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DeSales High School readies for production of 'Wizard of Oz'

By Kathleen Morgan
DeSales High School

DeSales students are putting on the musical "The Wizard of Oz" this year, and preparations for the show are already well underway. The musical, adapted from a story by L. Frank Brown and set to music by E.V. Harburg, is a good endeavor for the school this year because it is popular and it can be easily put together in a short period of time.

There are a great number of different parts available, from munchkins to flying monkeys, so each of the 60 to 70 kids who signed up for character spots will be able to take an active role in the production. The number of people who signed up for this year's show may create the largest cast ever for a DeSales show.

This year's production will be directed by Paul Brown, the music director at DeSales. Brown has planned four performances of the show before Thanksgiving, and possibly an encore production at the Smith Opera House in Geneva. He hopes to produce the show again in the spring and take it on the road. Brown thinks "The Wizard" will be an easy one to tour.

For several reasons, he decided to present the annual the show earlier than usual this year. It promises to be a financially successful show, and the funds raised from the production may be used for many other things throughout the year. And by doing most of the work for the show in the fall, it would also leave time in the spring for another project which is to be announced.

All major parts in the play have been double cast, allowing two people to play a single role. The actors will alternate their performances, so each person will get to play their role in two of the four performances this fall.

The musical is similar to the popular movie version in many ways, but there are a few

differences. More witches will make their appearance in our high school show, and the addition of new characters and more female roles will also be made. Brown also plans to make a few changes of his own.

To round off the cast, munchkins will be "borrowed" from Catholic grammar schools in the Geneva area.

Committee schedules dialogues to gauge support for education

Diocesan education officials have announced a series of dialogue meetings planned next month to gauge the commitment of Monroe County residents to Catholic education.

During October, parish leaders throughout the county have been asked to gather reactions from a cross section of their communities to three questions.

Each parish will then delegate representatives, including pastors, principals and members of parish council, finance committees, Christian formation committees and school boards, to attend the meetings. One person from each parish will be asked to summarize local reaction before the floor is opened for discussion.

Dialogues are scheduled from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on the following days: Monday, Nov. 10, at St. Stanislaus; Wednesday, Nov. 12 at Holy Rosary; Thursday, Nov. 13, at St. Francis Xavier; Monday, Nov. 17, at St. Philip Neri; and Tuesday, Nov. 18, at St. Anthony of Padua.

To receive a copy of the questions, contact your parish office of the diocesan Education office at (716)328-3210, or consult the Courier-Journal's October 2 issue.

Volunteers needed for elderly in county nursing homes

The Ombudsman Program of the Regional Council on Aging needs volunteers to visit older residents in nursing and adult homes. Volunteers in the Monroe County Long Term Care Ombudsman Program spend four to six hours per week listening to the elderly,

helping them to resolve their problems and protecting their rights. Back-up support is provided by the Ombudsman program director and a training session for volunteers begins October 27. Call (716)454-3224 for information.

Mooney women's guild dinner scheduled for October 28

The Cardinal Mooney Women's Guild will hold its October meeting at the school, 800 Maiden Lane in Greece on Tuesday, October 28.

The evening will begin with the annual memorial Mass at 6:30 p.m., when the school glee club will present a liturgical program. Cocktails and a ham dinner will follow in the cafeteria. The price of the dinner, which will be catered by Joe Resch, is \$8 per person.

Following the dinner, the cast of the 1986 Mooney Follies will present a preview of its upcoming show.

For information call (716)865-1000.

Equal Time

McQuaid Jesuit High School
What are the advantages and disadvantages of attending a Catholic high school?

DAVE KINSKI, Senior

One phrase answers that question: "Our spirit makes the difference." From the students all the way through the faculty and administration, the "liveliness" can be experienced daily. The students are so involved that you know everyone by the time you graduate. The faculty really gets into the classes they teach and this makes going to school worth the effort. It is challenging, sometimes too much, but if it weren't challenging I wouldn't want to do it.



MIKE STAPLETON, Senior

The thing I like most about going to a Catholic high school is the small size of the student body. I especially like this because after four years together, you and your classmates become a family. I also like the way a Catholic high school prepares you for college. Graduates I know say they find college easier than a lot of their college classmates who attended public schools do.



The only thing I dislike about it is that Catholic high schools are a lot more strict than the public schools I attended.

JEROD CASE, Sophomore

Most Catholic schools have the reputation for providing excellent education, which ultimately shows up as an excellent source on an educational record. In addition to this, Catholic schools offer a strong sense of both camaraderie and Christianity.



On the other hand, Catholic school students are often put into different cliques by either themselves or others, and therefore don't experience the things around them daily.

SHAWN MATTARO, Senior

I think the main advantage to going to a Catholic high school is the size. It allows all the students to become good friends, and this makes classes more enjoyable as you're among friends.



The only real disadvantage is the lack of funding from the state, which hurts our athletic teams.

Speaking Out

By Cindy Yantz
Nazareth Academy

World peace is a subject which is constantly referred to in this age of nuclear fears and international unrest. What brings this issue to the forefront in recent news coverage is the Iceland Summit between President Reagan and Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev. It is a real shame that so many U.S. citizens should feel so much antipathy for the Soviet citizens. Regardless of what nationality or government we are under, we are all human beings. All human beings have feelings, including the need to feel safe and secure.

What is so unbelievable is that our president could reject a proposal to hold off on Stars Wars, a space-based defense system, and thus take a step toward international peace. It would be too simple to accept this part of the olive branch and build on a new understanding. We must ask ourselves: Do we really want peace or do we want peace on our terms only.

It is a challenge to each individual to

try to understand another person's life, actions, etc. In order to comprehend the why's and how's of today's needs, we need to try to emphasize with people of other nations. We are sometimes victims of our own narrow-mindedness. If political leaders and the general populace were more willing to try to understand what happened instead of immediately reacting to it, the world would probably be a better place to live.

Our nation is the most powerful country in the world, built on democracy, cultural diversity, and countless noble principles. Where then, is this nobility or "betterness" which so many Americans believe they have over other cultures? Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, "But the real and lasting victories are those of peace, and not of war." I think it is much more of a challenge to extend the olive branch and initiate terms for peace and understanding, than to throw down the branch and ignore the issues. The Soviet people and Mikhail Gorbachev are to be respected for their attempts at reaching some level of understanding with the U.S.

And now . . . For our Dracu-Veather Report . . .

The outlook for the next week is gloomy, scary, creepy, haunting, and a bit bewitching.

We recommend bundling up in von of our costumes for rent or sale.

Also prepare with our wigs, masks, makeup, accessories, and party supplies.

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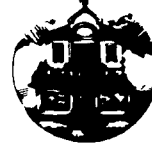
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HOUSE OF GUITARS

We received 13 correct entries identifying The Beatles as the group who recorded the #1 song, "Paperback Writer."

The winner was Lynn Watt of St. Ann's School, Rochester, N.Y.



MUSIC TRIVIA

This weeks question:

Who recorded the #1 song, "Seasons in the Sun?"

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____
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Rules:

Each week, the Courier-Journal, in conjunction with the House of Guitars will feature a Music Trivia contest. All you have to do to enter is answer the question, fill in your name and address and the school you attend (if applicable), cut out the coupon, and send it in to the Courier-Journal. If more than one correct entry is received, a drawing will be held and one winning entry will be drawn.

If yours is the winning entry, you will be mailed a coupon for a free album or tape of your choice redeemable at the House of Guitars, 645 Titus Ave. All entries must be received within seven days of this paper's issue date. Winning names and answers will be printed the week following each drawing.

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