



THE HAPPENINGS, main attraction from New York, take over the Stevenson stage.

Students Gripe

Franklin Plan Has Some Rough Spots

This fall, 2,300 students at Livonia's Franklin High became involved in what the school calls "flexible modular scheduling."

Basically, modular scheduling aims at treating students as individuals, giving them more responsibility for planning their own use of time.

Along with some traditional classes, students have some large group lectures and small group discussions. They also have blocks of "unassigned time," which they use more or less as they want to.

The term "modular scheduling" refers to periods of time called modules. In the Franklin system, one module is 15 minutes.

Classes range in length from two to eight modules, or 30 minutes to two hours. Some students have unassigned time periods as short as one module. It would have been virtually impossible to design schedules for the 2,300 Franklin students using the new plan without a computer.

SOMEWHERE BETWEEN THE

educational jargon about how the plan should work and the student gripes about unrestricted passes that don't allow you to go anywhere is the reality of what happens when a sophisticated, almost college-level scheduling system is plopped into a high school setting.

The basic questions seem to be: How much freedom do high school students should have? How much responsibility they can accept for planning their own use of time?

Mrs. Audrey Becker, who admits that she is bothered quite a bit by her title as Franklin's "director of dissemination," talked about some of the problems that have been encountered with the new scheduling system.

THE TOUGHEST bug right now seems to be unassigned time. Some students have blocks of as much as three hours which they are expected to spend as they wish in labs, libraries or simply doing homework.

Along with the individual problems of deciding how to spend the time and use it con-

structively, there is a school-wide problem of physically dealing with a large group of students who aren't tied down in any one classroom.

Students complain that they really have no place to go where they can comfortably study; that they are always being told to be quiet; that the instructional materials center translation; (updated library) is a mob scene.

AN EDITORIAL in the last issue of Franklin's school paper, The Packet, argued that a student lounge, where conversation and "relaxation" would be allowed, would be a good thing.

Mrs. Becker, who is very much aware of student feeling about the scheduling plan and agrees that the facilities for using unassigned time are inadequate, wonders where a student lounge could be set up. "You see," she explains, "right now nearly every room in the school is being used every hour of the day. That includes places like the cafeteria."

Even if a student center were the answer to some of the problems with unassigned time, it may be physically impossible to have one at Franklin.

ONE OF THE basic problems, Mrs. Becker suggests, is that the flexible scheduling system, while different from the traditional high school approach, is not like college either.

Students still have to be in school all day. They have to account for their use of time, and they are expected to use their free time not only constructively but quietly.



It Happened In Livonia

The pop concert last Wednesday night in Livonia's Stevenson High was a sort of landmark for young Observersland.

Nearly 3,000 teens from all three Livonia high schools paid

\$2 a head to see some of the best young entertainment ever gathered under one roof in this area.

The concert was also the first example of what can hap-

pen when the students of the Livonia high schools get together on a major project. For this one at least, the answer was clear--success.

The three student councils put out about \$4,000 to stage the show. They made that much, and more, and provided a big night of entertainment for a lot of kids.

The four groups featured were The Happenings, from New York; Bob Seger and the Last Heard, from Detroit; The Little Sisters, of Grosse Pointe; and The Rationals, of Ann Arbor.

The music was alive, swinging, sometimes loud, and the crowd obviously loved it.

BOB SEGER, leader of Bob Seger and the Last Heard, was caught as he left a press conference, autograph pen in hand.



A LITTLE SISTER strums dreamily.



Teen Clubs--What's Up?

By PEGGY COUSINS
Franklin High

Now that summer has left, it seems there's not much to do on weekends; there's no more L.V.I., and the beaches are all closed.

But all's not lost! Happy days of fun and laughter can be once again found in only one kind of place.

THE ISSA WIDE variety of places to go to now. A person can "bob" out to one and really "blow his mind."

The Bypass, 1001 East Grand River in Brighton, is open from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. every Friday and Saturday night. The admission is \$1.50 and the age limit is 16 and over.

ANOTHER COOL place to break in on is the Chatterbox. There are two of them, one at 13 Mile and Mound in Warren, and one at 15847 Southfield in Allen Park, one of the first clubs in the area. Both are open Sundays and the age limit is 17 or over. The Allen Park Chatterbox charges only \$1.50 for admission, but the Warren Chatterbox costs \$2.

The place that really rates is the Fifth Dimension, 216 West Huron, Ann Arbor. Dave Schaffer provides all weekend when they present well-known bands, such as Bob Seger and the Last Heard. The Fifth Dim-

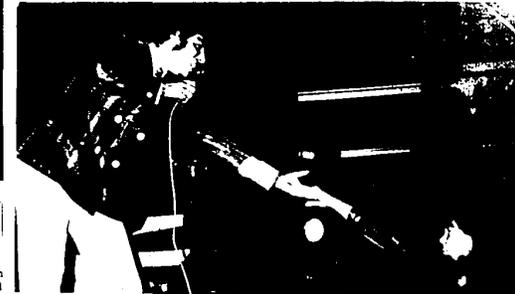
ension, which used to be an old bowling alley, has an unusual recessed bar and boutique. The evening sessions are 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. and admission is \$2.50 for 16-year-olds or over.

IF YOU WANT to go to a truly groovy and out of sight place, make a visit to the Grande Ballroom. It's located one block south of Joy on Grand River. You must be 17 and prove it with a birth certificate.

The tickets that you will hand to the girl on the motorcycle are \$2.50 each. The Grande is well known for its psychedelic atmosphere, with its flashing lights and pictures on the walls. There are usually really groovy bands playing with Uncle Rous as emcee.

DON'T STOP reading yet. There are more places you can go! Some time when you have a Saturday or Sunday afternoon free, take your boy or girl friend to a cider mill. There are a few close by, and the cider is delicious.

Franklin Cider Mill is the busiest and best known. Located at 7450 Franklin Road at 14 Mile, it's open through Dec. 10. Another popular cider mill is Parmenters, at 708 East Base Line Road in Northville.



ONE OF THE Happenings reaches over the edge of the stage to touch an admirer.

Poet Will Speak At Schoolcraft

Poet David Ignatow will speak during the afternoon and give a reading of his poems in the evening on the Schoolcraft College fall term lecture series on Thursday, Nov. 9.

A rare thing in American letters today, Ignatow is a busy man who is also a poet of distinction. Both his appearances are scheduled in the library. At 3 p.m., Ignatow will

read poems and answer questions on poetry and letters, and at 8 p.m. he will read selections of his poetry. There is no admission charge for either session.

Ignatow completed high school during the depression and supported himself in a variety of ways--as a free-lance poet and WPA writer, a civil service clerk, a shipworker, and a hospital clerk--before "graduating" into office management.

All along he has been a poet, writing in the evening after a full day's work, "with the experience of the day echoing in mind and occasionally growing into a theme for a poem," as he describes it.

Ignatow has been editor of the Beloit Poetry Journal for 10 years, and his poems have appeared in the Saturday Review, Nation Poetry, and Commentary. His books are "Poems," "The Gentle Weight Lifter," "Say Pardon," and "Figures of the Human."

Madonna Plans Open Mixer

College students in the Observerland area have been invited to a coffee house mixer, "Psychologic Scene," Friday, Nov. 10 at Madonna College.

Sponsored by Madonna's sophomore class, the event will be held in the Student Center, at the corner of Schoolcraft and Levan Roads. A live band and espresso drinks will be featured.

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One thing about the Plymouth High School Class of '68.

They plan ahead.

The Senior Class has reserved the Lois L. Waterman Campus Center at Schoolcraft College for its Senior Prom, May 25, 1968.

The Plymouth High graduates-to-be thus may become the first class from a high school within the college district to use the college's Waterman Center for a social function.

Archery Class Begins Nov. 15

A new archery class will begin Nov. 15 in Plymouth for both boys and girls from 12 to 18.

Sponsored by the Plymouth Junior Police Archery Club, the class will be from 8 to 9 p.m., Wednesdays. There are still openings in the 8 to 7 p.m. class now in progress.

Registration for the new class will be held in the Plymouth Community Building, at the corner of Union and Dodge streets, from 8 to 8 p.m., Nov. 8 and Nov. 15.

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