Entertainment

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Bob Sage of Farmington is one of the chapter members, who meet each Monday at the Lathrup Village Hall. The Detrott No. 1 and the Oakland chapters combined to form the new chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Bar-bershop Quartet Singing in America Inc.

They're in harmony

By Robin Gaines special writer

THE DETROIT-Oakland
Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Early for the University of the Univ

and Lovely," at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22.

"That was part of the Idea of the merger, to bring the two good units together and build from 60 men up to 100, said Bill Fantalone of Lincoln Park, chapter president. Our objective is to break a 100-man chorus. That's our long-term goal."

The chapter's 60-man chorus, the Gentlemen Songaters, will be featured in the show, along with the 1986 International Silver Medallist Juartet, Center Stage; the Chicago Natural Gas; and the Crystal Classics, the Sweet Adeline regional medallists.

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"BARBERSHOP singing is a unique sound," said Don McDaniel of Union Lake, assistant director of the chapter. "It's done totally unaccompanied."

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Added Fanfalone, "It's the purest form of a cappella harmony."
Barbershop harmony is produced by four voices: the lead, tenor, bass and barltone, with the harmony built around a melody line.
"Barbershop singing goes all the way back to the middle ages," said Stove Sutherland of Canton, musical director of the Detroit-Oakland chapter. "Men used to gather at the



Bill Fanfalone of Lincoln Park (right), president of the Detroit-Oakland Chapter of the International Barbershoppers Society, sings

with other members of the Gentlemen Song-sters at rehearsal for a show at Orchestra Hall.

barber with their instruments, play their music and sing along with it.

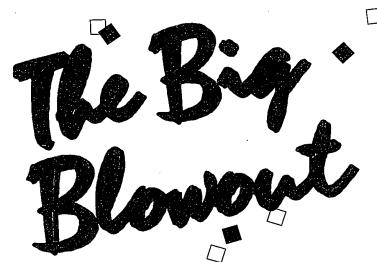
"They (historians) feel that has 48 million to the institute. During the Christmas season, area chapset the street of the two or three original music styles that we have."

The barbershop quartet society has approximately 37,500 participants in more than 750 chapters and only 10 weeks to what the society generates is donated to the Institute of Logopedies, which helps people with speech handicaps. So

If you love to sing, can carry a tune and are male, the chorus invites you to drop by its rehearsal at the Lathrup Village Hall at 8 p.m. Mon-days. For further information, phone days. For 259-2511.

"I think the biggest disappoint-ment in my life is that I didn't dis-cover it (barbershop singing) until I was 45 years old," said McDanlel. "I figure I wasted 20 years."

Tickets at \$7 and \$8 for the Or-chestra Hall show may be purchased at the box office or by calling 568-5924 (days) or 549-0241 (evenings).



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