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Stewards tops of barbershops

KALAMAZOO—Two years ago, four Western Michigan University students from Birmingham combined their voices to form a barbershop quartet called "The Mulligan Stewards." The quartet is now one of WMU's most popular groups.

"The group just sort of happened. I don't remember exactly when it started, or even who thought of the idea," John Dillman, baritone for the group, said.

John, along with Bruce Cooper, first tenor, and Doug Davey, lead tenor, sang together at Birmingham Groves High School in a barbershop quartet called "Yankee Clipper." All three graduated in 1972.

The three lived in the same dorm complex at WMU and one night, while eating dinner, they decided to form a barbershop quartet.

A friend of John's, Brad Moffatt, became the bass for the group. Brad belonged to a barbershop quartet at Bloomfield Andover High School, where he graduated in 1972.

Each also belonged to the school choir.

THEIR MUSICAL CAREER began with a positive note when they entered a campus talent show and won first place. Their second try at a campus talent show also brought a first place.

The group's favorite song, and the one they most frequently sing, is "Cruisin' in My Model T." They also sing spiritual songs and show tunes. They are also known at WMU for their altered, and funny, versions of songs.

This year the group has taken on a serious tone. Not in their singing style, but in the organization of the group. The group is now listed with the Music Department, under the classification of small chamber ensembles. Every group listed is given a coach, which was the reason why "The Mulligan Stewards" asked to be listed. After the group was approved, Willard Hohnenberg became their coach.

Each is also taking private voice lessons.

"The Mulligan Stewards" performed recently at the Music Faculty Alumni Dinner and for the Michigan Power Squadron, a boating association. They have also just finished a singing tour of Indiana and Michigan.

EVEN THOUGH THE GROUP receives a small payment for each performance, the money is never spent on advertising. Most people hear about them from other people or have heard them sing before.

Brad is the only one in the group who plans to continue a musical career after graduation. Brad, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Moffatt, 629 Cathedral, is a vocal music education major and plans to teach after graduation.

John, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dillman, 30675 Lincolnshire, is an economics major. Bruce, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Cooper, 3120 W. Chelton, is a communication arts major, and Doug, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davey, 31360 Oak Cannon, is a biology major. All are juniors at WMU.

Tax refunds faster if employers help

Employers can help their employees to obtain faster tax refunds by issuing W-2 forms or equivalent earning statements as early as possible, the Internal Revenue Service said today.

"Although the deadline for issuing W-2 forms is January 31," Plate, IRS district director for Michigan, said, "employers can help their employees file returns earlier and obtain refunds faster by issuing W-2's well before the deadline."

Taxpayers who file returns in January can expect to receive their refunds four to five weeks after filing, Plate explained.

"On the other hand, the taxpayer who files during such peak periods as late February, late March, or April may have to wait as long as eight weeks for a refund."

PLATE EXPLAINED that because the workload at IRS service centers is lighter early in the filing season, returns are processed faster.

As in previous years, an employee filing his return for 1974 must attach a W-2 form from each employer. Each form should show earnings, income tax withheld, and social security information.

The IRS expects to issue some \$1.8 million refunds this year, totaling about \$31.6 billion.

In encouraging taxpayers to file early, Plate also cited the potential for errors when taxpayers prepare their returns at the last minute.

"The IRS has found that there is a significantly higher frequency of errors made by hurried taxpayers, especially those who wait until the last few days of the filing period. These errors often can be eliminated if the taxpayer allows enough time to prepare a careful return," Mr. Plate said.

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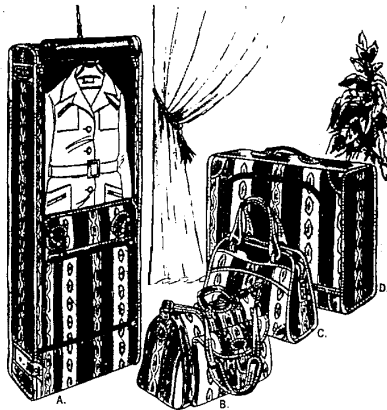
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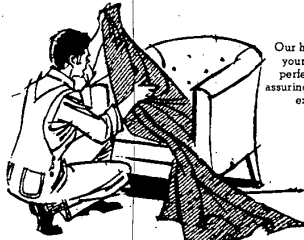
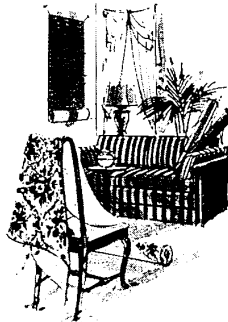
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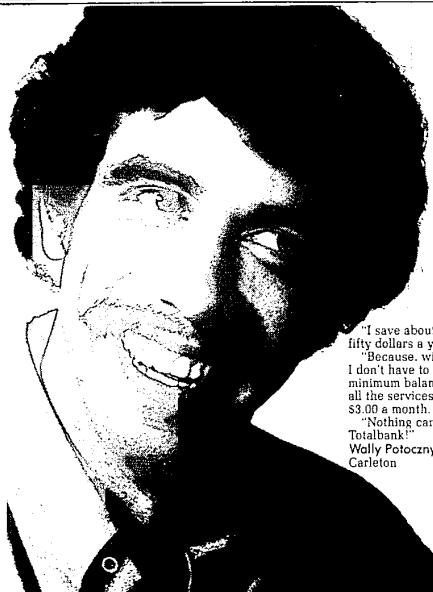
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