

# The Observer

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## Light Show Featured Tonight; 'Lil Abner Hosts Saturday Fling

Two dances, one tonight and one tomorrow night, will brighten the weekend at DHS.

Playing at tonight's dance is "Noah". Many stickers have been appearing around school pertaining to the group.

A light show will also be featured at the dance costing 50 cents with an activity ticket and \$1 without.

A FS and Red Cross will join efforts to put on this first holiday dance of the new year. Proceeds will be split between the two clubs for future club projects.

Tickets will be sold at the door due to the good conduct of the students at the last dance. The dance will last from 8:30 p. m. to 11:30 p. m. in the Redwood Room.

On Saturday evening the male students of DHS can sit back and watch the girls struggle with the tedious preparations of the date. The long-awaited Sadie Hawkins Dance will start at 8:30 p. m. and last until 11:30 p. m.

Tickets are \$1.50 per couple and will be sold after school and at the YWCA on Monroe, where the dance will be.

The "Hollow Ground" will be featured. It is expected that there will be a large turnout as previous years have shown.

The occasion, calling for sports dress, could turn out to be a new and exciting experience for all DHS students and others with a guest pass.

## Jan Gaiefsky Portrays Blind Girl In Production of "Miracle Worker"

March 27, 28, and 29, are the dates set for this year's all school play, "The Miracle Worker".

The true story of Annie Sullivan's struggle to get through to the blind and deaf Helen Keller, this year's play should prove to be an unusually exciting one.

Jan Gaiefsky, junior, has been

cast in the role of Helen Keller. Betsy Todd, senior, will play her teacher, Annie Sullivan. Both girls are observing blind and deaf children to help them with their roles. Betsy and Jan are also learning the hand sign language of the deaf.

The part of Helen Keller will be extremely difficult as Jan must condition herself to be "blind" with her eyes open, and not to hear any sudden noises that could cause her to turn her head.

Captain Keller will be played by Grant Hyatt, senior, and Sue Hahn, senior, will play his wife, Katie Keller. Their son, James Keller, will be played by Tom Mead, junior.

Supporting roles will be played by Nancy Niparko, Fred Shelly, Chris Petix, Andy Kokas, and Mark Jansma, all juniors.

The set for the play will be unusual as a real water pump is needed on stage. The set will be two stories high.

Tickets will be sold by members of the cast during school and at the door. Tickets will be \$1 with an activity ticket and \$1.50 without.

## Questions Initiate New Drug Column

Coming soon! Future issues of the OBSERVER will feature a question and answer column dealing with drugs, their uses, effects and "moral" and legal implications, among other things.

This is how it works. Anybody may submit any legitimate question about drugs to the specially marked box in the general office. Those deemed the most relevant or informative will be printed and answered in certain editions of the paper.

Helping to provide answers will be Johanna Bielecki, social worker, Shirley Mongiat, school nurse, and Sgt. Harry Hahn from the narcotics squad of the Dearborn Police Department.

## Two Seniors Receive Awards From DAR and Optimist Club

Recently honored for patriotism and personal achievement were Betsy Todd and Bill Young, both seniors.

Betsy was informed by her counselor that she had been selected by



BETSY

a committee composed of the counselors and Principal Leonard Mazur, to represent Dearborn High for the Daughters of the American Revolution award. The award is based on

good citizenship and patriotism. Also taken into consideration are respect for school rules and the law.

Betsy was asked to fill out a questionnaire, similar to a government test, and combined with a test on the American Revolution. She had no time to study and found that many questions required knowledge of world leaders.

Bill, co-captain of the wrestling team, member of Student Council and National Honor Society, was named by the Optimist Club of Dearborn to receive an award for personal

achievement. The awards climaxed Youth Appreciation Week which

commends youth for its activities at home, school, and church. The Optimist Club works closely with youth and presented seven awards.

Assistant Principal Thomas McLennan was Bill's teacher sponsor and was on hand when Bill received his citation. Among the other schools whose students received awards were Divine Child, Edsel Ford, and Sacred Heart.



BILL

## National Honor Society Expands; Thirty Join "Veteran" Members

Dearborn High's Chapter of the National Honor Society has selected 30 new senior members.

To become a member of the Society, the student must have a good academic record (3.00 and higher) and must be active in school events. The 33 veteran members of the Society were chosen as 11A's. Each semester 5 percent of the 11A, 12B and 12A classes are invited to join the society.

Four Society members, initiated as 11A's, are finalists for the National Honor Society Scholarships. They include William Black, Peter Carlton, Debra DeBoer and Christine Norden, all seniors. In previous years, DHS has had only two final-

ists for the scholarships. Four is the highest number Dearborn has had.

Newest Society members include William Black, William Bretz, Leslie Caddy, Patricia Caldwell, Margaret Celeskey, James Curtiss, Michael Flegle, Robert Hasse, Fred Hoadley and William Jacob.

More are Betty Jacobs, Janine Jenkins, Nancy Jones, William Kaempfer, Gary Kuch, Fred Morga, Brad Mortz, Elizabeth Newberg, Susan Pichette, Betsey Price, Alice Reith, and Lynn Rupe.

Others include Cynthia Sartor, Sharon Savchetz, Alexis Smith, Baida Steppe, Donald Stinar, William Valentine, William Youmans and William Young.

## Staff Accommodates Enlarging Interests

As the interests of Dearborn High expand so must the news coverage. With these interests in mind, The OBSERVER will feature its new four-page edition for the first time on Feb. 21. This edition will be published once a month and the usual two-page edition the rest of the month.

The paper will consist of news, editorial, features, and sports. To the relief of the sports department, a whole page of sports will appear in the editions. Another added attraction will be an area set aside for letters to the editor. The policy for these letters will be as follows:

- May deal with issues the writer feels strongly about.
- Must be signed (names will be withheld on request).
- Must be no longer than 300 words, and all letters may be cut.
- Must be received by the OBSERVER staff (Via Mrs. Marie Mitchell's box) no later than Monday before the issue it is intended to appear in.

Because of limited printing facilities at DHS, the OBSERVER'S four-page edition will be set up at Dearborn and then sent to Fordson High School where the plate-making and offset printing will be completed.

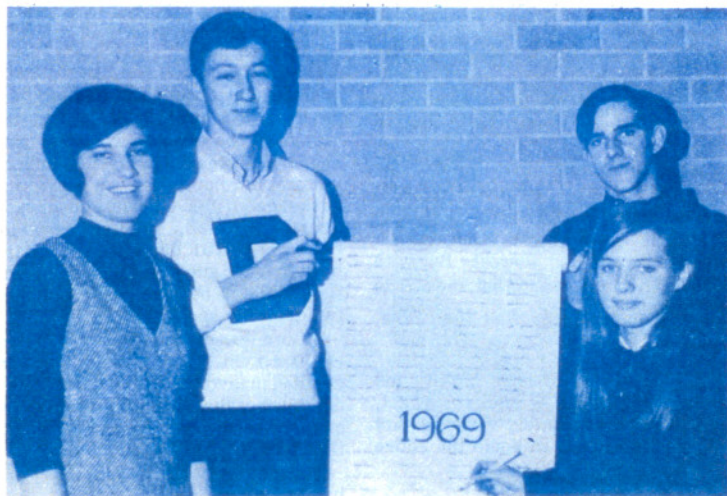


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WAITING their turn to sign this year's National Honor Society scroll are (left to right) Cynthia Sartor, Bob Hasse, Fred Morga, and Margaret Celleskey, all seniors.



