



SWINGIN' WITH SOUL — Rodney Knight and The Soul Sextet on the stage at the State Fair. From left: Danny Falzen, Dennis Okamoto, Knight, Terry Greenburg, Larry Nemzin, Terry Hubbard, and Wally Knebl (not with the group at present).

# Soul And Teens Are Key Words For Rodney Knight

Rodney Knight of Redford Township has brought "soul" into the Observerland area with one sax, two trumpets, two guitars and a set of drums.

His Soul Sextet has captivated audiences from teen night clubs to the Roostertail supper club, and his music has been called the best soul sound in the country.

"The music is their own. Al Lifshin, manager of the group, said, 'I have never seen so much talent concentrated in one act.'

"Every man in the group can sing, dance, play several instruments, write songs and arrange music for the rest of the band."

ROD PLAYS the soul because it is universal to all groups. "I object to hostilities and antagonism, thus I hope the soul sound we play will unite people," Knight said.

Teens mean a lot to the soul singer. When playing in Sarnia, Ontario, some of the area kids went up to hear him play.

Knight was so surprised that tears fell and he and his group gave them rides home. "I want to reach out and touch my fans, they are the greatest and I love them," he said.

LAST SUMMER, Mayor Cavanagh asked the band to play in the inner-city areas to curb race problems. The City of Detroit gave them a truck for their equipment. In no place that they played did any trouble start afterward.

The group played at the State Fair to help raise money for the young bands coming up. They have performed for various charitable organizations such as the KDB Teens and twice for ALSAC.

Knight and his Soul Sextet have had top billing at the Roostertail four times for the club's celebrity night. They, with the Amboy Dukes, played at the Young Rascals concert at Cobo Hall in July.

KNIGHT, WHO is 22 years old, started singing in grade school. He has had about a dozen bands since then and is qualified to play almost every instrument.

A Farmington High School graduate, Danny Falzen, 21, plays guitar. Terry Greenburg, of Redford, is in the brass section and attends Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus.

Larry Nemzin, 19, of Detroit, attends Henry Ford Community College and plays drums. Dennis Okamoto, 23, attends the Detroit College of Business and plays the guitar.

Terry Hubbard, 21, of Dearborn, is a student at Eastern Michigan University and plays trumpet. Armond Angeloni, 23, attends Wayne State University.

Knight and the Sextet are scheduled to release a record in the near future.

## Big Gift On Campus



Stuffed animals are "big" on the nation's campuses this year. Besides their size, what makes them big? They're a light and happy gift of fun for imaginative guys to give their swinging girls. Some fellows pick a toy to match the lady's personality or the decor of her room. Many select her favorite animal or color. Most don't stop with one, but prefer to build a collection. The possibilities are limitless. And the strategy is perfect. After all, what girl would brook off with a guy in the middle of a collection? While pink elephants and purple bulls are popular, psychedelic patterns and colors are among the new things this year. Non-psychedelic offerings include bulldozers and teddy bears, five-foot giraffes and five-inch baby squirrels, basset hounds, zebras, ravens, and an eight-foot "lady lion" — all part of a nationwide mania being replenished at the rate of over 25 million a year.

## Top 10 Songs

- (1) Abraham, Martin and John - Dion
- (2) Heard It Through The Grapevine - M. Gaye
- (3) Ramblin Gambelin Man - Bob Seger
- (4) Love Child - The Supremes
- (5) Cloud Nine - Temptations
- (6) Stormy - Classics IV
- (7) Cinnamon - Derek
- (8) Magic Carpet Ride - Steppenwolf
- (9) I Love How You Love Me - Bobby Vinton
- (10) People - The Tymes

Michigan State's cross country team won the Big Ten title in 1968, the 12th championship for the Spartans in 19 conference meets.



HOMEMAKING HARMONY — Mrs. Ann Sutschek's Farmington High School interior decorating class visited Hearshide, Inc. in Livonia where they were given a guided tour and instructions on the proper choice of colors, textures, and patterns in household furnishing and decoration. The trip was a supplement to their classroom studies of unifying household interiors. Examining samples and swatches are (from left) Debbie Harris, Linda Spurgus, Mrs. Sutschek, Walter Emig of Hearshide and Carolyn Halleck.

## U of M Degrees Given To 32 Local Students

Thirty-one area students were among 2,713 to receive degrees from the University of Michigan in August.

Local students include, from Livonia: Kristina L. Adams, 21, 2190 Lancaster, B.A. in education; Jean S. Adams, 21, 2170 Sunnydale, M.A. in guidance and counseling; Kathleen S. Aylsworth, 16147 Furlane, B.M.E.

Nacie M. Blatt, 19482 Parkway, M.A. in education; Paula K. Francis, 28900 Lancaster, M.A. in speech; Earl G. Laich, 36682 Angeline Circle, M.S. in business education; Catharine C. Langmudr, 38466 Roycroft Avenue, M.A. in English; John M. Livermore, 9928 Hubbard, M.A. in math.

John R. McMeekin, 14423 Nola, M.A. in education; Marilyn J. Mooneyham, 9908 Loveland, M.A. in education; Patricia H. Morrill, 38800 Borchert, M.A. in educational psych.; David C. Ramsey, 28900 Lancaster, A.B. in political science.

Leonard J. Rosen, 29228 Meadowlark, B.S. in zoology and Janet W. Schollenberger, 8935 Rusiel, M.A.

Plymouth students with degrees are: Christine R. Woodward, 500 Ford Street, B.A. in math; James A. Brown, 41395 Wilcox, education specialist in curriculum; Kenneth C. Cogger, 801 Beech Court, M.B.A.; David J. Collier, 9129 Hackberry, B.A. in journalism; Thomas A. Gross, 40643 Crabtree Lane, B.S.E. in physics; Florence S. Harrison, 676 Burroughs, B.A. in French; Alvin H. Larson, 1161 W. Maple, M.B.A.

Robert A. Miller, 47156 Stonecrest Court, B.S. in pre-med; Susan Rybak, 42106 Ford Road, B.A. in history; Cornelius J. Sullivan Jr., 11559 Brownell Avenue, M.B.A.; Darrell L. Walters, 14045 Shadywood Drive, M.A. in music.

Robert V. Glamb, 31537 Shenidar, Gardonia City, B.A.A.

Westland students include: Jack L. Gray, 35380 Westland Esr. Drive, B.S.E. in electrical eng.; Mary S. Russart, 6200 North Wuyne Road, M.S. in speech pathology; Judith S. Tappan, 35112 Fountain Blvd., M.A. in speech; and Donald U. Walker, 29702 Hanover Blvd., E.S. specialist in school adm.

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