



## Fish attend ball

Although the turn-out was not tremendous, this year's freshmen enjoyed their special night as every year. The ball was held in McCown dance to the music.

the second floor of the MSC, and featured the band Dialogg. Here, Bill Britt and Pam

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## **Jaycees honor convict**

## Murderer recognized for aid to blind

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WARREN, Mich. (AP) - In a get a lot of flak over this. controversial move, Michigan Javcees have selected a convicted about whether the Javcees knew of murderer as one of the state's five Tisi's criminal status when he was outstanding young men for 1974. selected for the award.

Lloyd E. Tisi, 31, was taken under guard from his prison cell to Michigan Jaycees, said there was the Jaycees annual dinner Saturday nothing on Tisi's nomination form to to receive the award for his work with the blind.

Southern Michigan prison in Jack- finement. son since he was convicted in October 1967 of the second-degree the state Jaycees, said there was a murder of Judy Ann Phares, 20. Tisi notation of Tisi's criminal record on was arrested less than eight hours after the woman'sd body was found April 20, 1967, in her Warren competition. home. She had been stabbed to

Prosecution witnesses said they saw Tisi enter the Phares home the day of the slaying. Tisi testified that he had been drinking and could re-member little that day. Tisi's wife and the victim had been close friends since their student days at Center Line High School.

While in prison, Tisi began study-ing Braille. He translated a few 🗱 short items and was paid one cent a page for the translations, making about \$20 a month.

Soon, however, he said his translation work became more important than just extra cash. During his confinement, Tisi has translated more than 50,000 pages of printed material into Braille for use by the blind throughout the country.

"He did what experts thought was impossible. He entered their world of darkness to give them light," said

panel of nine judges, Tisi's remarkable accomplishments were able to transcend the limitation of prison walls," the Jaycees said in a state-ment issued Monday.

Among those who object to Tisi's selection for the award is Robert Sergal, 67, father of the slain woman

"I am shocked the Jaycees would bestow such a high honor on a man who stabbed to death a woman who would not submit to his advances,' Sergal said.

"If Tisi was doing something to help the blind, fine. But in God's name, how could a civic group be so blind as to honor a convicted killer?

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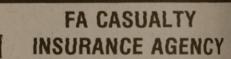
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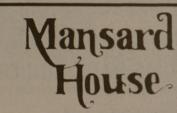
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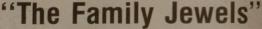
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indicate that he was in prison. But Ritter later said the Jaycees selec-Tisi has been an inmate at the tion panel was aware of Tisi's con-Gary Foote, executive director of

> the form submitted by the prison's Jaycees chapter to enter him in the "In the opinion of a distinguished

Tom Ritter, president of the

