

High School Musicians Vie At Schoolcraft

The first of more than 4,000 senior and junior high school musicians from Wayne, Monroe and Washtenaw counties will descend on the Schoolcraft College campus Saturday morning, for the annual District 12 Solo and Ensemble Festival.

Largest even in the state in terms of secondary school student participation, the District 12 competition will involve more than 1,000 school musicians at Schoolcraft, and another 1,000 a few miles away at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, in the senior high competition on Saturday.

The following week, Saturday, Feb. 18, 1,000 junior high musicians will compete at Schoolcraft while still another 1,000 will be performing for the judges at EMU.

Arrangements for the mass competition have been coordinated by Roy E. Ernst, band and orchestra director at Livonia's Franklin High, who is District 12 Secretary for the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Assn., the sponsoring agency.

Top rated-performers will win the opportunity of competing in the state music festival in March. Solo performers on all band and orchestra instruments, as well as the piano, and instrumental ensembles are involved in the annual competition.

Ernst is careful to point out that in terms of numbers of students actually participating, the Festival outranks either the annual Science Fair or the state basketball tournament, two other major competitive events for secondary school pupils. District 12 does not include Detroit schools, Ernst explained.

"Furthermore," Ernst adds, "the District 12 Festival is larger than the state competition. In fact, in sheer numbers of young musicians qualified to compete, our district has grown to the point where this year for the first time we

Schoolcraft To Present Piano Team

The two-piano team of Allen Shaffer and Albert Trapp will present a recital at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9, in the library at Schoolcraft College. The program is open to the public.

Shaffer, a member of the college music faculty, is organist and choir master at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth, and is presently a doctoral student at the University of Michigan.

Trapp, formerly on the Schoolcraft faculty, is now devoting fulltime to graduate study at the U. of M. The pianists appeared with the Plymouth Symphony last October when they performed the Foulenc Concerto for Two Pianos.

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Two piano duets, in which the players will perform on one piano, are also on the program. They are: Liebeslieder Waltzes by Brahms, and Ravel's Mother Goose Suite.

have had to use two sites for the Festival.

"We selected Schoolcraft because of its central location and because being a community college its campus is compact, a fact that helps materially in organizing and conducting the Festival. We intend to continue to use community colleges for the district competition in the future."

Judges for the competition are college and university faculty members. Although there is no formal recital program during the competition, the public is welcome to attend the performance of the soloists and ensemble, Ernst said.

Open House To Feature LIT Program

National Engineers' Week Feb. 19-26 will be observed at Lawrence Institute of Technology with special lectures, films, and an open house featuring exhibits and demonstrations.

First event will be a movie, "The Wankel Engine" and speaker, Barry Hughes of the Curtis-Wright Corporation of New Jersey, at noon Tuesday, Feb. 21, in the LIT Auditorium on the campus at Northwestern and Ten Mile in Southfield.

At 2 p.m. the same day, William Mumford of the Bell Laboratories in New Jersey will speak on "Noise Performance Factors in Communication" in the LIT Administration Building.

At noon Thursday, Feb. 23, in the Auditorium, W. J. McCarthy of Power Reactor Development Company will discuss "Trends in Nuclear Power."

The open house will be held from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26. The public is invited.

Special invitations have gone out to high school counselors, teachers, and students. Engineering exhibits and demonstrations by student professional societies will highlight the day. Two space films also will be shown—"At American Rendezvous 7/6" and "What It's Like—Outside."

Completes Training

Airman Apprentice Gary T. Pawloski, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Pawloski, 1818 Maplewood, Livonia, has completed the Aviation Structural Mechanics School in Structures at the Naval Air Technical Training Center in Memphis, Tenn.

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