

Fine arts get boost from FABS

By LORRAINE McCLISH

FABS is the acronym for Fine Arts Boosters, North Farmington High School's newest parent group, launched to encourage and promote students participating in any of the fine arts.

"We have booster clubs for the students in band and sports, why not for the ones in drama, or radio broadcasting or jewelry or ceramics?" said Barbara Megerian, one of a small group that has already undertaken two jobs at the school.

This week FABS underwrote and catered a dinner in the school when North Farmington was host to a district forensic meet. On a day filled with tension, a hot meal was served to about 100 contestants and officials from four schools in the district.

The group's current task involves the student production of "You Can't Take It With You," set for a three-performance run on April 24-26.

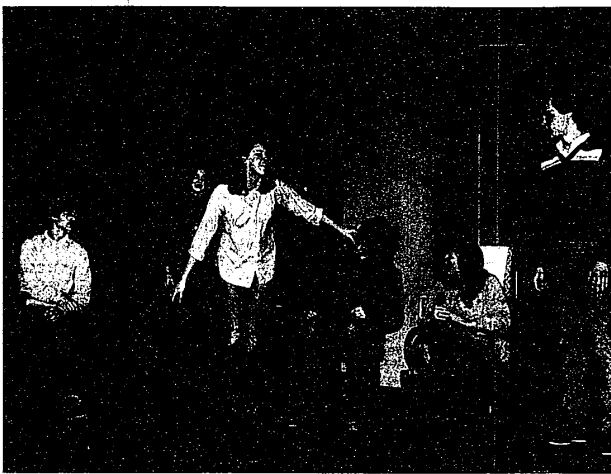
"We're compiling advertisements and a list of patrons to offset the cost of printing the program," Mrs. Megerian said. "We think it will be a boost to the students to have a souvenir program, a keepsake, rather than a throw-away flyer."

SPEAKING for FABS, which is yet without officers, Mrs. Megerian said, "We would like to invite community members who are interested in encouraging our youth to attend our next meeting."

"We would like to round up more parents of participating students, but we think it's important for all people interested in fine arts to join our group also," she said. "Those youth interested in film-making, photography, forensics, ceramics, need all the help from their community that they can get."

FABS meets next at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 31, in the school's speech room.

The idea for FABS came from Dean



Students staging North Farmington High School's next play get a boost from FABS (Fine Arts Boosters), the school's newest parent group. Taking parts in "You Can't Take It With You," from left are Tim Tocolino, Lori Young, Toni Hal-

Cobb, coach for the school's forensic team.

"He ran into similar clubs when the team made its rounds in competition this year," Mrs. Megerian said, "and something came out of it at our very

first meeting. The kids needed some paint for 'You Can't Take It With You,' and it turned out that somebody knew somebody. They got the paint they needed either for free or very little, at any rate, everybody was happy about it."

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According to Michigan Living-Motor News, in a 30 mph crash, a 20-pound child becomes a 600-pound rocket flying into the dashboard's rigid instruments, or into the windshield. A 100-pound mother turns into a 3,000-pound force that could crush the child held in her arms.

"This was dramatically demonstrated when volunteers took part in a test administered by the Highway Safety Research Institute at the University of Michigan."

Each volunteer was anchored to a seat with a lap/shoulder belt and carried a 17-pound dummy. In tests simulating the effect of a 15 mph crash, none of the volunteers could hold onto the dummy-baby even knowing when the impact would occur and using all their strength.

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leen, Jeff Gibson, Lynn Sanders and Mike Landry. Tocolino takes the role of Grandfather Vanderhoff. The romantic leads are handled by Ms. Young and Landry. The play will be produced Thursday through Saturday, April 24-26.

Beautiful babies

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All babies will be judged on beauty alone.

First-prize winner will be given a GM Child Love Seat.

Second-prize winner will be given a \$35 gift certificate, and third-prize winner will be given a \$25 gift certificate, both from Richard's Boys and Girls Wear.

Prizes will be announced the second week in May.

The Jayettes do not limit the contest to local residents because the group is concerned for the safety of all infants and has spread its own BUBS program to many communities where the Love Seat is not accessible for rental, according to the Jayettes.

PURCHASE PRICE of the car seat is high, because it can only be used until the infant is either 20 pounds or nine months old. Consequently Jayettes throughout Michigan purchased the seats and rent them out for a moderate fee on a self-supporting system.

The Farmington Area Jayettes purchased 50 seats "and have about 40 of them out on rental just about continuously," Ms. Winston said.

The BUBS program began when statistics proved that the child passenger was not faring too well in 20th century traffic. About 1,000 tots under the

age of 4 are expected to be killed this year as passengers, according to statistics.

The unsecured children die or are injured when they are exposed to the tremendous forces exerted in a collision.

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Farmington Musicales scholarship competition applications available

Applications for Farmington Musicales's Scholarship Competition are available to students in seventh through 12th grades.

Students eligible for the competition must attend one of Farmington Public Schools, or a parochial or private school in Farmington or Farmington Hills.

The competition, set for Friday, April 18, is the 12th annual event of its kind given by the local musicale, which is an affiliate of Michigan and National Federation of Music Clubs.

Applications have already been distributed to the schools, but anyone unable to obtain one may call Fern Barber, 661-4604, for one to be sent on request.

Applications must be returned no later than Saturday, April 5.

This year scholarships will be awarded in piano, voice and instrument-

Cobb said he was able to recruit a larger and stronger team because of the fine record turned in by forensics students last year.

"The enthusiasm of the group has been contagious," he said. "Several team members are sophomores in their first year of competition. Experienced juniors and seniors report competition has been strong."

Mrs. Megerian adds, "We want to keep drumming up support and new members for FABS to sustain that enthusiasm."

"Our purpose is exactly as any other booster club, furnishing energy, money, morale, whatever is needed."

al, as individual categories, on both junior and senior high school levels.

First place in the senior level will be \$125, and in the junior level, \$75.

Second place awards will also be available and will be given at the discretion of the judges.

CHAIRWOMAN of the event this year is Mrs. Barber who said, "The date of Friday, April 18, was selected to eliminate conflicts with Saturday morning college boards, which have plagued us in past years when we held the competition on Saturdays."

The competition will begin at 3 p.m. in Harrison High School Music Suite. The money for scholarships is always raised during the musicale's once-a-year rummage sale, "although contributions from members and friends are always welcome," Mrs. Barber said.

club circuit

CHILDREN'S LEUKEMIA FOUNDATION OF MICHIGAN invites newcomers to a support group formed for those persons affected by any blood disease, or those who have lost a child, spouse, parent or friend to a blood disease.

The group meets at 8 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the lower level of the foundation headquarters, 19222 18 Mile Road, Southfield. The foundation concerns itself with 19 blood diseases, including leukemia, Hodgkins, lymphoma, and aplastic anemia.

The support group is not to be used as a refuge. It is designed to help persons to cope with their problem by sharing with others.

A trained counselor helps the group during discussions. Occasionally, at the request of the group, outside resources are used.

The foundation's experience has been that the concerns shared by the group are best understood by others who have experienced similar traumas.

The foundation is a Torch Drive-United Way Agency. Inquiries will be

taken by calling the foundation, 353-8222.

BETA SIGMA PHI, Xi Epsilon Beta Chapter, meets at 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, in the home of Judy Johnson for a program called "Judy's Jolly Junction."

Membership inquiries will be taken by calling Margaret Pringle, 553-2993.

FARMINGTON MUSICALE welcomes spring with a program at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, in Farmington Community Center.

Members of the group's vocal workshop, under the direction of Sharon Cardaccia, will present "Opera Spoof: The Musical Adventures of Jack and Jill." The light-hearted spoof on opera will be performed in several different styles: oratorio, Italian and German opera, French art song, and jazz.

Marie Walck will serve as accompanist.

The musicale, an affiliate of Michigan and National Federation of Music Clubs, meets the first Wednesday of each month, September through June.

Prospective members are invited to call Fern Barber, 661-4604.



Ready for spring

Delia Haney chooses a straw hat and bag from Nista's of Farmington, accessories guests will view in the "Carousel of Fashion" staged by members of Our Lady of Sorrows Women's Guild. The luncheon and fashion show begins at noon, Wednesday, Thursday, April 17, in Pine Lake Country Club. Tickets are \$12 each and can be obtained by calling Jean Chapel, 477-3761. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

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