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Union more perfect than before: Ford

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ford told Congress Tuesday night that he leaves to Jimmy Carter a better world than he found, then bade his farewell with a prayer for "this wonderful country," its people and its leaders.

In sum, I can report that the State of the Union is good. "There is room for improvement as always, but today we have a more perfect union than when my stewardship began." Ford said in his final address to Congress, which will end in seven days with the Congress assembled in joint session to applaud the departing President again and again.

Ford praised Democrat Carter "the very best in all that is good for our country."

House passed by acclamation a resolution commending President Ford and his wife, and anticipating "a continuation of the friendship and affection . . ." Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill said he did not see Ford only as President but as "an old friend."

Ford's third and last State of the Union address presented the

hour for such tributes. It was not the standard litany of recommendations for congressional action, for as Ford said, "the people have spoken; they have chosen a new President . . ."

And it is for Carter to outline his priorities and recommendations.

Ford did renew tax and energy proposals he had advanced before, but in large measure his address was a review of more than 29 months in the White House.

The President said he left the nation more confident, stronger militarily and in better economic condition than when he took office. He said there is a way to go, but "I am proud of the long way we have come together."

Ford said economic trends are good, but too many Americans still are unemployed. "This is my greatest regret as I leave office," he said.

But he spoke more of progress than of setbacks.

"This administration leaves to its successor a world in better condition than we found," he said. "We leave, as well, a solid foundation for progress on a range of issues that are vital to the well-being of America."

Ford did bequeath to Congress a series of general proposals that would benefit the new President.

He urged the Republican minority to give Carter loyal support in foreign affairs. He said past abuses do not justify congressional intrusion upon presidential responsibilities in foreign and defense matters.

Ford said he hopes the new Congress will examine its role in international affairs. "There can be only one commander-in-chief," he said.

He said the nation's defense is in good shape, but added: "It will require a sustained effort over a period of years to maintain these capabilities. We must have the wisdom, the stamina and the

courage to prepare today for the perils of tomorrow."

"In an era where the strategic nuclear forces are in rough equilibrium there may be greater peril of conventional conflict, the President said. So he said the nation must maintain its capability to handle and therefore deter conventional challenges, particularly in Europe."

To that end, Ford said he has submitted a five-year naval building program. In addition, he said, because European security and the integrity of NATO remain the cornerstone of American defense policy, "I have initiated a special long-term program to ensure the capacity of the alliance to deter or defeat aggression in Europe."

The address Ford prepared for a joint session of Congress and a national television audience contained no new proposals.

Ford reviewed the presidency-by-appointment he began with

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MSU request for building funds blasted

By PATRICIA LACROIX
State News Staff Writer

Michigan State Board of Education blasted MSU's proposed construction program for 1977-78, calling the request "inconsistent with current state enrollment projections."

Robert Perrin, MSU vice president of University and federal relations, said MSU never expects to be out of money for all the projects on the books.

Porter, chairperson of the State Board of Education, said the board will report to the state legislature that actions be taken to limit the amount of money granted to universities, colleges and community colleges within the state of Michigan, and that a study be conducted to determine future enrollment patterns.

The State of Michigan Constitution requires the State Board of Education to set in an advisory capacity to the legislature, which actually allocates money to universities.

Porter's recommendation stems from a three-month in-depth study conducted last year. A core group of representatives from various colleges and universities for the purpose of determining if there were possible areas of conservation.

Weber, director of Higher Education Management Services, said 10 recommendations applicable to all universities and colleges were made following a survey, along with four specific recommendations applicable only to certain institutions.

One of these was that MSU's 1977-78 request for new and in-progress projects, for an estimated total of \$10 million, be reviewed.

Porter said a funding request is submitted every year which lists buildings to be in need of building projects. Of these, he said, are resubmitted every year because not enough money was allocated in years past to cover the needs.

For example, the \$15 million Community Arts Building which will house the communications department classrooms has been submitted for years. It finally got funding last year," he said.

Porter said the following projects were those submitted in this year's request:

- \$1 million for the precipitator to MSU's standard violating smoke-

- \$1 million for the educational portions of the Performing Arts Center;
- \$1 million for Agricultural Hall and Garden Hall;
- \$1 million for the Veterinary Clinic, Plant and Sciences buildings;
- \$1 million for conditioning for Bessey Hall.

Porter said the product of the board recommendations is that a study be conducted which determine the future needs of universities dictated by student enrollment.

Porter said the large capital outlay that was requested, we (the board of education) were concerned that many dollars were being spent without board output in mind," Weber said.

Porter said studies indicate that elements will soon be experiencing a 30 per cent decline in enrollment due to a drop in the birth rate.

Porter simply had questions about allocating money for large expansion when there is a substantial drop in university and enrollment," Weber said. "The needs of the University need to be determined in light of the future need."

Porter concurred with this stand, saying the board were "very concerned with matching facilities with the declining number of students."

There is no statewide survey which does not seem to be very important in instances like this," he said. "It's very difficult to make large expenditures without knowing what you are getting for them."



Speaker of the House Bobby Crim, D-Davison, spoke Wednesday in the House Chambers as Michigan's 79th legislature convened for a two-year session.

Inflation affects college—limiting supplies, increasing class size

This is part of a State News series examining the effect of the budget crunch on the individual colleges.

By SEAN HICKEY
State News Staff Writer

The rising rate of inflation, along with the University's retrenchment program for the current fiscal year, may find students in the Music Department left with no horns to toot on.

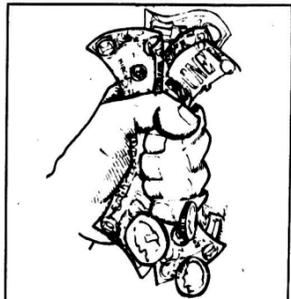
According to Richard E. Sullivan, dean of the College of Arts and Letters, the replacement of equipment and supplies within the college has been severely limited over the past five years when the financial situation of the University first began to deteriorate.

"Sometimes I worry about the state of equipment around here. Someday we may wake up and find everything broken or worn out," Sullivan said.

For the current fiscal year the college was ordered to cut back expenditures by 3.5 per cent after the MSU administration ordered an average 2 per cent retrenchment throughout the University. Among the 17 colleges at MSU the cuts ranged from 1 to 5 per cent.

While the effects of a tight budget have had a physical effect for the College of Arts and Letters, the cutbacks have also affected the psychological atmosphere of the college, according to Sullivan.

"The cutbacks have led to an attitude around here not to try anything new. Reductions have tended to make the college conservative and have created a climate which is not too good to try anything new or



innovative," Sullivan said.

The college accommodates over 3,000 undergraduate majors, but also supports many students within the University who are not within the college itself.

"Our college serves an important function for students in the other colleges but we've had to cancel some sections and turn some students away simply because we have been unable to meet the demand," Sullivan said.

Besides increased class sizes caused by the cutback in sections, the College of Arts and Letters has also faced faculty problems which Sullivan said have increased in recent years.

"Because of that 3.5 per cent cutback we've had to create gaps in our programs.

On the face of it we've had to replace experienced faculty members with people that have just started their careers," Sullivan said.

Another weakness in the College of Arts and Letters, according to Sullivan, has been the inability to combat lagging faculty salaries.

"Whether or not faculty salaries compare with those of other schools is a hard question to answer because MSU is behind those schools we'd like to compare ourselves with, like the Big Ten," Sullivan said.

Like other liberal colleges in the University the College of Arts and Letters faces difficulty in finding outside funding in addition to the basic operating budget they receive each year. Sullivan said most grants from private and public institutions generally go to the science-related fields dealing with large amounts of research.

Sullivan said the college has not eliminated any major academic programs yet, but will if the present cutbacks continue.

"I don't think we could take another major cut without eliminating something. We've reached the point where we would have to wipe out a major program," he said.

"I don't think the University is going to be receiving a large infusion of funds in the future. We are going to have to make do with what we have over the next few years," Sullivan said.

OUTLINES GOALS

Crim criticizes Milliken inaction on Navy project

By MICKI MAYNARD
State News Staff Writer

Gov. William G. Milliken was lambasted by Speaker of the House Bobby Crim, D-Davison, as the Michigan Legislature opened its 1977 session Wednesday.

"I call on the governor to immediately and irrevocably veto construction of Project Seafarer in the Upper Peninsula," he said.

"No further amount of research on propaganda would reverse the overwhelming public opposition (to Project Seafarer)."

Crim also urged Milliken to exercise his veto power over the proposed nuclear dumping in Michigan and "stop these plans before they proceed any further."

Crim, who told the legislators to carefully examine spending priorities, said, "The repeated tragic experience Michigan has had with budget-slashing executive orders, accounting manipulations and mystery deficits must not be repeated."

Crim also outlined his legislative goals in his 15-page speech, which include action on redlining, Medicaid and welfare reform as well as environmental protection.

Turning his attention to the plight of higher education, Crim asked the legislators to focus on two concerns — the greater coordination of existing resources and the continuing assessment of the new funding formula.

Crim said he wants to call together colleges and universities to develop a voluntary plan of cooperation "which recognizes that competition, unlimited growth and duplication of resources and facilities cannot continue."

The speaker added that he felt schools must define their roles within limitations which allow them to operate efficiently and effectively.

In discussing the recent PBB problem in the state, Crim knocked Milliken for the way he handled the investigation.

"There is, unfortunately, no way to undo the executive branch decisions which resulted in a two-year delay before accurate and badly needed information was obtained," he said.

Observers said afterwards that the speech contained possible campaign planks

for Crim's rumored run for the governor's seat in 1978.

He is considered the leading Democratic candidate for Milliken's job.

However, Crim denied that he was a candidate or had discussed his possible candidacy with labor leaders in the state.

He said he disagreed that the speech was a partisan one.

"It wasn't a partisan speech," Crim said. "I'm not more partisan this year than I was last year. It's just that I'm now being cast in a more partisan role."

Carter plans to hold talks with leaders

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Carter said Wednesday he will hold talks here shortly after taking office with leaders from foreign trouble spots. He also said there is "a fine opportunity for dramatic improvements" in efforts for a Middle East settlement.

Carter said he is "deeply disturbed and very much surprised" that the French released Abu Daoud, a suspected terrorist leader accused of masterminding the 1972 attack on members of Israel's Olympic team in Munich.

"There will be a number of foreign leaders that will come to our country to meet with me during the first few weeks of my administration," Carter told reporters during a break in an all-day foreign affairs meeting with congressional leaders.

He said the meetings will be part of "a concerted effort" to negotiate settlements in "many areas of the world . . ."

Carter said the first step would be to send U.S. representatives into these areas. At the same time, he said, "I would visit

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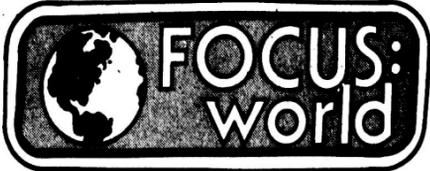
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Sen. Joe Mack, the Ironwood senator with an iron windpipe, won't lose too much of his power. Page 3.

weather

Hexagonal crystallizations will cover MSU to the tune of three inches by late tonight with icy winds gusting to 20 m.p.h. The high today will be in the mid-teens while the low tonight will dip to 10. Anyone for flying south?





France sells bombers to Egypt

PARIS (AP) — France has sold 200 Mirage F1 fighter bombers to Egypt with delivery to start before the end of the year, French official sources said Wednesday.

Aircraft industry sources said the jets were worth roughly \$6 million each. They speculated that Saudi Arabia, which President Valery Giscard d'Estaing is to visit later this month, will provide the money to Egypt to pay for the planes.

Official sources said the first planes will be constructed entirely in France but

others would be built later by the projected Arab arms industry in which France is taking part. The first Egyptian-made Mirage F1s would be operational in 1979, the informants said.

The deal appeared to be one reason for the French government's haste in freeing Abu Daoud, the Palestinian terrorist leader accused of masterminding the 1972 Munich Olympic massacre. His release by a French court Tuesday has stirred protest in France and abroad, particularly in Israel.

Avalanches hit Italy, Yugoslavia

BERGAMO, Italy (AP) — Avalanches in the Alps, from Italy to Yugoslavia, killed at least 13 persons Wednesday. Heavy snowfalls and snowslides blocked scores of roads and mountain passes.

A pre-dawn avalanche crashed into six houses in the tiny ski resort village of Foppolo, about 40 miles north of this northern Italian city. Nine persons were killed and one was reported missing.

One of the two men who had to ski to a nearby village to summon help said the

avalanche was about 500 feet wide and 50 feet high. He said one building housing a tavern was destroyed.

Near Ljubelj, in the Karawanken Alps of northern Yugoslavia, a 1,000-foot-wide avalanche buried six of a mountaineering party of 12 schoolboys and teachers, it was reported in the nearby city of Ljubljana. Three bodies were recovered and the other three climbers were missing.

Zaire volcano casualty toll uncertain

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — The Nyiragongo volcano in Zaire erupted Monday and may have caused some deaths in the heavily forested and thinly populated eastern part of that southwest African country, reports reaching Brussels said Wednesday.

The casualties, however, were reported to be far fewer than the 2,000 first reported by the Belgian radio,

quoting diplomatic sources in Kinshasa and Radio Kinshasa. The Zaire government denied that figure and said there were no casualties in the eruption of the 11,000-foot volcano. The official Zaire news agency, AZAP, also stated there were no victims.

U.S. diplomatic sources reached in Kinshasa said there might be some casualties.



Weather cuts off power to industries

The Southeast's coldest winter since 1885 forced the cutoff of natural gas supplies to major industrial users in a large portion of the Southeast region Wednesday. The cold also caused scattered problems for some electric utilities elsewhere.

But moderating temperatures eased energy problems in northern Texas and southern Oklahoma and a number of

Midwest utilities that had to cut back voltage on Tuesday said their operations were back to normal.

Southern Natural Gas Co., which serves Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and portions of Florida and Tennessee, curtailed supplies to all but residential and small commercial customers.

Oil shipment on U.S. tankers urged

WASHINGTON (AP) — The AFL-CIO urged Congress Wednesday to require more oil to be shipped on American tankers as a step toward reducing accidents.

Paul Hall, head of the AFL-CIO Maritime Trade Department, said American crewmen are better trained and disciplined than the crews of such flags-of-convenience nations as Liberia and Panama.

No standards apply to the convenience nations crews, Hall told the Senate Commerce Committee hearings on tanker safety, adding, "It's really a slave market."

President Ford last year vetoed a bill to require up to 31 per cent of U.S. oil imports to be carried on American flag vessels. Committee member Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., said the bill will be pushed again this year.

Rhode Island official may be extradited

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — A newly elected Rhode Island legislator may be extradited to Michigan because he never served a sentence reportedly imposed for stealing 31 record albums, state police say.

Testimony that Rep.-elect William H. Bailey had been convicted of stealing the records from an Algonac, Mich., depart-

ment store was presented Tuesday to a select committee of the Rhode Island House.

The committee also was told that Bailey was twice convicted of larceny in Massachusetts. There have been reports that he has a long string of larceny and shoplifting arrests.



Judicial commission files complaint

DETROIT (UPI) — The Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission has filed a formal complaint against Detroit Recorder's Court Judge Clarence Laster for alleged improper return of forfeited bond money.

Commission officials Wednesday said

they have asked for Laster's suspension from the bench while hearings are held on the matter. Similar accusations also have been leveled at suspended Recorder's Court Judge James Del Rio.

Michigan Bell to list husbands, wives

DETROIT (UPI) — Michigan Bell announced Wednesday it will list the names of husbands and wives in telephone directories, in some cases free of charge, after Feb. 1.

The company said any customer with a service order, such as a telephone installation request, will be able to list two surnames in the directory without charge.

Customers seeking merely a directory

listing change must pay a \$5 fee, which is the standard charge for any alteration in listings.

Bell said it originally proposed to the state Public Service Commission a system of mandatory second name listings with a monthly charge. But the new policy was adopted because "commission and customer reaction to the first one wasn't all that good."

Bell plans new FBI director

WASHINGTON (AP) — Griffin B. Bell, the attorney-general designate, promised on Wednesday to replace Clarence M. Kelley as FBI director "before too long."

Testifying at the second day of his confirmation hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Bell signaled for the first time that the Carter Administration has decided to let Kelley go.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., asked Bell about Kelley's future.

"We'll look forward to having a new director of the FBI before too long," Bell responded.

Former President Richard M. Nixon appointed Kelley in July 1973 to head the FBI. He has presided over the bureau during a period of major disclosures about wrongdoing under his legendary predecessor, the late J. Edgar Hoover.

Though Kelley has brought some major changes to the FBI, he has been criticized for failing to move fast enough to correct past abuses.

Bell noted that Kelley at 64 is near retirement age and that many ranking bureau officials must leave this year because of a new federal law requiring law enforcement personnel to retire at 55.

Bell hinted that Kelley might be appointed to an advisory position after a new director is named.

Though Bell declined to elaborate on the timing of the change, there has been speculation that Kelley will remain with the department in some capacity until October when his pension would increase considerably because of the new retirement law.

Kelley said last year he would not resign voluntarily during a change in administrations in order to avoid setting a precedent that future FBI directors must leave when a new president takes office.

Kelley believes that could encourage political appointments of FBI directors and inject the bureau into partisan politics.

Questioned about intelligence gathering practices, Bell said it would be his policy to prohibit wiretapping and bugging of American citizens without court warrants, even in

national security cases involving foreign intelligence.

"So long as I am attorney general, if I have anything to do with it, that will not happen," he testified.

The law and court decisions permit wiretapping without a court warrant only in investigations of foreign spying in this

country. In domestic criminal investigations, the law establishes procedures for obtaining court approval for wiretaps for a limited period of time.

Bell said he supports "the general approach" of legislation proposed last year to require court warrants for all electronic surveillance of Americans.

Questioned about the enforcement of antitrust laws, Bell said he is disturbed that judges sometimes give convicted price fixers light sentences.

"I'll go to court myself at the time of sentencing to ask the court to impose severe penalties," Bell pledged.

The current head of the department's antitrust division, Asst. Atty. Gen. John Baker, did just that last week.

Apparently hoodlums in plea, the judge imposed stiff sentences. The department has ever obtained antitrust case.

RELEASE OF TERRORIST SUSPECT DENOUNCED

Israelis protest outside embassy

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Israelis angered by France's release of a suspected Palestinian terrorist massed outside the French Embassy Wednesday, hurled eggs, denounced the French president and demanded that the ambassador be thrown out of Israel.

Outrage here over the French action was certain to heighten with reports from Paris Wednesday that France has sold 200 Mirage F1 fighter-bombers to Egypt.

It was widely speculated in France and elsewhere that the impending sale was one reason for the French haste in freeing the Palestinian, Abu Daoud, on Tuesday and allowing him to fly to safety in Algeria. Daoud was suspected of having plotted the massacre of Israeli athletes at the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich.

Almost 1,000 noisy demonstrators gathered at the embassy here and vilified French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing with obscenities.

Relatives of Munich victims demanded that French Ambassador Jean Herly be expelled. The families were to meet Thursday with Foreign Minister Yigal Alon.

Israel's ambassador to Paris, Mordechai Gazit, headed home after being recalled for consultation in a demonstration of official Israeli outrage.

Daoud blamed his arrest last Friday on "purely political considerations," saying elements of the French police were working "in the interests of Zionism."

The Israeli press and others have accused France of capitu-

lating to Arab pressure because its depends heavily on imported Arab oil and because it feared possible terrorist reprisal.

The Soviet government newspaper Izvestia applauded the French action, saying Wednesday that the negative reac-

tion is "primarily spoiling the good which now exist between France and the Arab

Unemployment level drops higher food prices expected

WASHINGTON (AP) — The national unemployment rate dipped to 7.9 per cent in December, the first drop in three months, the government reported Wednesday. But at the same time, there was a signal of higher grocery prices to come.

Soaring costs for coffee, pork and poultry triggered the biggest jump in wholesale farm and food prices in eight months, an increase soon expected to show up at supermarket counters across the country.

The report of moderate improvement in the jobless rate last month, down from the 8.1 per cent level in November, was another sign the economy may be perking up.

The "pause" in the economic recovery during the summer-fall months had raised fears of another recession and prompted President-elect Jimmy Carter to propose a two-year, \$30 billion program of tax cuts and job-creating programs.

However, the improvements in unemployment, retail sales, industrial production and personal income have only been moderate and most analysts believe economic stimulus is needed to boost the economy in 1977.

Without any special government action, the forecasters predict unemployment will remain above 7 per cent throughout the year. Carter believes his program will reduce the jobless rate close to 6.5 per cent by year end, but labor and some economists

say even stronger measures may be needed.

At 7.9 per cent, the December unemployment rate was back at the same level as at the beginning of 1976. Last January, joblessness stood at 7.8 per cent.

Unemployment had declined from a recession peak of 8.9 per cent in May 1975 to 7.3 per cent last May, but then started rising and stuck on a plateau between 7.5 and 7.9 per cent through the summer and fall. It rose to 8.1 per cent in November.

The Ford Administration had predicted the rate would fall below 7 per cent by the end of 1976, but abandoned that forecast when the economic pause set in.

In December, the number of Americans unemployed declined by 210,000 to 10 million. At the same time, total employment rose by about 220,000 to a new high of 107 million.

The Labor Department said most of the decline in unemployment occurred among adult men, most of whom simply dropped out of the labor force. Their jobless rate fell from 6.5 to 6.2 per cent.

After expanding by about 2.8 million throughout most of 1976, the labor force total number of persons working or looking for work — was virtually unchanged in December at 95.9 million.

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CHANGE UP TO PEOPLE, RUSTIN SAYS

Activist urges organization

By JUDY PUTNAM
State News Staff Writer

The type of social change that will take place during the next four years will depend on the ability of the American people to organize and put pressure on the Carter Administration, according to a prominent civil rights activist speaking on campus Wednesday.

Bayard Rustin, whose life-long involvement with civil libertarian causes have led to his arrest 24 times, spoke on "The Meaning of a Carter Victory for Women and Minorities." "Social change depends on whether or not there is sufficient pressure and reorganization on the part of the American people . . . in finding constitutional and extra-constitutional ways in which pressure can be put," he said.

Tall and distinguished, the 66-year-old Rustin has been involved with the major civil rights events of the last four decades. In 1942, he worked to aid Japanese-Americans placed in war camps. He participated in the first Freedom Ride in 1947 for which he was arrested and served 30 days on a chain gang and was imprisoned from 1943-45 as a conscientious objector.

A socialist, Rustin has been a member of peace organizations. He helped Martin Luther King Jr. organize the 1955 bus boycott, prepared the original plan for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and was a special assistant to King from 1955 to 1960. Rustin is currently the director of the A. Philip Randolph Institute, an organization which promotes political involvement by the populace.

Rustin said the title of his speech would more aptly be, "The Meaning of a Carter Victory for the American People," saying that the needs of minorities and women cannot be

separated from the needs of the masses.

"If you go into Detroit tomorrow morning and make everybody white, will there be more housing? Will there be more jobs?" he asked.

Calling Carter's victory the "most extraordinary election we have ever had," Rustin said that Democrats won because class issues, and not special group issues, were focused on. "We have gone so far, to see the problem in terms of class," he said. "Not once did Barbara Jordan, in opening the convention, mention blacks."

Rustin said that Carter appealed to the working classes and minorities because of his stands on such issues as the state of the economy.

A possible crisis that Rustin sees is the lack of "sentiment" reflection by these groups in the government, due to the absence of such political machinery as lobbyists. "Sentiment without political organization is meaningless," he said.

Board defeats no-caucus plan with 14-6 vote

By JANET R. OLSEN
State News Staff Writer

A resolution that would have implemented joint working sessions between Democratic and Republican commissioners and replaced the present practice of holding closed party caucuses prior to board meetings of the Ingham County Board of Commissioners was defeated Tuesday night.

The 14-6 vote, however, was not partisan. Steven Thomas, R-Meridian Township, who introduced the resolution; Bill Sederburg, R-East Lansing; and Carl Evanoff, R-Lansing, voted in support of the measure, along with Patrick Ryan, D-Lansing and Ron Smith, D-Lansing.

Thomas had hoped the resolution would "bring the decision-making process out of the 'smoke-filled room' and into public exposure."

"I haven't heard any discussion on a topic yet," Thomas said Tuesday night, "which we would be likely to vote on in a partisan manner."

In an earlier press release, Thomas had pointed out three reasons for adopting the no-caucus policy. He said that most issues are nonpartisan, that the present board make-up of 17 Democrats and four Republicans would make party caucuses less meaningful and that the new state open meetings law will require meetings to be open to the public when a quorum of the board is discussing county business.

Ryan supported the resolution, even though he said that Republicans have used caucuses in the past to exclude Democratic participation on the board.

Commissioner Joan Trezise, D-Lansing, leader of the Democratic caucus, did not support the resolution. She said the Democratic caucus is open to Republicans, the public and the press.

Sederburg said the passage of the resolution would make "a more friendly atmosphere so we can get down and do the public's business."

Sederburg, chairperson of the county Republicans, pointed out to the board that he had in the past come out in favor of making elections of commissioners nonpartisan.

Commissioner Mark Grebner, D-East Lansing, said he finds real value in meeting and discussing with people, in advance, who agree with him. He said that before the November election Republicans were talking about winning 13 to 15 board seats.

"There was no mention in the platform of eliminating caucuses," Grebner said. "If they are serious, I think they should wait until they again have a majority and then act to disestablish caucuses."

"It may take a few decades, but I am willing to wait."

In a final attempt to seek support for the resolution, Thomas said that much of the discussion had been related to the actions of past Republicans on the board. Three of the four Republicans are serving their first terms as commissioners.

"The four of us haven't shown any interest in showing prejudicial treatment toward others just because they're of a different party," he said.

DEMOCRATS VOTE DOWN MOTION

Mack retains committee seats

By JAMES V. HIGGINS

LANSING (UPI) — Senate Democrats voted down a motion Wednesday that would have stripped Sen. Joseph Mack of one of his powerful committee assignments, but said they expect the Ironwood Democrat to give up one voluntarily.

"Senator Mack in my judgment will relinquish one of his seats," Senate Majority Leader William Faust of Westland said after a 3 1/2-hour closed-door caucus.

"But he agreed to do that voluntarily sometime back."

Caucuses were the first item of business for both parties in the upper chamber on the opening day of the 79th legislative session.

Republicans met briefly for leadership elections and quietly voted back into office all leaders who have served for the past two years.

Democrats discussed legislative priorities, set a schedule for filling committee vacancies — and said they expect an additional vacancy in the near future by the resignation of Sen. John T. Bowman, D-Roseville — then turned to the dispute over Mack's unique dual legislative role.

"The result was the caucus voted to allow Senator Mack to make up his own mind," Faust said when asked whether Mack would retain his seat on the powerful Appropriations Committee or his chairmanship of the Conservation Committee.

That decision could come today, Faust said, when Democrats meet for preliminary discussions on committee assignments.

A Senate rule forbidding appropriations

members to serve on other standing committees was relaxed as a special accommodation to Mack in the Senate's last reorganization.

A motion to reinstate the rule failed on a voice vote. Senate members would not disclose who made the motion.

Mack has been severely criticized for holding up environmental legislation in his conservation committee, but some Senate members said they believe Mack will retain that chairmanship and give up the appropriations seat.

Mack would not comment on the caucus discussions, referring all questions to Faust.

Faust said that all questions concerning outstanding committee assignments would be discussed today in a meeting of the Committee on Committees, but would not be finalized until Jan. 25.

He said he favors returning to the old rule concerning appropriations members.

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BOARD ALSO FILLS COMMISSION SEATS

ASMSU approves elections code

By ANNE S. CROWLEY
State News Staff Writer

ASMSU Student Board approved a elections code, decided to allow slate to appear on the ballot, filled the College of Natural Sciences seat and four of the five All-University Commission (AUEC) seats at its night meeting.

Yeh, a sophomore physics major, chosen by secret ballot of the board to the College of Natural Sciences seat, was vacated last fall by Neil Ruggles.

Hoyle and Jim McAdam were named as codirectors of the Legal

Services Cabinet and Jeff Kazanow as director of the Labor Relations Cabinet.

Named to the AUEC were Leonard Broberg, a candidate last spring for the College of Natural Sciences seat on the Progressive Action slate; Tim Cain, former ASMSU Board president; Barry Griffiths, a candidate last spring for the College of Engineering seat on the Counterforce slate; and Douglas Leppanen, a junior majoring in political science.

The revisions to the ASMSU elections code should prevent the problems which came up after last year's election, said Michael Lenz, Student Board president.

Due to invalidations and appeals in the judiciary system, Lenz was not seated as president until September, seven months after his election. Kathy Wright won the College of Education seat, but the election was invalidated because her financial report was filed after the deadline. She is still appealing the invalidation.

"The old code was a mess," said Tim Beard, College of Business representative to the board. "It wasn't clear and the wording made it hard to enforce."

Passed unanimously by the 11 members who attended the meeting, the new code:

- Allows slate names to appear on the ballot.
- Outlines a sliding scale of expenditures allowed per slate, depending on the number of candidates it runs.
- Permits single candidates to form their own slates.
- Requires only one financial report per candidate, rather than two, as under the old code. Reminders of this requirement will be sent to the candidates three days before the election.
- Requires the All-University Student Judiciary to invalidate candidates, rather than the AUEC, as allowed under the old code.
- Requires a special election to decide any races in which the winner's results were invalidated. The runner-up would sit on the student board until the winner of the special election was certified.
- Does not require ASMSU to enforce the University ordinance prohibiting the posting of signs on surfaces other than bulletin boards. The individual will be responsible only to the University if signs are posted in his or her name on a prohibited surface.

The board also opened petitioning for:

- Four spots on the Student Media Appropriations Board (SMAB). Applicants should have business and accounting experience. Feb. 2 is the tentative deadline.
- The remaining AUEC seat. The deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday.

All application forms can be picked up in 334 Student Services Building.

Officials say E.L. 'not affected' by high court rezoning decision

By MICHAEL ROUSE
State News Staff Writer

Lansing will not be affected by a recent Supreme Court decision regarding rezoning in suburbs for low-income housing, city officials said Wednesday.

The high court ruled Tuesday that predominantly white suburbs do not have to rezone land for low-income housing for and other minorities unless the zoning laws are intentionally discriminatory.

According to the 1970 census, 2,241 persons out of the total population of 47,540 were classified as either black or Spanish-speaking in East Lansing.

Attorney Dennis McGinty said no precedent has been set in Lansing applicable to the case in Arlington Heights, Ill., on the Supreme Court decision was based.

The city is not in the process of banning low-income housing know of no ordinance that would ban it," McGinty said. He knew of no previous incident where a low-income project was turned down.

However, the chances of a low-income housing project being approved now in the city are uncertain, said Associate Planner Jim Ravensway.

"I'd have a really difficult time assessing the chances," vanRavensway said. "It's tough enough for regular housing."

He said the city's rezoning of land for the Pebble Creek development in 1972 "established some kind of precedent."

"It shows that we can accept low-income housing," vanRavensway said.

Pebble Creek is a 186-unit low-income multiple family development located along Coolidge Road north of Saginaw Street. It is jointly funded by the state and federal governments.

Bob Jipson, director of the Department of Building and Zoning, said the likelihood of another low-income development being approved "depends on how much tax relief the city can afford."

vanRavensway said he is familiar with the case in Arlington Heights, since he was working for a planning firm in Chicago at the time of the rezoning request.

"If the developers had been white the project still would have been denied, just because of the site," vanRavensway said. The apartments were proposed to be built next to a church and would have been surrounded by single-family homes, he said.

"The case doesn't mean anything; it didn't address the issue of discrimination," vanRavensway said.

Two men plead guilty in zoo attack; held without bond in sheriff's custody

By NANCY JARVIS
State News Staff Writer

Two 19-year-old men pleaded guilty to killing several Potter Park Zoo animals causing the death of one last week at arraignment Wednesday in Lansing District Court.

Michael Crowlley and Michael Szyska, of Webberville, pleaded guilty to the animals, malicious destruction of property under \$100 and simple larceny. They are being held in the sheriff's custody on bond.

The two defendants were apprehended by Lansing Park police Tuesday after an anonymous tip which led to a third party identified both men by name, Ingham County Prosecutor Peter Houk said.

Finley, zoo director, said the defendants, in their statements to the court, admitted responsibility for entering the park, killing and skinning a raccoon, and several deer and breaking into the area and setting several birds free.

A spokesperson for the Lansing District Court said Crowlley's and Szyska's sentencing will be delayed until a report from the probation office is complete.

Houk said sentencing would probably be some time next week, with the maximum sentence being 90 days in jail and a \$100 fine each.

"After talking to them and hearing their testimony, I realized they represent a social problem," Finley said. "I am pleased they were caught but not in the sense of persecution of kids."

"They have not had a lot of exposure that would tell them what they did was wrong," he said. "I want to see justice done, but not persecution."

"I hope this (their apprehension) will deter and teach others the difference between right and wrong."

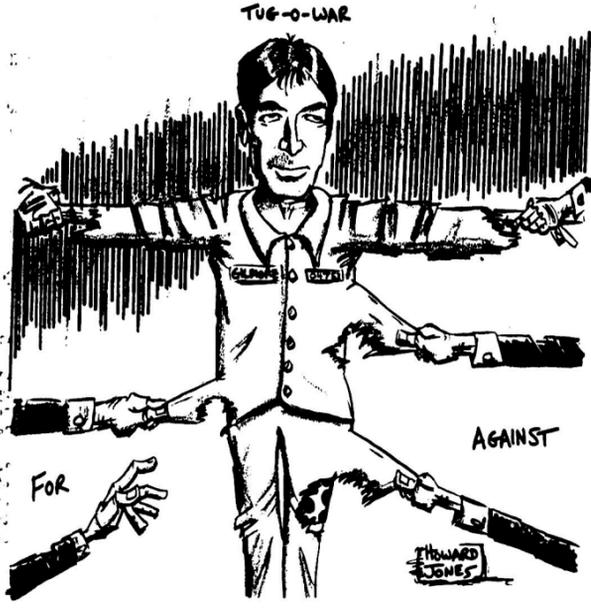
The animals were unguarded for several hours when the attack occurred Jan. 5. Finley said he hopes to have guard protection increased from the present 18

hours per day to 24 hours. The deer are recovering after veterinary treatment, Finley said, and the birds that remained in the area were returned to their cages.

Jerry Miller, director of the Friends of the Zoo Society, which offered a \$200 reward payable to anyone providing information leading to the conviction of the vandals, could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

Correction

In Tuesday's paper, the identification of L. Eudora Pettigrew is incorrect. She should have been referred to as the acting chairperson of the Department of Urban and Metropolitan Studies. The department is within the College of Urban Development.



Calm heads needed for death penalty issue

Michigan is dangerously close to getting caught up in the emotional hysteria sweeping the country which demands a return of the death penalty to crack down on crime.

Rep. Kirby Holmes, R-Utica, is spearheading a petition drive to have the question considered as a constitutional amendment on the 1978 Michigan ballot.

Combining the nature of the constitutional amendment process with this already volatile issue would make it easy for the people of Michigan to vote their heated emotions when what is most needed are clear, calm heads on this crucial question. And all that Holmes and his supporters, which now include Senate Minority Leader Robert W. Davis, need is about 300,000 signatures to get the

question on the ballot. A public sick and tired of sky-high crime rates would likely embrace such an amendment if it were on the ballot.

The reason this old ghost is back to haunt us, after similar attempts failed in 1931 and again in 1974, is twofold: last summer's U.S. Supreme Court 5-4 margin ruling in favor of capital punishment and the current publicity over the bizarre Gary Gilmore case.

If calmer heads would prevail, it would become obvious that the whole capital punishment idea is senseless. People who claim that it will deter further murders have no statistics to back that up.

If that were true, then the presence of the death penalty would lower the homicide rate; but this has never happened. Legitimizing murder by society can

only serve to lower our moral standards, not raise them. George Bernard Shaw said, "Murder and capital punishment are not opposites that cancel one another, but similars that breed their kind."

The "eye for an eye" reasoning is certainly not the highest concept of Christian ethics. The religious argument that this is what the Bible teaches ignores the fact that the Biblical concept evolves and grows out of the revenge concept into one of compassion and forgiveness.

Others say that they would support capital punishment if it were not discriminatory. Both racial and class discrimination pervade the very nature of our

criminal justice system.

Others have the audacity to complain that arguments against capital punishment always come down to a moral question. It is a horrifying danger that enough people realize the ramifications of the death penalty.

We do not advocate the death penalty. The horrendous crime that it does need a solution, but the way to attack that problem is through certain and swift conviction, parole reform and unclogged court dockets so criminals are freed on bail forever. There are a plethora of ways to attack the problem other than bringing back the death penalty.

Appointment of trustees in whose interest?

The reasons for opposing gubernatorial appointment of the state universities' board members far outnumber any that the State Senate Republicans may have for proposing such a restrictive amendment.

What will assure the people that the most qualified candidates will be selected to board positions if the power of appointment is placed in

Gov. William G. Milliken's hands?

More than likely, what is now being termed as "voting on a partisan basis" by various U-M and WSU board members will change to appointment on a Republican basis. Grafting, clandestine bargaining and promises are actions no one can prevent taking place.

It is only through student

nominations that students have been elected to university boards in the past. Student representation is already deplorably lacking, and it is highly unlikely that Milliken would consider very many students among his list of qualified appointees.

MSU Republican Trustees Aubrey Radcliffe and Jack Stack

prefer the removal of governing board elections from the November ballot, and placing them on the spring ballot with other educational issues. We agree that this would be a better alternative, and it may give the voters a chance to examine the candidates more closely. But stripping the people of their right to elect public officials is not the answer.

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VIEWPOINT: CREATION

Another look at Darwin

By CHUCK MILKEVITCH

Evolution has been taught in public schools for several decades, and many scientists and educators have called it a proven fact. It is refreshing to learn that the retired chemist John J. Grebe is offering \$1,000 to the first person who can raise evolution even to the level of a true scientific theory.

The writings of Charles Darwin, pioneer of modern evolution, make three crucial claims. He believed that systematic gaps between major groups of organisms would be filled by further fossil discoveries. He maintained that unlimited variation of characteristics could result from continued selection. He assumed a particular geologic model, that of Charles Lyell. In the next hundred years, as Darwin's main ideas gained general acceptance, these three critical postulates were undermined. Modern neo-Darwinian thought continues to proclaim gradual evolution long after the foundation that made it reasonable has been wiped out.

In spite of great advances in fossil study, huge gaps remain in the alleged evolutionary sequence. The development of flight, for example, would involve easily traced changes in almost every body structure, but transitions toward this radical transformation are absent in the fossil record of insects, flying reptiles, birds and bats.

Darwin was completely ignorant of molecular genetics and held that change

was fostered simply through sustained natural selection of adaptive traits. Modern genetics, however, has shown that selection works only within a range set by the genetic endowment of the species, and that the mechanism of evolution requires mutation, arbitrary errors in the duplication of cellular material transmitting traits across generations. If Darwin was alive today, it is doubtful he could ever accept the neo-Darwinist claim that man is descended from an ancient sea slime through three billion years of accumulated genetic mistakes. There are, after all, limits to faith!

Evidence for the geological school on which Darwinism was based has come under attack. Today Darwin's presumed evolutionary sequence is considered the best available way to interpret geological data. "It cannot be argued," admits geologist R. H. Rastall, "that from a strictly philosophical standpoint geologists are here arguing in a circle."

Modern "objective" scientific publications make a subjective premise in excluding an active God from the study of the natural universe. This premise excludes a true Biblical perspective, which must hold that God has acted continually, and sometimes dramatically, in human history. Very few people schooled only in evolution have pondered the fact that the broad sweep of fossil order reconstructed by evolutionists is exactly that expected from Noah's Flood. "More recent" orders of animal and plant life share a higher buoyancy in water (and

thus resistance to burial in sediment), elevated habitats, and, for higher animals, greater mobility allowing temporary escape from rising waters. Since these factors operate on large populations in a statistical manner, exceptions to the general order which have maddened evolutionists — or have been ignored or explained away — are welcomed as supporting evidence for a one-time flood.

There have always been those who have insisted that man is qualitatively different from the animal world. Many brilliant modern scholars have given their lives to a tortured attempt to show how man, as the product of evolution, somehow became not merely a bigger and better(?) animal but something new. For the Christian, the first 11 chapters of Genesis provide a uniquely satisfying answer to the problems of man's origins. As a grudging and reluctant convert only four months ago, I was moved by hard evidence in this and other areas, as well as personal need, to accept the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I hope earnestly that no one be held back from personal decision by a vague fear that Christianity falls apart before the arguments of secular thought. May I suggest the contrary and ask anyone sincerely interested to contact me or a campus Christian group such as Inter-Varsity, Campus Crusade (which I attend) or Navigators, and put the claims of Christ to the test.

Chuck Milkevitch is a junior majoring in social science.

LETTERS To the Editor



Coffee

This is in reference to your editorial on Friday titled "If you can cope, boycott coffee."

I am a junior at MSU who transferred from a small school. As such, I was able to miss the economics requirement. However, I have learned much just through living and I thought that economics wasn't needed. But now I see it is, especially for newspaper editors.

Let's pretend we are a company making a product, and because of a lack of raw materials, or a fire, we could only make a few of our product. To remain in business and make money, we must sell these few for as much as we can. But, egad, demand drops. The product doesn't sell, because people won't pay the price we put on it. We lose money, go bankrupt, and if we don't find a job, our unemployment runs out and we starve.

Now let's look at Brazil and their coffee farmers. According to your editorial, "Brazil . . . lost over 70 per cent of its crop and will temporarily welcome a drop in demand." That is silly, to say the least. To be able to keep farming, the farmers must be able to sell their few products, as our company must, for as much money as

possible. To welcome a drop in demand is to welcome a drop in prices. And a drop in prices means a loss of money for the season for the farmer.

It doesn't seem to me that this is a situation that the Brazilian government, or the Brazilian farmers would welcome. Therefore, the rationalization for the boycott doesn't "hold coffee." Instead of the board of trustees acting to turn the coffee machines off, maybe they should act to require editorial staffs to take Economics 200.

John Stanley
204 E. Holden Hall

Indians

This letter is intended as a supplement to the viewpoint concerning native Americans printed in Friday's issue. The plight of the American Indian is a rather uncomfortable situation to the people in this country today. This is understandable because the facts behind the westward expansion of this country have revealed that many of us are compelled to feel a little guilty. This is good. It indicates that basic humanity is still alive. But how will we respond to this guilt? Rationalizations such as "It's all in the past" is one of the excuses Moss is writing about.

Writing Sen. Abourzek (chairperson of the Senate Interior subcommittee of Indian Affairs) is a step in the right direction, but such methods have limited results unless they are massively organized.

But there is more you can do. Last year, through fund-raising activities and donations, the Native American Solidarity Committee (NASC) raised over a thousand dollars for Native American defense funds and antirepression campaigns. NASC is one of over 20 chapters across the country

involved in projects of education with schools and community groups and conducting open forums on native issues.

If you just want to know more about the issue or if you would like to do more, contact the NASC office on the first floor of the Student Organizations Building.

David B. Schmitt
Native American Solidarity Committee

Dear Hilton

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Dear Hilton Oliver,
Did one of us turn you down?
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Your head's in the ground?

Dear Hilton Oliver,
We're here 'cause we've got brains.
We can't help it Hilton
If you're a little deranged.

Dear Hilton Oliver,
We'd sure like to find ya.
Where you belong
Back in North Carolina!

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The incredible coffee shortage

WASHINGTON — The first inkling that the price of coffee had gotten out of hand was in early 1977 when the IRS announced you could deduct the price of the first cup of coffee, when discussing business, but you could not deduct the second cup. Also, you could no longer buy your wife a cup of coffee unless you could prove it was necessary for her to be there when the business conversation was held.

In a few months coffee had become a luxury item and was only served in the finest restaurants. At \$20 a cup, some eating places offered to give you a free meal if you bought a cup of coffee to go with it (cream and sugar was extra).

But soon the idea of serving coffee after a meal was reserved for special occasions such as weddings, anniversaries, Bar Mitzvahs and New Year's Eve. It wasn't enough to just serve the coffee. People began to toast each other with their cups, and waiters showed the can the coffee came from, before they poured it from a pot wrapped in a white napkin.

The coffeemakers started to put the vintage years on the cans and connoisseurs emerged who could comment on the quality of each brand. They would say such things as "It's an unassuming little Maxwell House, but I think you'll be amused by its presumption" or "This 'Chock Full o' Nuts' has a nobility to it that you rarely find in any of the domestic brands. I would put it up against a 1975 Chase & Sanborn anytime."



Art Buchwald

The hostess or host would say rather proudly, "My grocer recommended this 'Instant Brand' over Nescafe. But it has to be drunk young when it's at its peak."

People started keeping "Coffee Cellars" which they showed off to their friends. There, gathering dust, lying on their sides, could be found Medaglio 1974, Wilkins 1976, Safeway All-Purpose Grind 1970 and A&P's Perculator Ground which came from beans picked from a special plantation outside of Rio de Janeiro.

It became such a luxury that voters accused their congressmen and senators of only being interested in "coffee, women and song."

Lockheed lobbyists gave away cases of coffee instead of money, and Arab middlemen insisted on being paid off in Italian espresso instead of Swiss francs.

Dictators and generals opened secret numbered coffee accounts in Geneva and Zurich, where multinationals deposited bags of coffee beans in vaults. The Soviet Union sold gold to buy coffee.

The Shah of Iran canceled his order for F-16 jets from the United States and ordered six shiploads of Yuban instead. Brazil took the F-16s to defend its coffee plantations from Ecuador.

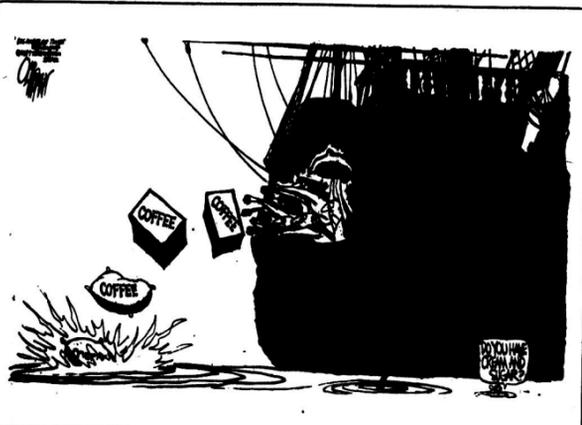
But the worst thing that happened is that employees all over the country could no longer have a "coffee" break. Instead they were given "wine breaks," which were much cheaper but caused a tremendous amount of accidents and mistakes in productivity.

Just as World War III looked as if it would erupt over the coffee shortage, Brazil, Colombia, Kenya and Angola had bumper coffee crops, and the price dropped back to one dollar a pound.

Once again signs started to appear in diners which read "Second Cup of Coffee Free." People turned their coffee cellars into air raid shelters and the coffee break in offices all over America was restored.

When Joe DiMaggio was called out of retirement to sell "Mr. Coffee" machines again, he called it "The greatest day of my life."

Los Angeles Times



Letter Policy

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Future consumer agency deemed likely

By JONI CIPRIANO
State News Staff Writer

A federal agency designed to represent the consumer in governmental decision-making may become a reality during the Carter Administration, according to consumer groups. The new agency for consumer advocacy would represent the consumer in the same way that other federal agencies are making policy decisions of consumer interest.

The idea of a consumer agency is not new, according to Kent Wilcox, deputy director of the Michigan Consumers Council. Congress already passed Senate Bill 200 which set up a consumer agency, but President Ford vetoed it, Wilcox said. "The bill had been introduced many times before in different forms in the House and Senate."

In order to establish the agency, another bill would have to go through the new Congress and be approved by the President-elect, Wilcox said.

Wilcox is inclined to think there's a good chance that the agency will be established. "If it is set up like the provision in Senate Bill 200, it would be a nonregulatory federal agency which would be able to go to court on behalf of the consumer."

The agency, though, not having regulatory powers over other agencies, would have the time and money to research consumer issues to present a strong case in court, he said.

"The public relations value and the research value of this (agency) would be very important, and because the agency would be relatively unbiased, its position would carry more weight than a consumer group like Ralph Nader's," Wilcox said.

Though Carter has indicated his support for such an agency, Jeff Joseph, director of governmental and consumer affairs at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, said the President-elect does not seem to be talking about the same agency as the one outlined in Senate Bill 200.

"Carter said he was in favor of a consumer agency that would be a vehicle to reform other government agencies," Joseph said. "He refers to Senate Bill 200, but that type of agency is not the kind Senate Bill 200 would provide."

The consumer agency of Senate Bill 200 would have substantial power, but many organizations would be exempt from the agency's control, he said.

"Some of the exemptions would include labor disputes, hand gun control, renewal of Federal Communications Commission licenses for television and radio stations, Alaskan pipeline disputes, and

food production (which is left to the middleman)," Joseph said. "The only group not exempt in any way is big business, he added. "This agency would have substantial power to demand hearings and, if necessary, re-hearings with other agencies," he said. "In addition, it could take cases to court, whether the majority of consumers agreed with the agency's stand or not."

"The basis of this agency would be too broad — we'd be spending

everyone's money to speak in behalf of some."

As debated in Congress, the agency would consist of a small staff, but Joseph fears it could become a "super-agency."

"For one agency to do its job, straight across the board and dealing with all other agencies, I fear the staff would become very large," he said.

COGS endorses reception, debate about health center gynecologist issue

A reception for the MSU Board of Trustees was endorsed by most of the major governing groups on campus at the Council of Graduate Students (COGS) meeting Monday night.

The reception is set for Jan. 20 at 8:30 in the Centennial Room at Kellogg Center. All interested students are invited to attend. ASMSU, the Interfraternity Council, the Inter-Co-op Council, the PanHellenic Council, the Residence Halls Association, Student Council and the University Apartment Residence Council have given support for the meeting between the trustees and students.

The council decided to hold debate at the next meeting about supporting a resolution to encourage the University Health Center to hire a gynecologist at least on a part-time basis.

Donald Batkins, president of COGS, said there is some push to turn the University medical care program into a co-operative

health service and that hiring a gynecologist would be an appropriate measure.

Plans for the purchase of 35 acres of land on Lake Lansing Road for a proposed student club will be discussed at the next meeting also. Jeff Friedle, president of the MSU Sailing Club will represent various campus organizations at the meeting. The club would be open to all students.

COGS is also resurrecting the two-year old issue of a teaching assistant's sick policy. The policy would state that TAs would not be fired because of illness, would be paid for the time they are incapacitated and would keep their jobs until they are able to return to work. Batkins said the policy is patterned after the sick policy for the MSU faculty.

The next meeting of COGS is Jan. 24.

PROPOSALS INCLUDE LIMITING BILLS

Rep supports legislative reform

By MICKI MAYNARD
State News Staff Writer

The Michigan Legislature seems at times to be covered with a network of thousands of bills and hundreds of committee reports that off presses every year.

However, a wide-ranging reform package that would speed up legislative procedures has been proposed by Rep. Connie Binsfeld, East Lansing.

The suggested reforms include limiting the number of bills legislators may introduce, making committee chairpersons report the status of legislation in their committees every two months and reducing the number of committees from 33 to 19.

Binsfeld, who is starting her second term in the House, said she and other legislators would act on her recommendations soon.

"My ideas and visions are based on two years' experience," she said. "They come from someone who is not entrenched in the system."

Binsfeld chaired a Republican Task Force on Legislative Reform, which took suggestions from members of both parties. She said her most important concern was increasing efficiency in the legislature.

"The volume of material handled by the legislature has increased rapidly that we have to find a way to make it work more

efficiently," Binsfeld said.

Over 5,000 bills were introduced in the legislature last year, far too many, according to Binsfeld.

"When a legislator introduces 400 and some bills in one year, you know that he's using them to limelight for publicity," she said.

Binsfeld's proposal would limit each legislator to a certain number of bills. However, if some important legislation was necessary, she said she would favor letting the appropriate committee introduce the measure.

Binsfeld said she expected legislators to feel that they were being unfairly limited, but said the idea wasn't irrevocable.

"We're not amending the constitution, for goodness sake," she said. "If we don't like it, we can always change it."

Another of the legislator's proposals would put a modification in the introduction of budget bills. Currently, budget bills are introduced along with other types.

Binsfeld said she would prefer seeing a cutoff date for nonbudgetary matters so that the legislators could devote their time solely to budget bills.

The legislator said her proposals had the support of both Republicans and Democrats. She added that she had not yet met with Speaker Bobby Crim, D-Davison, to discuss the matters, but hoped to get his support.

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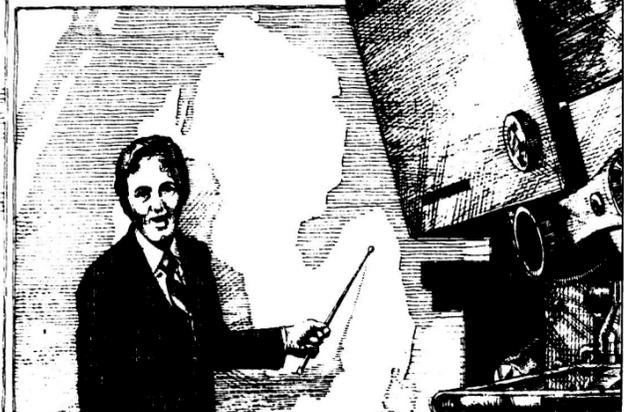
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Rock rolled its low notes, but a few saved the year

All in all, 1976 was not a kind year to rock and roll. The music hit low notes with mediocre releases from the likes of Dylan, The Stones, McCartney, Harrison, The Beach Boys and Eric Clapton, to name only a few. The Band announced its retirement, two ex-Beatles were tried for plagiarism and Bruce Springsteen suffered the "sue-me-sue you blues," with fans hearing nothing new from the supposed "future of rock."

More than ever before, the term "rock" was used to include everything from Aerosmith to The Captain & Tenille. This included the rise of trash bands such as The Ramones and The Runaways, hyped rock movies (one of which portrayed Adolf Hitler dancing to "The Fool On the Hill"), British "Punk" and the continued popularity of semitrash like Kiss and disco music. It was the year of stadium concert tours and Don Kirshner's atrocious "Rock Music Awards," both representative of rock becoming its own antithesis.

Philosophical speculation aside, all was not lost. 1976 was the year Bob Seger received the fame he so deserves, though he's now tending to repeat himself. The addition of Stevie Nicks to Fleetwood Mac helped take that band's 1975 LP to the top of the charts. A cult following and critical acclaim surrounded Jonathon Richman & The Modern Lovers, a punk band destined for fame.

In addition, there were some excellent albums released in 1976. Below, in no particular order, are a rock fanatic's favorite 10 LPs of the past year:



BILL HOLDSHIP

SOUTHSIDE JOHNNY & THE ASBURY JUKES - "I Don't Want To Go Home" (Epic)

With Miami Steve and The Boss himself producing and composing, this was '76's closest thing to a new Springsteen LP. In the year of disco's bastardized soul, the Jukes do for R&B what Bruce does for rock, taking it back to its roots, a la Sam Cooke, etc., but adding a '70s "wall of sound."

PATTI SMITH - "Radio Ethiopia" (Arista) & "Teenage Perversion" (Bootleg)

Neither are as good as "Horses," but both are still magic, nonetheless. Poetic primal lust by a very beautiful rock child added to '80s-type anarchic-bohemian rock & roll. Your parents won't like her, and ain't that refreshing?

LOU REED - "Coney Island Baby" (RCA)
His very best studio solo album. A concept album of sorts, dealing with youth in NYC, rock romanticism and loss of innocence. Only Reed's album could have lyrics ranging from "The glory of love might see you through" to "If I ever see Sharon again/Tm gonna punch her face in."

STEVE MILLER - "Fly Like An Eagle" (Capitol)

Steve's most commercial release, but still his best. It's probably the year's most versatile LP with selections including space, blues, country, oldies and basic rock.

TOM WAITS - "Small Change" (Asylum)
Beautiful melodies and beat poetry by a combination Jack Kerouac and adult Huck Finn. He should've been Time's "Man of the Year," but hopefully he won't even make the cover of Rolling Stone.

DAVID BOWIE - "Station To Station" (RCA)

"The return of the thin white duke," this time with space disco rock. Parts are chilling, but the only question is: where does he go from here?

THE MODERN LOVERS - "The Modern Lovers" (Beserkley)

Produced by John Cale, the music is more basic than Smith's and Richman's lyrics are stranger and funnier than Reed's. Possibly the new Velvet Underground, to whom they owe a great deal.

AL STEWART - "Year Of The Cat" (Janus)
Very beautiful melodies, nice lyrics and mellow enough to make your skin crawl. Like Donovan without the flower power.

STEVIE WONDER - "Songs In The Key Of Life" (Tamla)
After the long wait, it became the year's most overrated album. Nonetheless, the man is a genius, and who am I to argue with the masses?

WINGS - "Wings Over America" (Capitol)
Despite the silly love songs and cutesy lyrics, one-fourth of a legend is better than none at all.

'Wings' mixes mediocrity, finesse

By JOHN CASEY
State News Reviewer
Up to now it looked like nobody would be able to claim the "ex-Beatle who makes good on a solo career" award. It is trite to declare that when the Fab Four were together, nobody could come close to touching their musical creativity and impact. But what happened

Express, to come forth with another weak effort, "33 1/3." So much for living in the material world.

John Lennon has yet to be heard from in quite some time. That doesn't mean he has been dormant. Lennon and Yoko have successfully fought his immigration problems but have failed to stir up anything of

So that leaves us with Paul McCartney, the winner by default of this prestigious award, only on the merit of his past three albums with the Wings entourage. The newly released three-record extravaganza, "Wings Over America," nails the distinction of being best Beatle in a starring musical role.

In 1976, McCartney and Wings conquered American audiences with a powerful display of rock, expertly showcased and well received. McCartney not only displayed a fine musical stance, but silenced many of his critics as well. This time around, McCartney sifted through miles of tapes from the tour, selected the best five takes, and mixed down 30 songs to fill the album with six sides ranging from McCartney mediocrity to McCartney finesse.

It is by no coincidence that the stronger material on the multidisc package are songs from the post-"Band on the Run" era. It was also pleasing

to have "Live and Let Die" and "Hi, Hi, Hi" available on an album for the first time. A majority of the album contains a strong rock basis, and in this capacity Wings have reached respectability.

Much of the luster, however, is lost because McCartney has included many obligatory Beatle tunes, resurrecting a past that would be better off left there. His treatment of a Paul Simon song, "Richard Cory," is good, but out of place. When McCartney launches into the opening chords of "Yesterday," the screams of those Beatle days sound hauntingly familiar, and painful.

Ironically the apex of "Wings Over America" is not a McCartney original or anything from

the Wings repertoire, but a dozen-year-old Moody classic, "Go Now." Denny the strongest supporting actor in McCartney's solo kicks new life into his old

"Wings Over America" triumph for McCartney, hope this is an indication of things to come, as it is remembering "yesterday"



when they dissolved their identity in 1970 due to personal conflicts?

George Harrison produced only mere glimpses of the magic that he created in later Beatle endeavors, notably the "Revolver" and "Yellow Submarine" albums. Lately, Harrison has teamed up with Tom Scott, founder of the L.A.

musical worth.

Ringo Starr falls into the more-of-a-personality-than-a-musician class. Starr never really had a plethora of talent, and subsequent solo efforts made this painfully obvious. His last album, "Ringo's Rotogravure," is third-rate, proving that a good producer (Richard Perry) can work miracles.

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Opera returns with 'Don Giovanni'

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By PETER J. VACCARO
State News Reviewer

The Opera Guild of Greater Lansing, in conjunction with the MSU Music Dept., this week presents its new staging of Mozart's great comic opera, "Don Giovanni."

The opera marks the fourth annual offering for the opera guild since its inception in 1973. The thoroughly respectable mountings of the past three years, together with such outstanding accomplishments as the guild-sponsored appearance of Renata Scott last month, and a stimulating opera-education program for young people, have already marked the guild one of the most distinguished contributors to the arts in the Lansing area.

"Don Giovanni" may well be the most challenging of the guild's offerings to date, but one senses that the guild is meeting the opera's enormous vocal and dramatic demands with great competence.

Chief among the reasons is a radiant professional company, headed by Metropolitan Opera veteran John Reardon. Reardon, referred to by the New York Times as "one of America's top singing actors," will star as Don Giovanni, the legendary seducer Don Juan. Reardon's is an international reputation, backed by a repertoire that includes 20 world-premiere performances.

Joining Reardon is a distinguished company which includes Sherry Zannoth in the role of Donna Anna, Elizabeth Mannion as Donna Elvira, Julia Lovett as Zerlina, Jack Trussel as Don Ottavio, Gimi Beni as Leporello and Philip Steele in the dual role of Masetto and the Commendatore.

"Don Giovanni," to be performed in English, will be under the musical direction of MSU Symphony conductor Dennis Burk. Stage director is

Richard Voinche, making his fourth appearance with the opera guild. Choreography is by Dixie Durr, director of the MSU Repertory Dance Co., and designs and lighting and technical direction is by Michael Hans.

Performances of "Don Giovanni" will be in the MSU Auditorium Friday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m. A second company will perform a matinee for young people Sat-

urday at 2 p.m. Children and accompanying adults will be admitted free of charge to the matinee.

All seats are reserved for the Friday and Sunday performances, and tickets are currently on sale at the MSU Union Ticket Office and at Marshall Music, both Lansing and East Lansing. Ticket prices are \$7, \$6 and \$4.50. Students will be admitted at half price at all performances.

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and was nominated for artist of the year and song of the year and song of the year.

ominated for record of the year and song of the year.

Chicago's "If You Me Now" and George "This Masquerade."

Alive" and Boz Scaggs' "Silk Degrees."

The Grammys, the music industry's version of Oscar Awards, are presented each year by the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences. Nominations are suggested by academy members and record companies. Nominees are selected — usually five in each of 49 categories — by academy committees and the winners are chosen by voting members of the academy at large.

This year's winners will be announced in a nationally televised presentation Feb. 19 at the Hollywood Palladium, hosted by singer Andy Williams.

Natalie Cole, daughter of the late Nat King Cole and last year's female artist of the year, presented the nominations along with Darryl Dragon and Toni Tenille, also known as The Captain and Tenille. Songwriters nominated for

song of the year were Bill Danoff for "Afternoon Delight," Neil Sedaka and Howard Greenfield for "Breaking Up Is Hard to Do," Bruce Johnston for "I Write the Songs," Leon Russell for "This Masquerade" and Gordon Lightfoot for "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald."

Nominated with Starland for best new artist or group were Boston, the Brothers Johnson, Wild Cherry and Dr. Buzzard's Original Savannah Band.

Cole was again in the running

for the best female performer for her album, "Natalie Cole." Also nominated were Linda Ronstadt for "Hasten Down the Wind," Emmylou Harris for "Here, There and Everywhere," Joni Mitchell for "The Hissing of Summer Lawns" and Vicki Sue Robinson for "Turn the Beat Around."

Wonder also was nominated as best male performer in the pop field, as rhythm and blues song, along with "Love Hangover," "Lowdown," "Misty Blue" and "Shake Your Booty."

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Resolutions abound in MSU community

By TRACY REED
State News Staff Writer
As calendar pages turned over from Dec. 31 to Jan. 1, heralding a new year, some area residents experienced a turnover, too — that of the proverbial "new leaf." However, the general public

seems to be sour on making new year's resolutions, while among city officials and those connected with MSU, definite resolutions were a bit more popular. Resolutions, when made, were split between vows for self-improvement and plans to

be more helpful to others. Of a dozen people who were questioned at Meijer Thrifty Acres and Meridian Mall recently, 10 had not made any resolutions for 1977. Comments on why this negative attitude was taken ranged from "It's a waste of time" to

"I'm too old to make resolutions." One of the resolutions that was made by a woman questioned was to be a more positive thinker.

Robin McFarland of Laingsburg said her resolution was "to stop swearing and to manage my money better." C. Patric "Lash" Larrowe, professor of economics at MSU

and recently appointed faculty grievance officer, plans to spend 1977 as a crusader. "This is going to be the year in which I stamp out injustice on the MSU campus," Larrowe said. "Let those who perpetrate injustice tremble."

Physical improvement was mentioned in some lists of new year's resolutions. MSU Athletic Director Joseph Kennedy said his goal was to lose some weight. "If you can find the secret, let me know," he said.

Jack Breslin, executive vice president of MSU, said he had two resolutions, one of which was to exercise every day. "The other one," he said, "is to try to make sure I get all of my phone calls returned each day."

Bernita Johnson, a senior majoring in nursing, also listed weight loss as one of her goals. A second one was increasing her wardrobe.

East Lansing City Council member Mary Sharp said she hasn't made any resolutions for a number of years.

"I haven't thought about it," she said. "I should have had something exotic like reforming something, but I've given up reforming." Robert L. Wright, professor

of American Thought and Language, said, "I'm not even ready to recognize it's a new year." John Czarniecki, Lansing city councilman, also claimed a good resolution. "I've kept more than I've kept," he said.

As for this year, Czarniecki said he's given the matter little thought, but his resolutions "haven't crystallized." "I think I'll be working harder on council resolutions and trying to accomplish things I did not get done last year," Czarniecki said.

EXPERIMENTS SUCCESSFUL

Students go plant crazy

By MATTHEW GRYZAN
State News Staff Writer
In the basement of Anthony Hall, MSU graduate students are now engaged in research that reads like a science fiction novel. They have successfully grown an entire plant from a group of cells the size of the "o" on this page.

with the rapid asexual propagation of Begonia, which is the growing of plants without using seeds. Starting a plant from a cutting is asexual propagation.

of the entire plant is contained in the DNA of each cell, it is theoretically possible to grow carbon copies of the plant from each cell. But this rarely happens because of mutation.

"This type of research began at the turn of the century," said Edward Mikkelsen, graduate assistant in horticulture, "but it wasn't until 1955 that they were able to regenerate a whole plant from a single cell."

The reason the researchers can grow plants from much smaller samples is they use a special germ-free environment. The selected cells are put into a sterile culture gel that contains certain nutrients.

"I am trying to devise a type of system where I can mutate a bunch of cells," Mikkelsen said. "There is a number of ways to aid mutation. You can use ultraviolet light, chemicals, X rays and gamma rays."

"I've used a shoot tip about one millimeter in size to produce a plant," Mikkelsen said.

"We basically put in salts — you might call it super fertilizer — which are chemicals that the plant needs," Mikkelsen said. "In some cases we have to put in five or six types of vitamins, much like what a human needs."

In this way, the researchers hope to grow plants that are more suited to adverse environments.

The research, which is conducted under Kenneth C. Sink, professor of horticulture, centers around growing plants that are resistant to adverse conditions and rapidly growing plants without the use of seeds.

Most of the time cells growing in the culture are not capable of photosynthesis, where the plant makes sucrose with the help of light, so the researchers add sugar as food.

Taking pill during pregnancy linked to infant heart defects

"My work with Petunia concerns mutating and then selecting cells that are resistant to sulfur dioxide," Mikkelsen said. "And hopefully a plant grown from those cells will be unaffected by sulfur dioxide." Sulfur dioxide is a major component of air pollution. Another project has to do

Mikkelsen said the cells then form a "callus," or group of cells, that resembles a flesh-colored blister. The callus is then placed into a gel which contains different chemicals that promotes organization of the cells into a plant.

BOSTON (AP) — Women who take birth control pills and other female hormones during pregnancy are about twice as likely as usual to have babies with heart defects, a study shows.

defects among every 1,000 infants born to women who took the drugs during early pregnancy. The rate was about eight such cases for every 1,000 babies whose mothers did not take these drugs.

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Carter plans to hold talks

(continued from page 1) personally with a number of the leaders of other nations who live in trouble spots of the world.

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, D-Minn., did not specify the opportunities but told reporters: "We had a very extensive discussion on the whole subject of the Middle East."

A survey of pregnant women, analyzed at Boston University (BU), showed the increased risk of heart trouble in the infants of women who took two commonly prescribed female hormones, estrogen and progestogen.

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Carter said the Middle East, Cyprus and South Africa were among trouble spots where nations "want the change in administration before seeking enthusiastically the resolution of their problems."

Clifford Case of New Jersey, ranking Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said members of Congress and the new administration agreed that "there's no sense of having a (Strategic Arms Limitation) agreement just for the sake of having an agreement. . . what we do must be worthwhile and, of course, not harmful."

Most of the problems, they found, occurred among women who took the drug, sometimes accidentally, during the second and third months of pregnancy.

Sometimes women are given the female sex hormones by doctors who believe the drugs reduce the chance of miscarriage.

"Nobody can predict the outcome of discussions which might very well take place in Geneva, but the moderation of Arab leaders, the public profession of support for a resolution of the Middle East question, insinuating the acceptance of the permanent status of Israel as an entity in the Middle East — all these give us hope that we might have substantial achievement."

Senate Republican leader Howard Baker said he warned Carter they will disagree at times during the next four years, but added that Carter wants to minimize those disagreements. Baker said he was pleased by "Carter's depth of knowledge" about foreign affairs and his willingness to consider congressional advice.

Results of the study, conducted by doctors at the Drug Epidemiology Unit of BU Medical Center, were scheduled to be published in today's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

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The President-elect and his advisers met with the congressional leaders to map ways of reducing armaments and "alleviating any threat to peace." One congressional participant had said earlier that they discussed "opportunities that are now available" for Middle East talks.

The doctors found a rate of about 18 babies with heart

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MSU's Don Rodgers is down here, but he did win his Friday night Southern Illinois match, 4-1. MSU's grapplers travel to meet the national powers Oklahoma and Oklahoma State tonight and Friday.

State News/Linda Bray

Women plan own varsity club; first meeting to be held Sunday

By CATHY CHOWN
State News Sports Writer
After a year-long struggle, women varsity letter winners at MSU have finally gotten the go-ahead to form a varsity club of their own.

Under the leadership of Leana Bordner, a senior and letter winner from the women's basketball team, an organizational meeting will be held Sunday, at 7 p.m. in the Varsity Club room under the stadium.

According to Bordner, who is acting chairperson, the meeting hopefully will set goals for the club, serve to elect officers and approve or amend a constitution that has already been drawn up by Bordner.

She has been working with Joe Kearney, athletic director, to make sure the newly formed club doesn't run into problems with the men's varsity club, or Title IX. Title IX deals with sex discrimination, and it was feared last year when Bordner tried to get a women's club going that certain Title IX regulations would cause complication with funding and certain other club activities. However, this year, the men and women have come to terms, and the men have agreed to let the women use the varsity

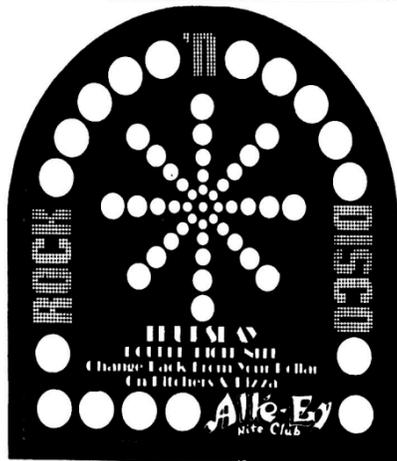
clubhouse every other Sunday. The men in turn would use the club room on alternate weeks. As long as there is no disagreement in wants or needs between the men and women's clubs, Title IX will not affect the two.

For example, if the men's club should get some special funding, or privilege, and the women did not have that same opportunity, that would violate Title IX. But if the two clubs are able to come to terms on the procedures of the varsity clubs, all will go smoothly.

So far, the women hope to model their club somewhat after the men's, working toward such honors as the varsity "S" award, which the men already receive. Currently the women only get a green nylon MSU jacket after winning a varsity letter.

Like the men's, the women's club will be self-supporting, and

will raise money by having members pay a one-time entrance fee due when joining the club.



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Weaver returns...again

JOHN SINGLER
News Sports Writer
Music continued but the gymnast could not. Her and her season had right along with her tendon, and she felt a bit out there in front of the people, helpless as she

decided to attend MSU at the same time Barb McKenzie was named Spartan head coach.

"She (McKenzie) works well with people and is good at pushing you," Weaver said.

In junior high school Weaver was coached by June Szypula, wife of MSU men's gymnastics coach George Szypula.

"It was because she pushed me that I stayed in the sport," Weaver said.

The push paid off. Weaver won the Michigan high school all-around title in 1973 and was the captain of that season's all-state team.

She spent last summer teaching gymnastics clinics in Pennsylvania, Michigan, Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico. "Sometimes you become frustrated with yourself but you have to be patient," she said, "even if you're really not a patient person."

"When you teach, you can see yourself in all the little kids," Weaver added.

She said she felt that judging in intercollegiate gymnastics is even more subjective and even more political than in international competition. However, she doesn't let the judges bother her.

We stress working out to maximize your performance and your learning," Weaver said. "You have to look at yourself and whether or not

you've done your routine well."

She said she has found that actual competition does not appeal to her as much as the people she has met in the sport.

Weaver believes that smaller gymnasts have an edge in both training and actual competition. Early in a gymnast's career the coach will bodily help the gymnast learn a routine, much like guiding a youngster in learning to ride a bike. Therefore, the smaller the gymnast, the better.

"On the bars, it's better to be 5 feet 2 inches or less," Weaver said. "The smaller gymnast is apt to be the one to make it."

At this point in the season, it is still physically impossible for her to compete in the floor exercise for at least another five weeks.

"I'm pleased with my progress on the bars and in vaulting," said Weaver. "I'm confident that I will score high eights consistently and I hope to crack nines this season."

Weaver will join the women's team in a four-way meet Saturday in Muncie, Ind. The Spar-

tans will challenge the host school, Ball State, Eastern Kentucky and Central Michigan.

Our main goal for this meet is to increase our hitting percentage, meaning no falls and all routines performed well," said McKenzie.

The women gymnasts will open their 1977 home season next Tuesday against the Hurons of Eastern Michigan University. The meet will begin at 7 p.m. in the upper gym of Jenison Fieldhouse.

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The Christian Science Organization, south campus inspirational meeting at 6:30 tonight 340 Case Hall.

Minority Pre-Med Students Association will be having a meeting at 3:00 p.m. Sunday in E-110 E. Fee Hall. For information, contact Keith McElroy.

Orchestra will offer a ballet class from 7:30 to 8:50 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday evenings in 34 Women's IM Bldg.

Women's meeting. Discussion, action at 8 p.m. Jan. 19, 321 Elm Place. Call Kathy Paletta in East Lansing for more information.

Attention Rodeo Club Members: Meeting at 8 tonight in the Judging Pavilion.

The Math Society will meet at 7:30 on Tuesday in A-204 Wells Hall. Prof. Page will speak on "Representations of Informal Knowledge in Computers."

Students enrolled and interested in Natural Science Field Expedition in Canadian Rockies attend an information meeting at 7:30 tonight, 216 Bessey Hall.

Star Trek Club meets at 8:30 p.m. Friday in 331 Union, to discuss the new fanzine and a surprise.

The PBB Action Committee will hold an information forum at 8:30 tonight in 332 Union.

Hospitality Association Students!!! General Business meeting of the new term at 7 tonight in Kellogg Center. Memberships will be sold at the door and "refreshments" available as usual.

United States Labor Party Detroit Mayoral candidate Mel Brown will speak on "The Fight for Scientific Humanism" at 8:30 tonight in 331 Union.

Anyone desiring to pick up their books or money from the Circle K Book Exchange call Debbie Niemi by Friday.

Photographs by Richard Lott and Jim Colando at Hobbie's in downtown Lansing will be shown until the end of January.

Laebians: Bring your favorite game to the center at 8 tonight. Rides depart at 7:45 from the west door of the Union.

Cross Country Ski Club will decide whereabouts for January trip at 8 tonight, 215 Men's IM Bldg.

Anthony Rogalski and James Butcher discuss job opportunities at Zoology Club meeting at 7:30 tonight in 220 Natural Science Bldg.

The Undergraduate Botany Club will meet at 7 tonight, 168 Plant Biology Laboratory to elect officers and standing committee members.

MSU Astronomy Club will meet at 7:30 tonight in Abrams Planetarium. Bob Victor talks on upcoming celestial events.

Block and Bridle Club's Little International Showmanship contest will be at noon Saturday in the Judging Pavilion.

Applications are now being accepted for staff positions with legal services. Applications available in A-311 and 307 Student Services Bldg.

PPR Majors: PPR Club will sponsor a presentation on internship at 7 tonight, 152 Natural Resources Bldg.

Women: Anonymously report sexual assaults - obscene calls to rape, from 7 until 8:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday at the Women's Council office.

Headstart wants volunteers to work as classroom aides by sharing their talents/experiences with pre-school children. Orientation at 5 p.m. today, 150 Student Services Bldg.

Interested in spring humanities, social science or summer humanities program in London? Attend an information meeting at 7 tonight, 217 Bessey Hall.

All persons interested in doing Gay Liberation Panels please attend the panel orientation meeting at 2 p.m. Saturday, 369 N. Hubbard Hall.

Orientation for all new Ingham Medical Volunteer Placements at 7:30 tonight, 117 Berkeley Hall.

Attention social work majors! USAC meeting at 8:30 tonight, 555 Baker Hall.

Positions for comptroller, assistant comptroller, USAC Committee and SMAB for ASMSU are open. Apply in 334 Student Services Bldg.

Teach a Brother. Tutor black junior high students. Orientation at 2:45 today in 26 Student Services Bldg.

Learn to use instructional objectives, individualized learning programs, tutoring skills. Teach and Reach volunteer program orientation at 7 tonight, 6 Student Services Bldg.

Volunteers interested in recreational activities with emotionally impaired children, attend Lincoln Center Orientation at 4:30 p.m. today, 6 Student Services Bldg.

Scrabble players meet at 1 p.m. Sunday, 332 Union.

MENSA's steering committee will be finalizing February's activities at 7:30 tonight at Susan Sopcaks, 430 Rosewood Ave.

Observatory Open House from 8 until 10 p.m. Saturday. Weather permitting, the 24-inch reflecting telescope will be used for observing current objects of interest.

The Russian and East European Studies Program presents the film "Youth of Maxim," at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in 109 South Kedzie Hall.

Volunteers interested in tutorial activities at a Vocation Center attend orientation at 3 p.m. tomorrow, 26 Student Services Bldg.

Campus Rap Group for Lansing area lesbians welcomes all women from 6 to 8:30 p.m. every Monday in Sunporch of MSU Union.

Are ancient Bioherms the same as modern ones? Find out at 4 p.m. today from Rena Bonham, 204 Natural Science Bldg.

Interested in self-defense, sport karate or exercise? MSU Karate Club meets at 8 tonight, sport's arena, Men's IM Building.

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship meets at 7 tonight in 334 Union. There will be a character study on Jonah.

Provost D. Lawrence Boger will speak on "The Pursuit of Excellence in Academic Programs at MSU" from noon to 1:30 p.m. tomorrow, 1961 North Case Hall.

Oneg Shabat at 9 p.m. tomorrow, 341 Evergreen Ave., Apt. 4.

Married students! Mixed doubles bowling begins at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the MSU Union Lanes. Call East Lansing Community Education.

Film: "Union Maids" about women labor organizers in the thirties at 7:30 p.m. Friday in 105 S. Kedzie Hall.

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Ford: nation has room for improvement

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the resignation of Richard M. Nixon on Aug. 9, 1974. Ford said he was proud of his role in the White House in times that proved that America's is a government of laws and not men in which the people rule.

Ford said a natural normal transition of power after an election is the genius of the American system. And he said the current transition is proceeding well.

"I was determined that it should; I wanted the new President to get off to an easier start than I had," Ford said.

The President closed his last major address by saying it was not easy to conclude the valedictory in the House chamber where he served as a congressman for 25 years. He said he will always treasure the memories of his congressional career as of his White House days, and then he closed:

"My fellow Americans, I once asked for your prayers and now I give you mine: May God guide this wonderful country, its people and those they have chosen to lead them. May our third century be illuminated by liberty and blessed with brotherhood so that we and all who come after us may be the humble servants of thy peace. Amen."

Ford paid special heed to the problem of national defense, an area in which he had accused Carter during the campaign of advocating unwise and dangerous budget cuts.

The President said his administration has "been able to reverse the dangerous decline of the previous decade in the real resources this country was devoting to national defense . . ."

"In my three budgets, we not only arrested that dangerous decline, but we have established the positive trend which is essential to our ability to contribute to peace and stability in the world," he said.

Ford said the challenge now "is whether we have the national will and determination to continue this essential defense effort over the longer term, as it must be continued."

He said the nation cannot afford to have defense budgets fluctuate from year to year and must furthermore look beyond immediate spending to consider the nature of the problem over the next generation.

Ford said that while the U.S. strategic forces were permitted to level off during the Vietnam war, the Soviet Union maintained a steady buildup in its defense expenditures.

"The United States can never tolerate a shift in the strategic balance against us, or even a situation where the American people or our allies believe the balance is shifting against us," he said.

He said decisions must be made now to ensure U.S. security 10 years hence.

Ford urged that the United States proceed with the B1 bomber, the Trident missile-launching submarine and with development of more advanced intercontinental ballistic missiles.

Those programs depend on the wishes of Carter and of Congress. The President-elect has not said whether he will seek to put the B1 into full-scale production. He indicated during the campaign that he favored the Trident program.

Carter also said he would cut defense spending by about \$5 billion to \$7 billion, a pledge he has repeated as President-elect though he has not specified the projected budget level from which such reductions would be made.

Ford recalled his earlier State of the Union reports, saying they had reflected progress on what he called the steady economic course

chosen by his administration.

"I resisted the immense pressures of an election year to open the floodgates of federal money and the temptation to promise more than I could deliver," he said.

"I told it as it was to the American people and demonstrated to the world that in our spirited political competition, as in this chamber, Americans can disagree without being disagreeable," he continued.

"Now, after 30 months as your President I can say that while we have a way to go, I am proud of the long way we have come together. I am proud of the part I have had in rebuilding confidence in the presidency, confidence in our free system and confidence in our future."

Highlights of the State of the Union address to Congress:

•The economy: "All of the basic trends are good; we are not on the brink of another recession or economic disaster. If we follow

prudent policies that encourage productive investment and discourage destructive inflation, we will come out on top."

•Foreign relations: Ford said "our alliances with our major partners, the great industrial democracies of Western Europe, Japan and Canada have never been more solid . . . the friendship of the democracies is deeper, warmer and more effective than at any time in 30 years . . ."

•Strategic arms limitation: "With resolve and wisdom" on the part of the United States and the Soviet Union "a good agreement is well within reach this year."

•Middle East: "Thanks to American leadership, the prospects for peace in the Middle East are brighter than they have been in three decades . . . the opportunities for a final settlement are great . . ."

•Africa: Ford said "the quest for peace, racial justice and economic progress is at a crucial point." He said "America is committed to the side of peace and justice, and to the principle that

Africa should shape its own future free of outside interference."

•Domestic affairs: Ford said "our most pressing need" is to create "productive and permanent jobs. He strongly urged Congress to pass tax cuts, measures to stimulate investments to create jobs."

•Energy: Ford cited as one of the disappointments of his administration "that we have not made satisfactory progress toward achieving energy independence." He called for passage of an energy program.

•Reforms: Ford regretted inability to achieve organizational reforms for the federal government, including the judicial system.

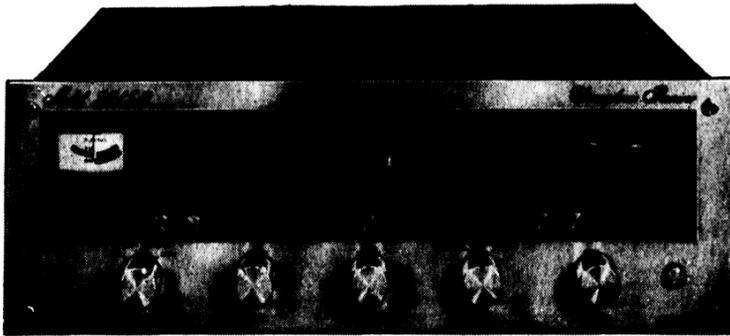
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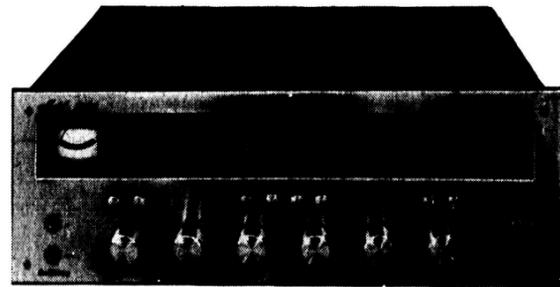
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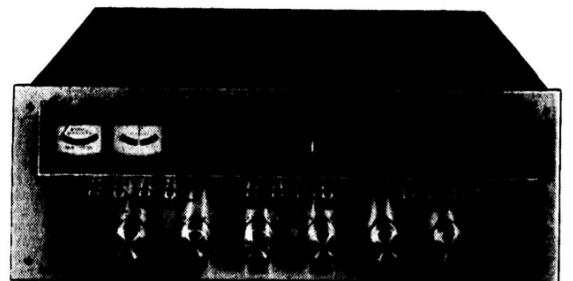
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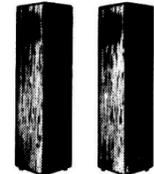
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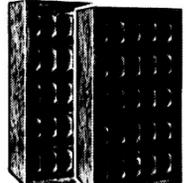
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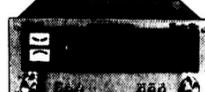
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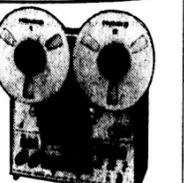
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