## Detroit: an engineering capital Thursday, April 19, 1984 OGE

High tech is a relatively new phenomenon in our cutture. But a basic tenet of high tech — engineer-ing — has been arbund for more than 100 years. For the past 83 years, since the birth of the suto-mobile industry, metropolitan Detroit has been well served by the Engineering Society of Detroit FSD).

real served by the Engineering Society of Detroit (SED). Since 1896 ESD has been a leader in providing services to individuals and the community through technical programs developed to enhance the pro-fessionalism of its members. For many years ESD played a vital role in the area of technological transfer, applying scientific knowledge from one field to another. Although ESD is regional in nature, it has built an international reputation with the excellence of its programs and altracts attendees from as far away as Germany and Japan.

IN 1695 the dean of engineering at the University of Michigan decided to cut programs sharply. Thir-teen graduates organized a protest group to stop the cutbacks. The following year this group became the Engineering Society of Detroit.

high tech **Ronald R.** Watcke

The society's first headquarters was located on Alexandrine Street. In 1943, in recognition of the society's contribution, Horace Rackam built the Memorial Building in his name which has housed the ESD for the past 42 years. Current membership is 8,100 and growing. Regu-lar membership is open to all those at least 11 years of age with a degree in engineering, archito-ture or the allied arts and sciences or equivalent program. Technical membership is open to those at least

MÓRF. THAN 35 percent of the members are as-sociated with the automotive industry. The next two largest groups include 19 percent from the construction industry and 14 percent ployed in public utilities. The remaining members are from the fields of architecture, ducation, ma-terials and remaining and the second members and the second member

are from the fields of architecture, education, ma-terials and general manufacturing. Three-fourths of the members are graduate engi-nears 91 percent for the members are male, reflect-dominated occupation. Almost one-quarter of the membership is under 39 years of age. Approximately 30 percent are be-tween the age of 31 and 40, and more than 55 per-cent are 40 years of age or older. Ten percent of the members ilve outside the state of Michigan. They represent 40 states and 20 foreign countries. This statistic attests to the inter-national appeal of the society.

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