Panel studies question

High-tech industry for state?

A 12-member advisory group of business and university executives has been appointed by Gow Milliken to study the development of technology-based industry in Michigan.

The group, which includes financier Max Fisher of Franklin, William Agec, chief executive officer of the Southfield-based Bendix Corp., and W. Michael Blumenthal, president of Burroughs Corp. and former Treasury secretary in the Carter Administration, will study potential 'development of such industries as microelectronics, computer development, new energy sources, genetic research, chemical research and others.

ROBERT LAW, a former state rep-sentative from Livonia, is the gover-or's staff representative to the group, hich will be chaired by Lt. Gov.

The group has no deadline to report to Milliken, Law said, and will direct its attention towards more high-technology research in Michigan. "Hopefully, there will eventually be a spin-off of industries from that," Law said.

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The advisory group and a \$1 million High Technology Innovation Development Fund were outlined by Milliken in his State of the State Address. Law said they are part of the state's plan to "diversify the comonic base."

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THE GROUP will propose ways in which universities, the business sector and state government can diversify and expand the state's economy in new

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"The majority of research is done at the universities, still," Law said.
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University's science fiction organi-zation, will hold its sixth NOVA con-vention Feb. 7-8 at the OU Oakland Center.

Science fiction authors, movies and games will be featured at the free convention which starts at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7.

The movies "Silent Running," "Dr. Strangelove" and "The Andromeda Strain" will be shown. Featured games include Dungeons and Dragons, The Morrow Project, Ringbearer and Cosmic Encounters.

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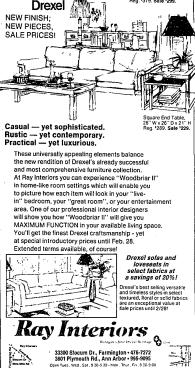
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