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PRESENTING---
BARBARA CARSON,
1963 SNOW QUEEN
PICTURED IN THE
LIFEGUARD CHAIR
OF THE NEW IN-
TRAMURAL BUIL-
DING WHILE PRE-
SIDING OVER THE
FRIDAY EVENING
SWIMMING RACES.
MISS CARSON,
WHO REPRESENTED
OAKLAND'S SKI
CLUB, WON OUT
OVER TEN OTHER
CLUB CANDIDATES
FOR THE CROWN.
OTHERS IN HER
COURT WERE SON-
DRA FORSYTH,
CHESS CLUB; AND
BARBARA BATES,
SPANISH CLUB.

(Shirk photo.)



NORMAN PRADY RESIGNS TO ACCEPT POST AT SINAI HOSPITAL

Norman Prady, university publications editor, has resigned to become Assistant to the Executive Director of Detroit's Sinai Hospital.

Prady, former assistant picture editor of the Detroit Times, spent two years at Oakland, as advisor to the Observer and yearbook, and assisting Loren Pope, director of university relations, with university press contacts and public relations.

In his new capacity with the hospital, Prady will determine and execute policy with regard to hospital relations with the public, press, patients and trustees. He is the second person to be employed in Detroit as a hospital public relations director.

When asked about restrictions in his new duties, Prady replied, "I'll have a clean slate and a free hand."



Norman Prady

LOREN POPE RECOMMENDS CHANGES IN OAKLAND'S GRADING SYSTEM

A proposal recommending that any grade of "F" be erased when a student repeats a course successfully or changes his major has been presented to the Academic Senate by Loren Pope, as assistant to the chancellor for university relations.

In a letter to Donald O'Dowd, dean of the university, Pope, chairman of the Developmental Programs Committee, made the proposal this week arguing that the great majority of faculty members favor such modifications of the MSUC grading system. Pope also requested that the system be made more flexible by adopting Assistant Professor of Psychology Harvey Burdick's proposal to use 41 points instead of five in a scale running from zero to 4.0 in gradations of one-tenth of a point.

Pope said the proposals were motivated by a widespread feeling that the existing average regulations are often unjust and punitive and may create serious problems for students on probation.

Present regulations were instituted by the Academic Senate three years ago, but, as Pope

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STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN DEBATE

Six students will represent Oakland this weekend in an inter-collegiate debate tournament in Macomb, Ill. Members of the Debate Club, advised by Mr. Peter Evarts, Assistant director of teacher education, are Oakland's first entry in college competition.

Classified as novice teams since this is their first year, each team will debate four times during the weekend contest on the question, Resolved: That the non-communist nations form an economic community. The teams consist of: Don Roe and Carol Hane, negative; Dick Swain and Elaine Evans, cross question; and Kennet Wilson and Margaret Ruggers affirmative.

UNIVERSITY OCTET SINGS IN INTER-COLLEGIATE JAM SESSION

Oakland's University Chorus Octet has invited four local singing groups to a "jam session of singing" at 8 p.m. Saturday, in the Gold Room.

Among those slated for appearance are the Nationally famous Friars from the University of Michigan Men's Glee Club. This octet was founded by Dr. Walter Collins, associated professor of music and director of the MSUO Chorus and Octet, when he was guest director of the U of M Glee Club in 1955. Also representing U of M will be the Psurfs, a triple quartet from the Law School. Two other groups participating are the Grunyons, a triple quartet of young Detroit Business men, and the Distaffs, a girls' quartet made up of Grunyon wives.

"Our main object is to have fun," explained Dr. Collins, "We'll have a round robin of songs including many all-time favorites: barber shop, jazz, folk songs, calypso, and spirituals."

The gathering is open to all students and faculty at no charge.

DECOLONIZATION TALK TONITE

Political scientist Henry L. Bretton, expert on government and international relations, will speak on "Problems of Decolonization in Sub-Saharan Africa," at 8:15 p.m., Friday in the Oakland Center.

Bretton, a University of Michigan associate professor, is appearing at Oakland as part of the campus Lecture-Concert series.

GRADING CHANGE PROPOSED

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commented, "it was not done very scientifically." O'Dowd pointed out that, while grades have so far been computed on machines at MSU-EL, Oakland now has its own equipment to take care of grading and that the change could technically be made. Pope's proposal also would allow the computer to record students' grade point averages.

"Objectively," O'Dowd said, "there is no difference between the two grading systems. The question is just what set of grades has the highest pedagogical advantage."

Chances for a positive action of the Academic Senate on the recommendations are very good, Pope said. In a discussion last Thursday, faculty members overwhelmingly supported the proposal.

SKI CLUB AND BARBARA CARSON TAKE FIRSTS IN SNOW CARNIVAL

Oakland's Ski Club amassed 100 competition points, virtually a perfect score, to take the team prize in last week's Snow Carnival. Spanish Club and the Senior class finished second and third.

Barbara Carson, Royal Oak freshman, was chosen Snow Queen, representing the Ski Club. Sondra Forsyth and Barbara Bates, representing the Chess and Spanish Clubs, placed in the next two spots.

Ski Club won all but two of the events, the Skimpy Skits and skating races, taking the snow statue, dog sleg race, ski race, tug-of-war and swimming.

The faculty hockey squad suffered its second defeat in three outings, as the student group skated to a 5-1 victory in the Carnival kickoff.

Dr. Walter S. Collins, associate professor of music, netted the faculty's lone goal. Jim Burkhardt had a three-goal "hat trick" for the student team.

YEARBOOK SETS PICTURE DATES

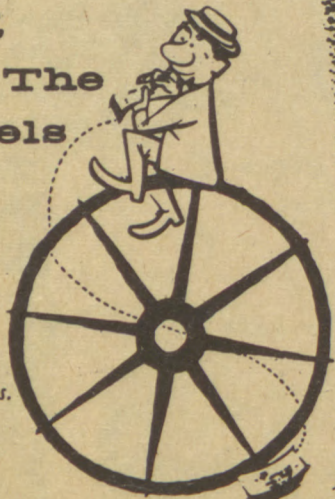
Yearbook pictures of juniors and underclassmen will be taken Feb. 11-15. Students should check their mailboxes for appointment dates.

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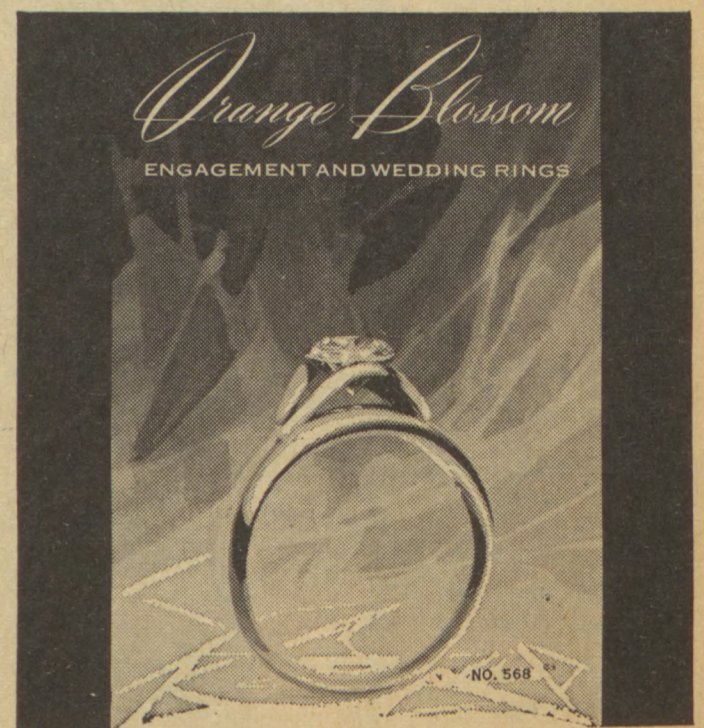
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Program to be
announced.

Feb. 13, noon
Music Department
student recital
(Gold Room).

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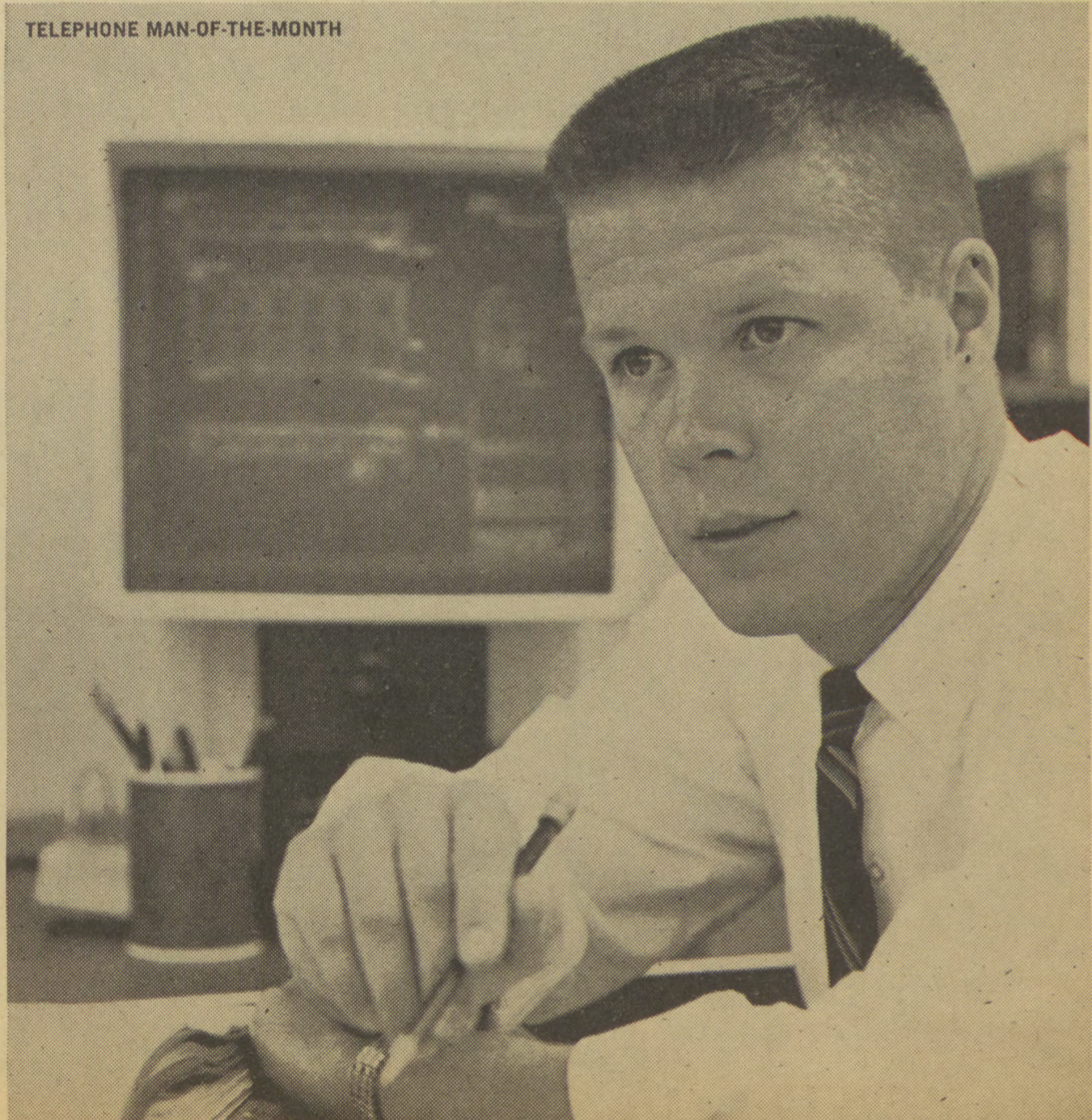
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