

bring people together

William Beaumont Hospital on a volleyball tournament Sunday. The Birmingham-Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce is working with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Eccentric on the carnival's treasure hunt.

This year's five-day event will have fewer activities than the carnivals of years past, but Chadwick said she feels that the events will be better organized due to the additional help from the new sponsors. She said that the carnival has been shortened from last year's nine days because the longer event proved unwieldy and lacked cohesion.

"It was difficult running the carnival over two weekends. We thought that we'd try it this way for this year. It seemed more reasonable."

She said that the changes in the carnival's sponsorship will do more to promote what the organizers were seeking when they began the project five years ago.

"The idea was to unite the community and the Winter Carnival came up because at this time of year there's nothing much

happening on a community-wide scale."

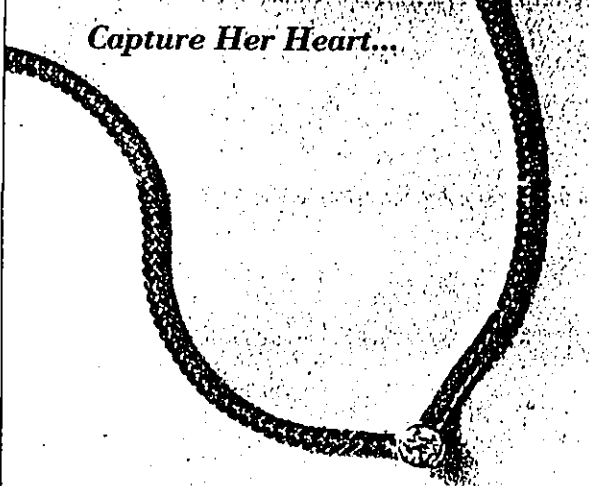
THE CARNIVAL is scheduled in February to take advantage of Valentine's Day and in the hope that Michigan's weather will prove more cooperative than in years past. Last January's carnival was hampered by severe cold, which prompted the cancellation or postponement of some events.

Chadwick said that carnival organizers are hoping that there will be snow on the ground for this year's carnival. It's been hit or miss in years past, playing havoc with such events as the snow sculpture contest and cross country ski outings.

"One of the events that I think we all love the most is the snow sculpture contest. The problem is, you have to have snow and we've had some disasters in the past when the snow didn't materialize. When they happen, they're just priceless."

Besides bringing the community and its residents together, Chadwick feels that this year's carnival will help local groups with their fund-raising efforts as well as publicity drives. She said that she and other organizers believe that the focus of 1983's carnival will be togetherness.


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