



Arctic visitor

The Snowy Owl paid call on Schoolcraft College recently, spending nearly an entire day zooming from building to building on the Livonia campus. A native of the northern Canadian tundra, the bird probably ventured south in search of food, according to Roger Sutherland, head of the college's biology department. (Staff photo by Art Emanuel)

Snow blower fever clears store shelves

National Geographic News Service It's replacing one of mankind's most beloved tools, it may prevent heart attacks, and people are buying it as though the ice ages were coming back. It is a snow thrower, or what could be thought of as a power snow shovel. This year Americans are expected to buy as many as 650,000, twice the record number sold in 1978.

"In snow country, probably one house in five has one," said a happy spokesman for one of the major manufacturers. "We can't make them fast enough, and dealers can't keep them in stock."

Near Washington, D.C., one of the rare hardware store dealers who still had a few snow throwers left said, "People phoning around from out of state sound like they've found the end of the rainbow when I tell them I've got one I can save for them."

HISTORIANS IGNORE the appearance of the first snow shovel, an invention cursed by countless sore-backed shovelers, the National Geographic Society says.

But snow throwers, also known as snow blowers, first appeared on the scene in quantity about 20 years ago. Since then they have chugged across the nation's snow-covered sidewalks and driveways four million strong.

Although makers of the lovely snow shovel say they have plenty of orders, the more sophisticated snow thrower is

fast becoming all but indispensable for Americans chronically charmed by labor-saving gadgets.

Snow throwers come in all sizes, from a 15-pounder the maker says will throw 200 pounds of snow a minute while clearing a foot-wide path, to machines weighing 300 pounds that will chew up a ton of snow a minute and bare a 32-inch width on every pass up and down the sidewalk.

MOST ARE self-propelled, and you walk behind them lawn mower-fashion. Some are designed for mounting on a garden tractor. Costs range from less than \$100 to more than \$1,000.

"Any price is cheap if it saves me from killing myself," says one man in words to cheer every salesman.

Every winter the American Heart Association looks with alarm upon snow shovelers, pointing out that "each season a heavy snowfall is followed by flurries of heart attacks and deaths due to overexertion."

Many surviving victims remember too late the seasonal advice of doctors: Use a small snow shovel, scoop up small amounts of snow, rest a lot, don't get too tired, and — the best idea of all — pay the kid next door to shovel the sidewalk for you.

Even so, clearing a sidewalk is hardly child's play. By the time you — or the neighbor kid — have hefted a 15-pound shovefull of wet, sticky snow 134 times, you've lifted an entire ton.

**Off Season
LOOSE RUG CLEANING
SALE**

20% Off If you bring it in during Feb.
15% Off If we pick it up

SALE THROUGH FEBRUARY
2248 Schoolcraft
Livonia MI

Ferguson
2248 Schoolcraft
Livonia MI
525-1220

**CARPET CLEANING
SALE**

15% Off.....February
10% Off.....March

Steam Cleaning or Shampoo Method

Ferguson
3248 Schoolcraft
Livonia
525-1220

**DAILY CROSS
COUNTRY
SKI EQUIPMENT**

ON SALE NOW

TREMENDOUS SELECTION

Bavarian Village

SKI SPECIALISTS

• BLOOMFIELD HILLS: 2540 WOODWARD at Square Lake
• BIRMINGHAM: 1624 TELEGRAPH at Jethro Ferry
• EAST DETROIT: 2201 KELLY RD. Ste. 6 & 9 Mile
• KANSAS CITY: 3500 WASHINGTON West of U.S. 24
• LANSING: 1215 S. GRATZ RD. at 15 Mile
• LITTON VILLAGE: 29645 SOUTHFIELD at 12 Mile
• LYNDALEWOOD: 1624 TELEGRAPH at Jethro Ferry
• EAST DETROIT: 2201 KELLY RD. Ste. 6 & 9 Mile
• KANSAS CITY: 3500 WASHINGTON West of U.S. 24
• LANSING: 1215 S. GRATZ RD. at 15 Mile
• LITTON VILLAGE: 29645 SOUTHFIELD at 12 Mile
• LYNDALEWOOD: 1624 TELEGRAPH at Jethro Ferry
• EAST DETROIT: 2201 KELLY RD. Ste. 6 & 9 Mile
• KANSAS CITY: 3500 WASHINGTON West of U.S. 24
• LANSING: 1215 S. GRATZ RD. at 15 Mile
• LITTON VILLAGE: 29645 SOUTHFIELD at 12 Mile

Education is big US export

The U.S. imports large quantities of oil, coffee and television sets, but exports a far more valuable product: education.

This year alone, some 200,000 foreign students are enrolled in U.S. colleges and universities, including some 2,300 from more than 100 countries at the University of Michigan. The U-M ranks fourth among all U.S. public four-year institutions in the number of foreign students enrolled.

The highest foreign enrollment is at Miami Dade Community College, which is a two-year institution, followed by the University of California-Los Angeles, the University of Wisconsin and Indiana University.

"The influx of foreign students to this country has risen steadily, more than quadrupling in the past 25 years," said Jon O. Heise, director of the U-M International Center.

"Developing countries are placing increased value on education, and have greatly expanded the availability of elementary and secondary schools. More and more qualified high school graduates from these countries are applying to American universities."

At the U-M, about 15 per cent of the foreign students are subsidized by their home governments,

while an estimated 57 per cent are self-funded. Heise said it's not unusual for cousins, grandparents and other relatives to pool their resources to finance the education of the family's most likely candidate.

Foreign student enrollments in American universities increased by one-third, from 135,000 to 179,000, between 1959 and 1975. But they tripled during the same period in France, from 35,000 to 120,000, and rose from 20,000 to 100,000 in Canada.

"Political problems in Ethiopia, Peru and most recently Iran are a big factor in this increase," Heise said. "When political unrest develops, one of the government's first responses is to close the universities." He attributes most of this year's increase in foreign enrollments, at Michigan and elsewhere, to Iranian students.

At the U-M, 76 per cent of the foreign student enrollment are male, 70 per cent are at the graduate level and 64 per cent are married. Nearly one-third are working toward engineering degrees.

"The admission requirements are strict," Heise said. "In addition to meeting the academic qualifications, the foreign students must be fluent in English."

THE BOARDROOM

For the most
interesting ways
to keep up
appearances.

Somerset Mall • Fairlane Towne Center
(Inside Hughes & Halsey)

Smiley Brothers

A TRUSTED NAME IN MUSIC

The finest keyboard products available!

- Baldwin pianos & organs
- Hammond & Allen organs
- Marantz-Planocorder "memory" pianos
- Young Chang grands & consoles
- Select used instruments

Birmingham at 1010 N. Hunter, MI 7-1177
Also, Detroit & Dearborn

Hickey Freeman
CLOTHES ARE EXCLUSIVE WITH
US "IN DETROIT"

Capper & Capper
Clothing to Gentlemen

Somerset Mall • David Whitney Bldg
Troy • Detroit

**CARPET 15%-42%
SALE OFF!**

Now is the time to get that expensive
different Alan Loni look that only
Alan Loni designer can create for you

**EVERY CARPET
IN STOCK!**

alan lori
Design Center

**BUY
THE HOME
YOU REALLY WANT
NOW**

**GRADUATED
MORTGAGE
PAYMENT**
LOWER MONTHLY
PAYMENTS for the
initial years of a mor-
g. As much as
\$180 per month
lower on a \$60,000
mortgage. Buy more
house with less
monthly income.

**LOW
INTEREST
RATES**
VETERAN HOME
LOANS with 0
down to \$100,000.
VA Home Benefits
were increased as
of Oct. 1978.

**GRAHAM
MORTGAGE
CORPORATION**

355-0500
Southfield
Richard Heinrich
branch manager

**JOIN
THE EXPERTS**

**AND LET THE WORK FOR YOU!
LOOKIE-LOO**

REAL ESTATE NETWORK INVITES YOU TO JOIN OUR
TEAM OF EXPERTS BY ATTENDING OUR CAREER
NIGHT, February
13, 1979, at 7:00
P.M. OPENINGS
AVAILABLE IN
OUR NETWORK
OFFICE THROUGHOUT
WAYNE AND OAK-
LAND COUNTIES.
CALL 887-3718
FOR INFO AND
RESERVATIONS!

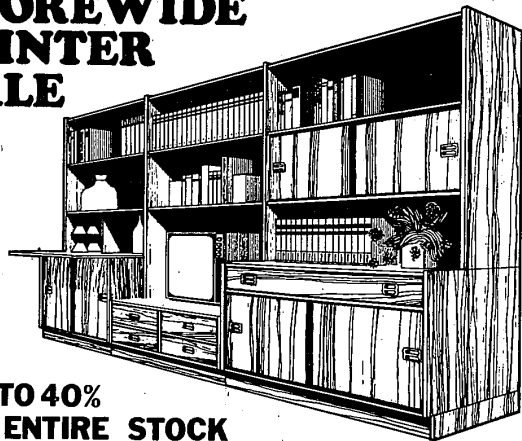
**CAREER
NIGHT!
TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 13, 1979
AT 7:00 P.M.**

**REAL ESTATE
NETWORK**

CALL
887-
3718

international interiors

STOREWIDE WINTER SALE



**10% TO 40%
OFF ENTIRE STOCK**

Save up to 15% on selected custom orders during our Storewide Sale!

As a complete freestanding unit, this wall system will suit all your storage and entertainment needs. The system has three separate sections which can be arranged to harmonize with any decor.
104" wide, 71" high and 18 1/2" deep.

\$697

Complete

(including delivery)



house of denmark

893 SOUTH ROCHESTER ROAD • ROCHESTER
TUE. WED. SAT 10:00-5:30 THUR. FRI 10:00-9:00
SUN. 12:00-5:00 CLOSED MONDAY 651-9430
INTERIOR DESIGN SERVICE AVAILABLE



THE WARM SOUNDS OF LOVE

is WJR-FM's Valentine to all friends and lovers.

On Valentine's Day, Wednesday, February 14th, from 8:00 PM to 1:00 AM, you can enjoy the "WARM SOUNDS OF LOVE." There will be warm and beautiful music for friends and lovers—but you already expect that from WJR-FM. The "WARM SOUNDS OF LOVE" will combine beautiful music with the contemporary thoughts and poetry of love that will make your Valentine's night something special.

You'll find it only on your beautiful music station.

WJR 96FM
WHERE THE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC IS!

Fisher Building

Detroit, MI 48202