxton
Lauree Webb
Luther Wilson, Jr.
Robert L. Smith

Profs on WJR

Recorded interviews with three members of the MSUO faculty will be broadcast on radio station WJR during the next two weeks.

Announcer Jim Wood will present the interviews between 1:30 and 2 p.m. on his "Showcase" program.

Dr. Walter Collins, associate professor of music, will be heard Monday, Feb. 19; Dr. Kenneth Roose, associate dean for social science, will be interviewed Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 20 and 21; Dr. Sheldon AppKleton, assistant professor of foreign studies, will be presented Thursday and Friday, Feb. 22 and 23.

Chancellor Varner and Dr. Charles Hucker, professor of history, were interviewed earlier on the program.



FACULTY GOALTENDER Larry Hummel braces for another shot in last Friday's snow carnival hockey game, won by the student team, 3-2. Coming up to aid on defense is Dr. Robert Holmes, filling in for the injured Walter Collins, who tallied one of the faculty goals.

STAFF BULLETIN

Faculty Womens Club
 Friday, Feb. 9 — Mixed Bridge, 8 p.m. at Hoopes', OL 1-1782. Please make reservations by Thursday morning.
 Tuesday, Feb. 13 — Afternoon Bridge, noon at McKays', OL 1-0332.
 Thursday, Feb. 15 — Coffee Party at Pontiac State Hospital 9 a.m., Tombouliau, OL 1-8740.

Mr. Fromm invites all Squares who do not frequent the Square Dances, all Wagnerians, all Beatniks, Bohemians, Hegelians, Schopenhauerians, Nietzscheans, Diabolonians, Transcendentalists, and all other Ne'er-Do-Wells and Sharp Abrasive Edges, to a

playing of the stereo recording of Das Rheingold, in entirety, on Friday evening, February 16th.
 The only requisite is lots of stamina.
 Librettos are available to anyone who would like to borrow them in advance of the performance. Informal attire is recommended, especially for those who will have to sit on the floor.
 Please phone OL 1-1520 as soon as possible, if you expect to attend.

Festival Schedule

Following is the schedule of events for Culture Internationale.
Feb. 12 to 16
 Monday, Feb. 12, 12:30 p.m. Gold Room
 "The Berlin Crisis," talk by Peter C. Kalinke, noted European lecturer.
 Tuesday, Feb. 13, 1 p.m., Gold Room
 Coffee Hour with African students from East Lansing
 Wednesday, Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m., Gold Room
 "America's Responsibilities as a World Leader" Faculty panel followed by open discussion period.
 Thursday, Feb. 15, 12:30 p.m., Gold Room
 "The European Common Market," lecture by Carlos Toro, manager of the World Trade Department, Detroit Board of Commerce
 Friday, Feb. 16, 12:30 p.m., Gold Room
 "Lady Precious Stream" 12th century Chinese play presented by MSUO Area Studies students.

First Diplomas: Latin or English?

Will the diplomas for MSUO's first graduating class be in Latin or English? Will a speaker address the first commencement?

These are questions confronting a committee on graduation chaired by Herbert N. Stoutenberg, director of admissions.

A date for graduation has not yet been determined. The months of April, May and June are under consideration as possible dates.

Whether or not to grant honorary and specialized degrees, the nature of the commencement program, and the number of ceremonies to be held each year under the trimester program, are matters to be resolved by the committee, composed of Dean of Students Duncan Sells, Dr. Howard Clarke, assistant professor of classics; Dr. Lazlo Hetenyi, professor of education; and Dr. Fred O'Bear, assistant professor of chemistry.

Commencement procedures used at other universities are being studied by the committee. Recommendations will be presented to the faculty senate and a permanent commencement committee will be appointed in about a month, Stoutenberg said.

Darwin Lecture Set by Haden

"Darwin in the 19th Century," a lecture by Dr. James C. Haden, associate professor of philosophy, will be given at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, in 190 Science.

Sixth in the Collateral Program series, Haden will attempt to place Darwin's theory of evolution in a context of religious, scientific, and philosophical thought.

Grad Placement

A procedure for placement of MSUO graduates has been formulated, Dean of the University Donald O'Dowd announced last week.

Dr. Lowell Eklund, director of continuing education, will direct the placement of graduates in business and industry.

Dr. Laszlo Hetenyi, professor of education, will help to place education majors in teaching positions.

Dean of Students Duncan Sells will have charge of graduate school placement. A library of graduate school catalogues will be located in his office.

Notice To Majors In Teacher Education

All students in the various Teacher Education programs must demonstrate their proficiency in the use of the English language before they can be sponsored for certification.

For those who expect to graduate at any time in 1963 the following three alternatives have been established for meeting this requirement.

I. Attainment of an average grade of "C", or better, in RHETORIC AND LITERATURE (UCO11-12-13) at MSUO.

OR

II. Attainment of a grade of "C", or better, in any English course (at MSUO) other than UCO11-12-13;

English 101; UCO14-015.
OR

III. Passing of a special examination administered by the English Department. This examination will be in form of a one-hour essay, based on readings to be announced at a later date.

All students who expect to graduate in 1963 and who must take this special examination must register at the Stenographic Department in North Foundation Hall no later than March 1, 1962.

(Signed)

Gertrude M. White
 Coordinator of English Studies
 Laszlo Hetenyi
 Director, Teacher Education Program

NEW AIRPORT

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 "tively undeveloped and yet easily accessible," said Swanson.

Another prime factor in favor of a major airport within the 3,000-square acre tract is the altitude of the land, he added.

With an average altitude of 400 feet above sea level, the proposed site is relatively free of fog. This gives it a distinct advantage over many existing international airports.

Also, the freeway will provide quick and easy access from north and south.

Most of the area is devoted to agricultural and gravel interests and an existing, small private airport. There are, however, 300 acres containing homes and a new Basilian Seminary within the area.

Most of the homes — those within the west fringe of the area — may or may not have to

go in the face of aeronautical progress Swanson noted.

Once developed, the tract would provide space for four runways with lengths ranging from 10,000 to 14,000 feet. The longest would be adequate to handle the largest jet liners in service.

A professional research report foretells 939,640 passengers departing annually from here by 1970 as compared with 2.7 million leaving from Detroit-Metropolitan.

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The OAKLAND OBSERVER would like your comments on the quality of the newspaper. Suggestions for improvement would be appreciated.

Please complete this form and place it in one of the designated boxes in the Oakland Center, North Foundation Hall, South Foundation Hall, or the Library.

Thank you.

The Editors.

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 yes no
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 yes no

Additional comments:

Students Squeeze Faculty 3-2; Carnival Trophy To Spanish Club

"El Club Hispanico's" upset tug-o-war victory over Veteran's club in the opening contest of SAC's snow carnival, "Wonderland in White," was just the first in a series of triumphs in last weekend's activities leading to an overwhelming team victory.

First of the carnival's events, the student-faculty hockey game, saw the student team jump on the absence of faculty all-star, Dr. Walter Collins to revenge itself with a tight 3-2 victory. Oakland Center manager George Fritz, physical education director Hollie Lepley, assistant professor of music Dr. Robert Holmes, and assistant professor of psychology, Dr. Donald Hildum, represented the faculty, with Holmes getting the faculty's first goal.

Ice-tugging just before the queen contest finals, Spanish club surprised the Veterans, dragging hog-tied Vet anchorman Roy Kiefer halfway down the rink.

Carnival Queen was Marleen Payne, of Waterford, representing Fitzgerald house. Marleen's court was Mary Puszer-

ski, of Troy (AWS) and Bobbie Lieb, of Arlington, Virginia (Engineers).

The 20-point queen bonus kept the Fitzgerald men in the running for the trophy up to the last few events. They finished second, with 45 points to Spanish club's 60.

Statue honors went to a late starting dark (or light, considering the snow) horse, Hi-Fi club's amplifier-turntable-speaker carving in front of NFH. Statue points and a showing in the sled race gave Hi-Fi third place overall.

Others placing in the statue contest were the "MSUO-IMUS" of the psychology ma-

jors, and Spanish club's "Dying Bull" complete with bullfight accessories. Failure to place with their "After Exams" Seagram's botte (tipped) cost Fitzgerald the needed points to overtake Spanish club.

Fitzgerald did manage to take honors in the skating races when Ski Club's Greg Demanski, leading the pack, skated into the hockey net. The men were second to Spanish club in the husky pull.

Hi-Fi turned the best first lap on the husky pull, only to finish third in the race because of an incompleting team change. Sophomore Clark Davis failed to slip his harness on the transfer, and was pulled, staggering, from SFH to the library before collapsing and being dragged another 20 yards. His teammates then cut the unconscious Davis loose, and went on to post the third-place time.

Five-Points Debated

R. W. Osgood, in the Oakland County Road Commission Office, has told the Observer that "it is definite that some corrective action will be taken at the Five Point Intersection this spring."

Although signalization is not possible at this time at Five Points, traffic could be channeled by building islands in the intersection.

"We recognize a problem at Five Points, but it is very hard to signalize a five corner intersection," Osgood said.

Five Points has been an area of interest for the past two years. Independent student groups and the student senate have contacted the Commission offices trying to find out what the commission has planned for the intersection.

One proposal, although still in the planning stage, calls for a road to be constructed which would run due west across the open field and would meet Pontiac road at the sharp curve.

"This would alleviate many of the traffic problems at Five Points and would enable the road commission to put in a traffic light at this new road," Osgood said.

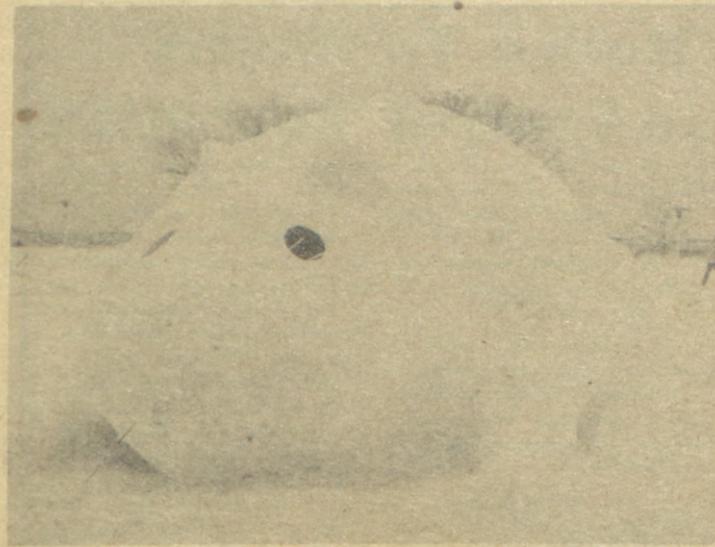
Bentley Chorus Performs Today

Sacred a capella anthems through movie themes will build the program of Livonia's Bentley high school chorus, to be presented today at 12:15 in the resident dining hall.

Directed by Gerald Smith, the chorus has attained four consecutive first-division ratings in statewide competition, and has had four members named to the state honors choir for the past two years.

Ninety members will participate in the varied half-hour concert, with selections ranging from serious to light. The program includes a special Norman Luboff arrangement of "Deep River", and a vocal presentation of the theme from "Exodus."

In addition to state prizes, the chorus has appeared on Detroit television, and records a long play album annually.



"MSUOIMUS," Psychology Club's gigantic "Bring back the Plague" white rat took second in the snow contest, while Spanish Club's bull, complete with bandilleras, finished third. Fitzgerald House Seagram bottle finished fifth, even though it was one of the more accurate thematic entries.

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