

Fund-raiser is named

Benjamin C. Malbach III of Farmington Hills has been elected to serve on Michigan State University's 36-member Development Fund Board of Directors through 1985.

He recently met with MSU's new president-elect, John D'Ignazio, and other board members to discuss private funding needs of the university. The development fund undertakes fund-raising programs to generate support for the university from the private sector. The board serves as an advisory group in the organization of these fund-raising programs.

Members of the board serve without pay or reimbursement of expenses incurred in attending board meetings. Those eligible to serve include alumni and friends of MSU who have demonstrated an interest in the future of the university and who hold a high standing in their community.

Malbach, president of the Detroit-based Barton-Marlow building company, is a member of the Ralph Young Fund committee within the development fund. The committee raises money for MSU's athletic programs. Malbach is also a member of the



Benjamin Malbach

President's Club at MSU, which is composed of donors who have given \$10,000 or more to the university over a 10-year period.

A 1969 graduate, Malbach says he is active on the board because he still feels close to the school.

Bad wiring causes fire in trailer

Family wiring on a portable electric heater was the cause of a \$8,000 fire in a trailer at the Wagon Wheel Trailer Park in Farmington Hills at 6:18 p.m., Dec. 5, according to the Farmington Hills Fire Department.

The fire caused approximately \$8,000 damage to the trailer and \$2,000 to its contents, said district fire chief Robert Rebtay.

According to Rebtay, incorrectly approved wires on the heater arced, igniting the couch and carpeting in the trailer.

The owner of the trailer, Lois Plomack, had just purchased the trailer, but hadn't contacted Consumer

Power Co. for a gas heat hookup, said Rebtay.

A neighbor called firemen while the manager of the trailer park and another resident attempted to douse the fire with portable extinguishers.

Twenty firemen responded to the fire which was extinguished in about five minutes, said Rebtay.

No injuries were reported. Rebtay said the there was no smoke detector in the trailer.

Rebtay cautioned residents who use extension cords with heaters and holiday electrical decorations to make sure a heavy gauge extension cord is used. Extension cords are made for temporary — not permanent — use, he said.

Robot love

Someone who collects butterflies is a lepidopterist. A coin collector is a numismatist. He who collects stamps is a philatelist.

But what do you call someone who collects robots? Peter Grunbaum owns 1,000 toy robots, and keeps 200 of them in his apartment. Grunbaum says his fascination with the space-age toys is a

reflection of their enormous popularity starting in the early 1950s.

Grunbaum, a marketing executive for an American firm in Switzerland, has astronaut robots, warrior robots, robot rockets and flying saucers. Some of the little automatons are worth \$150 or more.

on the agenda

City Council Agenda
City of Farmington Hills
Regular Meeting
Dec. 10 — 7:30 p.m.

Public Hearings:

• Public hearing for resolution approving project plan for Gearing Machine Project, Economic Development Corp. Standard Resolution No. 4.

• Public hearing for resolution approving project plan for Halted Associates Project, Economic Development Corp. Standard Resolution No. 4.

• Public Hearing for resolution approving project plan for Royce Venture II Project, Economic Development Corp. Standard Resolution No. 4.

• Public hearing for resolution approving project plan for Vinyl Properties Project, Economic Development Corp. Standard Resolution No. 4.

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Unfinished Business:
• Acceptance of Hallwood Court into city road system.

New Business:
• Consideration of holding special city council meeting for Thursday, Jan. 3, 1985; Awards Night; Mayoral Comments; discussion of Capital Improvement Program.

• Consideration of appointment of City Clerk effective Jan. 1, 1985.

• Consideration of confirmation of date of Dec. 17 for public hearing on vacation of a portion of drain easement over Lot 137 of Farmington Hills Hunt Club Subdivision No. 2 Section 20.

• Consideration of election of Mayor.
• Consideration of appointment to Economic Development Corp.

City Managers Report:
• Report on Metroview and Green Hill Commons.

• Recommendations adoption of a formal policy statement on civil rights discrimination and sexual harassment.

Television courses offered at Madonna

Six college courses, ranging from an introduction to humanities to organization of the health and safety industry, will be offered by television during the winter term by Madonna College.

The courses are provided in cooperation with the Southeast Michigan Educational Television Consortium and can be viewed in Farmington Hills on cable or on WTVS-Channel 56.

The courses are "Business of Man-

agement," "Introduction to Business," "Introduction to Computers," "Vietnam: A Television History," "Introduction to Humanities," "Contemporary Health Issues" and "Health Care Organization." They range from two to four college credits. Tuition is \$75 per credit.

Students earning credit through television courses are required to attend weekly program and also attend up to

six group discussion sessions with assigned faculty.

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on the Madonna campus in Livonia, may call the admissions office at 591-5053. Telecasts begin the first week in January.

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ON THE EXPENDITURE side, a 2 percent increase was seen in "general government" due to severance pay for retired city manager Lawrence Savage, and other retirees, as well as increases in sick pay and lawsuit settlements, Rosch said.

When the city's insurance does not cover total cost of lawsuit settlements, he said, money is taken from the general fund.

Despite the lack of significant tax increases in the past couple years, Rosch said, "the city's financial standing still hasn't changed."

That's mostly because of a long-term growth in SEV, despite the drop in 1983-84. Increased building activity and benefits from an improved economy and increases in state shared revenues, Rosch said.

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