Dolly Crews In High Gear

Greg Johnson

"The set is nearly completely and the cast and crews are progressing very well," says Mr. Kurt Kinde, director of this year's musical, Hello Dolly. With the show opening in just 2 weeks, the backstage crews are now putting forth their full efforts to be ready for opening night. Nearly 100 people have helped to build the set and work on the crews but Kinde says that all this energy and enthusiasm will mean very little unless we get large audiences for all four nights. Tickets go on sale May 6, and can be bought during lunch or before and after school for $2.00 presale or $2.25 at the door. Kinde urges students to buy tickets early because they are cheaper and the best seats are sold first.

Heading up the set construction crew is Jim Nair and will be helped by Rob Bubbery, Mike Corcoran, Sandy Crishon, Cathy Crupi, Brian Doyle, Jim Schols, Eric Egelund, Tony Fair, Damsy Polino, Cathy Poust, Lori Fox, Bill Hartmann, Cathy Herbel, Dave Ifverson, Sally Johnson, Gary Kleinfelt, Teri Kobierzyznaki, Jan Kalota, Mary Korte, Nancy Kreeger, Judy Kreeger, Sherrie Maynew, Dave McCallum, John McIntire, Steve Millard, Nancy Miron, Sheila Murray, Neil Nichols, Eric Nichols, Gary Rhoton, Chris Rodio, Debbie Salmeke, Peggy Sitarak, Kim Stelmasch, Kevin Sullivan, Sue Tilton, Debbie Todd and Lisa Ward. Ticket chairman Sally Johnson will be assisted by Lynn Nichols, Jim Nair, Karen Kennedy, but Kinde says that this effort will all work very hard. I know we would get something but I was surprised at the number of awards we finally ended up with," Ms. Dorrian commented. More than 6,000 entries were submitted to the Detroit News contest, which was open to all junior and senior high school students in the 8-county metropolitan-Detroit area. Of these, 132 gold key awards were given out, while 302 "A Night At The Movies"

The 1974 Girl's synchronized swimming team will perform their annual show June 18. The theme for this year's presentation will be "Kight At The Movies." Some of the songs to be performed are "Born Free," "The Sting," and "Fink Panther."

Mrs. Baetz, physical education instructor is the coach this year. The routines involve a number of girls ranging from solos, duets, trios, opening numbers, and last but not least, the Grand Finals.

Spring Concerts Scheduled

The Choir and Girl's Glee Club presented a sacred concert on April 26, and are now preparing for their annual Spring Concert scheduled for Tuesday, June 11.

Also, an outdoor concert has been tentatively scheduled for June 12, during fourth and fifth hours on the hill.

The sacred concert turned out quite well and Mr. Renz is optimistic about the one in June. "We have a lot of fine music," he said, "and we hope to share with others."
Editorially Speaking

Kathy Radzibon

Spring, freshened by the promise of new life is the time for renovation. With sports of energy, both animals and people scurry around fixing and straightening their possessions. After all the snow, people start realizing a few issues at Northville have not been taken care of. This primeval path, boys and girls are sticking to this path, and not thinking of the many problems.

First on the list is Student Congress, which is slowly dying of an illness called Apathy. Congress is a weak organization this year, but strength is gained through unity and participation. The last election they held failed due to lack of a candidate. As a result of non-interest, the same group of students continually serves on the Congress.

The council officers went to open up the Congress to all students during lunch hours at a new type of meeting called Student Forum. In addition, the number of representatives for each class has been raised to four and elections for next year will be held on May 6. Northville needs a powerful Student Congress, because the 1974-75 school year will bring many problems.

The School Board needs a new method of determining when to close schools in bad weather. They managed to open during the December snowstorms with the exception of December 20, but their error in planning stood out in the terrors 29 ice storms. A school can operate with 10 students in each class, twice the normal number of substitutes and no buses running.

The question of whether or not finals should be optional for graduating seniors is raised again. These tests are definitely needed when a student's final grade depends on the score. In normal situations what purpose do they achieve? The senior class is wondering about poets for the annual music competition when to close schools in bad weather.

Masculinity At Stake

D. D. Riggs

At Northville High School, I have found the boys to be extremely conscious in their efforts to maintain their masculinity. Visiting other schools, I have not been so lucky, as great numbers of young "men" were singing in choirs, writing poetry participating in plays and other activities which immediately suggest homosexuality.

To my jubilant surprise, NHS boys, that is the majority of them, have not taken to this primeval path. They're sticking to the "MAB" activities such as football and the like.

Last month, I went to the annual music festival at FM and saw other schools represented by hundreds of boys, lending strength and body to their choirs. This is unexplainable, how boys from other schools can be so sure of their masculinity as to do something as feminine as singing in a choir! Thank heavens, the boys in our school are more prudent, (there are only 13 boys in the NHS Choir), Northville has a much better record though. I won't even mention the name of the single "boy" who wrote a poem about saving the planet.

What is at stake is the masculinity of the boys in this school. Boys have been known to join a choir and turn in an 80-second essay, into girls.

So be careful, boys. No matter how much you want to participate in these activities, your life is at stake--your masculinity!

Boys from last year's senior class are winning awards in poetry, Heaven forbid, even more than girls. Or shall I call them girls? I can't help wondering about poets.

Student Questions Board Actions

Greg Johnson

Close NHS On "Icy Days?"

That's what we need is a system of letting people know for sure whether or not we have school. With the system we have now, some people come, others don't, while others just don't know.

25¢ Coffee?

Culinary Prices Cited Outrageous

D. D. Riggs

Twenty-five cents for a cup of coffee! A dare for you? Unheard of! Well, not anymore... Young people have always had a little trouble in restaurants and the like. Waitresses tend to give poor service to students, who, in turn, tend not to leave tips because of poor service, creating an obvious vicious circle.

But a new form of aggravation has been initiated. A while ago the Palace lowered their prices to five cents a cup of coffee, a reasonable price considering the true cost to the establishment. Now, coffee is up to two dollars a cup -- and you have to pay for your second!

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Holly also enjoys painting, batik, ceramics, and jewelry-making. She divides all her time equally between these projects and the results show quality workmanship. 

"Holly is not your typical high school senior," commented Mrs. Kipfer, the art teacher here at NHS. "Most of them are getting senioritis something terrible, but Holly is currently working harder than ever on her art. I never see her wasting time."

When poet Max Elinson last came to Northville, he was looking for a possible new artist to design the cover of his new book, "What the Thunder Said." When Mrs. Kipfer showed him various drawings from some of her students, the only one that seemed to impress him was one of Holly's. After looking at a few other pictures she had done, Mr. Elinson was convinced that Holly was the one to illustrate his new book cover.

Holly has also been asked to illustrate a poem called "Waste Land" by T.S. Eliot. "I'll probably go sit in an empty field somewhere to sketch that one," she says, "but most of my drawings just come from my head."

Holly has just finished a portfolio of some of her work to send to Wayne State University, where she hopes to pursue her interests in art. Also, she is currently working as art director for the literary magazine, the Centaur.

Recently Holly donated a large batik wall hanging to the NHS library. It depicts a scene from the famous story "Lord of the Rings" by Tolkien. Mrs. Kipfer smiled as she told me, "Holly read that book and really loved it. She wanted other kids to read it and enjoy it, too, so she batiked that huge picture. Hopefully it will stir up some interest among the students."
Honor Society Inductees

Laurie LaFevre

Scholarship, leadership, service and character were the prerequisites for these years’ National Honor Society inductees. The scholarship factor is based on grade points. Students with high grades are "elected" by Mr. Meteyer to be considered for inductions. Their names are given to members of the faculty for voting. Sophomores are allowed two negative votes, Juniors three negative votes, and Seniors four negative votes.

Those students who haven’t been eliminated yet are asked to list any extra-curricular activities and any community services they have been involved in since they were Freshmen. Two is the minimum number for this requirement. Mr. Meteyer sends a note to each person still on the list and they must write a letter of acceptance in return.

There are approximately 124 inductees this year, including 59 seniors, 40 juniors, and 25 sophomores. Pins, certificates, and membership cards will be awarded to the new members at the June Inductions ceremony.

Teacher Evaluation

Candy McCurdy

Student Council has been very busy recently in establishing several action committees. One such committee has been assigned to Teacher Evaluations.

This committee, set up by President John Forrer, is composed of a few interested students and teachers. They are: Mike Austin, Suzie Evans, Mr. Forrer, Tom Cooke, Mr. Temple, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Torma, Mrs. Forsyth, Mr. Donahue, and Mr. Troebley.

These people work during their lunch hours twice a week to put their thoughts together. Presently they are trying to complete an evaluation which teachers from all departments can use.

This standardized form will consist not only of an evaluation of the teacher, but also of his/her class. The evaluation will be set up so it can be checked by computer.

This way evaluations can be given, checked, and mailed within a few days.

The Fiddler’s Corner

Greg Austin

Back in the days of Billie Holliday and Bessie Smith, musicians played their instruments alone, with just a natural sound. Today no self-respecting rock musician would think of cutting an album without a few special effects thrown in.

Take a group like Pink Floyd. They are famous for their wide use of tape effects, both in the studio and in concert. In fact, their next album is rumored to be made up completely of "taped household effects." Hawkwind's "space-oriented" rock group, uses extensive tape effects, plus they incorporate an audio generator which produces synthesized melodies.

Then you've got guitarists like Jeff Beck, Ted Nugent, and Ritchie Blackmore who stack up on high watt amplifiers. The feedback and distortion they get from their amps is as much a part of their music as their straight runs. Nugent and Blackmore are also notorious for their loud concerts.

With all the special effects that rock groups use, they can no longer be classified as "pure musicians." But some of the sounds they get are entertaining and require just as much talent and musical know how as the old time blues artists.

Upcoming Concerts

The Detroit area can anticipate some good concerts in the next month. May 5th, by Popular demand, Rob Preston and King Crimson will present a second concert at Ford Auditorium. May 6th, Miranda and McLaughlin will perform at Masonic. May 12th, Frank Zappa and his band of crazies will do their stuff at the Flint I.M.A. auditorium. Also, May 19th, Gary Brooker and Procol Harum make their long awaited return to Masonic Auditorium.

For the opera fans, Masonic Auditorium hosts the return of The Metropolitan Opera Company. This program will last through May 4th, and will feature selections by Verdi, Puccini and Strauss.
NHS Hosts Train Lover

Kathy Jones

Many people in NHS have interesting hobbies and one of these is Dave Iverson. He has a train collection that would make anyone steam!

The MUSTANGER recently interviewed Dave and he told us some interesting facts about his collection. He started this collection when he was three years old. Over the years it's value has accumulated to $914.65. His equipment includes 14 engines, 65 cars, four power transformers, one mile of telephone wire, assorted buildings and 200 yards of track.

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For the first time in the fall of 1965 the newspaper had the name Mustang and used a five column set up. Some interesting articles included horoscope, a study of teachers personal lives and a question and answer article on Viet Nam.

In the late 60's a lot of talk turned to whether girls should be able to wear slacks to school. News, features, editorials and pictures were all used in a campaign for free dress code. Modular scheduling and open lunch were other topics of great discussion.

More recently the Mustang has given an objective view of YES along with exploring the possibility of a NHS smoking lounge. Lately some popular products of the Mustang have been senior mock elections and the "Mad" Mustanger magazine.

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On the island there are seven inland lakes, with many abandoned farm houses. The beaches on these lakes are sparkling clean with pine and maple overhanging. If you're looking for a place to get away from it all—

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Bike Touring Allows Summer Recreation

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Andy's Meat Hut

Choice Beef

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Writing
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students received honorable mention and 881 received commendations. Gold key winners were Sarah Louise Kunst for her sketch, and Sarah Bacciardi and Julie Faustyn, and Robyn Reagan for their poetry. Honorable mentions went to Lynn Duguid and Marna Owen for sketch, Jim Bonami, Lynn Duguid, and Debra Diane Rigs for poetry, and Dawn Stephens for her autobiographical sketch.

Senior Trip—Collage Of Experiences

Lois Smith

The class of '74's senior trips began on April 6 for Bahama-bound students and April 8 for Toronto-bound. A variety of new sights, sounds, and tastes assaulted the seniors on their respective trips.

In Toronto, the weather was cold when leaving the train, but no one really noticed. Between visits to Casa Loma, Chinatown, the Science Center, skin flicks! for the guys and shopping the main stores for the girls, the seniors still had time for various other activities. Some students dined at Ed's Warehouse or the Soaghati Factory, prominent Toronto restaurants.

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Boys Invade HomeEc. Room

Paula Dyke

"The best part of all is when you get to eat the stuff!" commented Jim Pratt, one of the many male additions to the Home Economics Department this semester. The class is Co-Ed Foods, and recently more and more guys as well as girls are trading in their notebooks for frying pans.

According to Kiss Miller, teacher of Co-Ed Foods, the students first learn about meal planning, budgeting, and nutrition. Then they let loose in the kitchen—first making quickbreads (donuts, coffee cakes, muffins) and advancing to yeastsbreads, desserts, vegetables, and meats. At the end of the semester the kids will prepare an entire meal in class and finish off the year with a feast that would make even the Galloping Gourmet's mouth water.

Right now there is a cooking class, of sorts, for guys. It's called Boy's Consumer Education and it's taught by Mrs. Morris. The class is actually a double course: it teaches about things like advertising and how it affects the consumer, car buying, and consumer fraud, with a few cooking sessions sprinkled here and there throughout the semester. Next year this class will not exist. There will simply be Co-Ed Foods and Co-Ed Consumer Problems, two separate classes for two different subjects.

Both Miss Miller and Mrs. Norris want to point out that next year all the Home Ec. classes will be co-ed. This includes Crafts and Hobbies, Housing and Home Furnishing, Child Development I and II, and Clothing Design I, II, and III.

WHAT'S COOKING?—Co-ed food students experiment.

Literary Magazine Debuts This Month

D. D. Riggs

Last year's Centaur literary magazine was a success and hopefully this year's will be even more successful. It contains superior work: photos, poems, and art; done by students of Northville High.

The new graphics department in our school will be printing it, which should help keep the price down. The sale will be in late May.

Mr. Dorrian is the sponsor, and the editors are Deb Riggs and Cindy Letarte. Holly Brunnemer is the art director, and Paul MacLeod is in charge of photography. Sandy Baskary and Robyn Reagan worked on the magazine also, until they graduated.

Much of the work has won awards, and last year's Centaur is in a state contest. The same cover will be used, only in a different color.

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Running Gives Inner Satisfaction

Thoughts Of A Marathon Man

What motivates 21 year old Paul Bedford to get up at 5:30 AM and run a grueling 10 to 18 miles on the backroads of Northville?

Paul Bedford explains, "Only a runner knows the answer. The inner-satisfaction of running is internally and externally sacred to him. A runner is not simply a person who runs," he comments, "I didn't want to be an ex-Jock but to be at the Olympic Trials." He qualified for the Olympic Trials at the Marathon in College Marathon, all 26 miles and 385 yards of it. He ran a time of 2 hours 31 minutes and 31 seconds which gets him a knotch closer to such names as Frank Shorter and Neal Cassack. The accomplishment was an extra good feeling because Paul had failed to finish in his two previous marathons.

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How many times have you heard this argument?

JOCKSTTE: "We always get the crummy equipment, the old, worn-out uniforms, the inconvenient practice times—and the boys get anything they want!"

JOCK: "That's the way it should be, dummy, because the fans come to see our games, so we put more money into the athletic budget than you girls do!"

Okay, time out! Let's face the facts. Nowadays at NHS the guys' sports program does take priority; the guys know it, the girls know it, everybody knows it. But it's NOT because the boys' program is more important! To say that the girls' program is inferior because "they don't bring any money in" is hogwash. Both the girls and the boys have their own separate budgets.

Last year the School Board voted on and approved $10,000 for the boys' budget and only $1,500 for the girls' budget. Fair? Hardly. But this year Ms. Bubel asked for a $2,700 budget, and got it—and next year she hopes to charge admission to all sports events in order to profit from gate receipts just as the boys do.

So stop and think—we've got a good thing going here! If we all work together to gain more public recognition and support, and put pressure on the School Board for equal facilities and budgets, someday we'll reach equality with the males.

Meanwhile, remember this: constant complaining or arguing about the situation with the boys won't do a bit of good (they may be chauvinists, but it's not their fault we're getting the shaft.)

Winners Circle

In the WINNER'S CIRCLE this month is Barb Wilson, an outstanding Senior athlete. As a hard-working member of the girls' Basketball, Volleyball, and Softball teams, Barb has made many significant contributions but hasn't received the credit she deserves—and talk about dedication—this is her 4th year in all three sports. Billy Jean would love you, Barb! Congratulations.

The 1974 girls' track team is now practicing vigorously each day. Despite the loss of a few top performers of last year's team, the girls are looking forward to a very successful year.

Miss Turner, the coach, states that this is the year to build and we are going to give Walled Lake Western, league champions last year, a run for their money. This year's team seems to have more depth with the addition of some key freshmen.

Mr. Paul Bedford, a distance runner will be assisting Miss Turner this year. Paul is working with the distance runners while Miss Turner tutors the sprinters as well as giving advice to those participating in the field events.

One of the major goals for the team this year is to set some new track records. Some of the participants that hope to establish these new records are Muriel Bedford, Barb Sorenson, Sue Mahoney, Denise McDermind, Louise Hop­ping, Linda From and Barb Jones. Working out in the sprints are Jones, Hopping, McDermind and Prom. Hopes ride high for these four girls to set records in the 440 yard relay.

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An Open Letter to the Board of Education
(in the hope that it might do something)

No doubt some members of your distinguished board have seen a sporting event at Northville High. A football game, maybe? Or perhaps a basketball game? If you have, you have probably noticed how well these events are supported by the student body.

That, in itself is fine. However, have you ever seen a tennis match? Or a track meet? I doubt that you have, in fact I doubt that many students have either and that’s the purpose of this column.

Bright Spring Picture

The spring sports program at NHS this year looks especially bright. It features an improved track squad, a veteran tennis team, coming off a winning (12-5) year, and a baseball team that could go a long way in the Class A tournament. And yet, student support is missing.

The excuse that the teams don’t win, so why show up, simply doesn’t fit here. Last year, the three spring sports combined produced a winning percentage of .656. When you consider that the Pistons got area wide acclaim for their percentage of .635 that’s not bad.

The excuse that the events are long, drawn out affairs with plenty of boredom to go around, is acceptable for people who would not show up anyway.

Here’s A Solution

There are people out there who would go -IF- the time were changed. Every event held at night has a record of being reasonably well attended. In fact, the few track meets that have been held at night have drawn fair crowds. The only thing holding back other nocturnal events are lights at the tennis courts.

Certainly, the cost of this venture could be expensive, but not prohibitive. In the view of Mane Lines, the addition of lights might not only help the sports team, but it also might improve that intangible quality of school spirit.

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