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'South Pacific' Sails Tonight

by Betty Vermeire

"South Pacific" was much more difficult to produce than "Oklahoma!" last year's musical. More music, more scene changes, and the unavailability of World War II equipment contributed to the difficulty.

"South Pacific," Hickory's second musical production, shoves off tonight on a three performance cruise sponsored by the Junior Class.

The performances cap a schedule of rehearsals, committee meetings, and work that began last January.

The action of the musical, by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, takes place on two islands in the Pacific during the Second World War.

Adapted from James A. Michener's Pulitzer Prize winning novel "Tales of the South Pacific," the plot concerns the relationship between the island natives and the United States military personnel based there.

Some of the main characters are Nellie Forbush, played by Donna

Richards and Lynn Gay Heatley, Emile de Becque, played by Sieg Sippl, Bloody Mary, played by Evelyn Perkovic, Luther Billis, played by Jim Birch, and Lt. Joe Cable, played by Brad Tomich.

Other key performances are given by Dave Bralich, Yvonne Ceslak, Denny Curtis, Rudy Detelich, Fred Donnelly.

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High School Students Learn Through CAP's Field Trips

Recently 42 students from six area high schools formed the Citizen's Apprentice Program, a club formed to educate high school students in the operations of the Shenango Valley and surrounding areas.

Sponsored by the United Fund and financed by Mr. Eugene Dyll, course coordinator. For the seven weeks during its operation the organization's activities in-

clude field trips to many and varied activities in the surrounding area.

Hickory is represented in the program by five students. The five are Beth Aber, Dennis Yaksich, Kathy O'leary, Karen Sayers, and Carol Dugan.

The students have already taken several field trips. They traveled to the Woodside Mental Hospital in Youngstown, where mental patients receive diagnosis. They have also toured the local Social Security Office on State Street.

Future plans of the organizations include more field trips. The group was to have visited Morrison Hall in the Sharon General Hospital Nursing School. Plans are also made to tour George Junior Republic near Grove City.

'Poetry Pageant' Publishes Poem

Jack Smith, English coordinator, has done it again. "Poetry Pageant Magazine," published quarterly in Washington D.C., has accepted Mr. Smith's poem "A Reminder" for publication.

A REMINDER

Not all of Summer's creatures
Hide beneath the leafless trees
Nor fly away to feed in warmer fields
In Winter. This I learned today
While I picked my way down
A frozen path to hang my snow shovel
In the backyard shed.

A sudden scarlet flutter shook
The air. Quite surprised, my feet
Slipped out from under me,
Arms and legs swinging, down
I went, cursing its red wings
Now flying--fleeing--fled.

Classes View La Strada as First of Full Length Films

"La Strada", a feature length film which has been described as "a picture to place among the masterpieces", was viewed by Mr. Walcott's film study classes on April 2.

"La Strada", which means "The Road", is an Italian movie directed by Federico Fellini. It relates the story of three lonely characters who journey a highway in Italy, searching for the paths their own lives are to follow.

One of the merits of the film is that it does not lean heavily on dialogue. Although it was shown in Italian with English subtitles, the expressive quality of the acting and photography made the film relatively easy to follow.

"La Strada", which was produced in 1954,

was one of Fellini's first pictures, and helped build his reputation as a fine director. It was one of the early Italian realistic films, and has served as a model for many later movies.

The 107 minute film was the first feature length movie shown in the film study class. Two others, "The Loneliness of a Long Distance Runner," and "Shop on Main Street," will be shown later in the course.

Math Students Challenged by National Test

Selected juniors and seniors took a math test on March 12 given in the Hickory High School cafeteria. The purpose of the test was to rate Hickory with other schools in the development of their math skills.

Students were given eighty minutes to complete the 30 question test. The test was taken in school during the second and third periods.

Any guessing on the test did not contribute to the score, as a wrong answer subtracted from the score. A negative score on the final grade was possible.

The students involved with the test were tutored after school by Mr. Listopad and Mrs. Synder for about four weeks. The sessions were based on last year's test.

The scores for Hickory have been received and the three top scorers are: John Rademacher, Jon Synder, and Ron Marenchin.

When asked to comment on the test, junior Valerie Lee replied, "The problems were interesting and fun to try to solve." The general opinion was that the test was quite difficult.



Mary Ellen Malone of FNA presents check of fifty dollars to Mrs. Beason and Mr. Wandall.

Funds From Candy Sale Buy Needed Equipment

This year's candy sales have been extremely profitable for the members of the FNA.

Profits were put to use in three areas. The girls contributed \$50 toward the purchase of a Peabody kit for first and second graders who are hard of hearing.

A Peabody kit consists of puppets whose facial expressions alter. They are useful in teaching the hard of hearing to speak well.

The girls also purchased first aid kits for girls' gym classes. The kits include splints and such equipment useful for immediate treatment of a broken limb. Kits of this type were

purchased for the boys' gym classes by the FNA last year.

The members of the group also used their profits to finance a field trip to Cleveland. Here, the girls toured the Veteran's hospital, the health museum, and Mount Siani Hospital.

At the Veteran's Hospital the girls were given insights on physical and oral therapy.

Plans for the future include selling more candy. Other plans are indefinite, but may include work with the retarded.

The club's advisor is Mrs. Ann Gerwing, the school nurse. It's president is Diane Zigo.



Dennis Yaksich, Karen Sayers, Kathy O'leary, Carol Dugan, Beth Aber represent Hickory in the Citizens Apprenticeship Program.

Stage Set with Scenery

An important element in a successful musical is the scenery, and the art students, under the direction of Mr. Mangus, have been working hard to produce realistic and effective scenes for "South Pacific." They have been aided by Mr. Brown who constructed the sets.

Before work on the sets began, scenery from previous plays was scrubbed from old flats so that they could be painted on again.

To obtain ideas on how the scenery, which depicts a south sea island, was to look, photographs were used. Many of the most helpful were taken by Vicki Brown on her trip to Guam.

Palm trees were made from rolls of wire covered with paper mache, and the island of Bali Ha'I was designed so that it could be raised

or lowered onto the stage by wires.

Although all of the art students helped in making the sets, most of the painting was done by Peggy Harris, Judy Kopen, Mike Stano, Gary Anderson and Bob Ward.

Along with setting up the flats, Mr. Brown worked on building objects such as the radio shack and patio needed for the set.

As Mr. Mangus commented, "The scenery could not have been produced without the considerable assistance of Mr. Brown and the co-operation of the students."

Civic Arena Hosts Led Zeppelin

by Dawnelle Batcher

ance on March 30.

The performance lasted for an uninterrupted two hours and twenty minutes, Led Zeppelin being the only group performing.

Robert Plant, lead singer for the group, performed "Heartbreaker" and the million selling "Whole Lotta Love" with faultless clarity. "Moby Dick" featured John Paul Jones in a 23-minute drum solo, 19 minutes of which was performed not with sticks, but bare-handed. The effort brought the larger percentage of the near-sell-out crowd to their feet. Another outstanding performance was the guitar solo of Jimmy Page.

Order was maintained throughout the larger part of the concert, not by the police, but by the commanding efforts and peaceful methods employed by Robert Plant, who struck a happy medium by siding with the police and audience. But even Plant lost control near the end.

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Cheryl Callis, junior, stands before her house before it was moved to its new location.

Chem Classes Prove Helpful

Students are always complaining that they don't understand something, but if they were given the chance to sit through an additional hour and a half of chemistry class, would they do it?

Apparently the answer is yes, because Mr. Uzelac has successfully conducted two such classes after school to date.

The classes are held when sufficient misunderstanding arises within the various chem-study classes. Each class, consisting of a question and answer period, enables the students to inquire about the things that they do not fully understand.

When Mr. Uzelac first started the program, fair to little response was expected, but this idea was soon altered. The first class, held about two months ago, brought more interested students than could easily be accommodated in the chemistry classroom.

FTA Plans Edinboro Trip

Junior members of Future Teachers are hoping to make a trip to Edinboro College tomorrow.

The club is also planning to have certain members teach in the classrooms. This will enable them to gain experience in the teaching profession.

So far this year, the senior members made a field trip to Indiana University to observe College. During the National Education Week, the club passed out apples to the teachers. They acted as guides for open house and served coffee and donuts.

They also sponsored a basketball game between the faculty and the WHOT

Good Guys. The National FTA Writing Association sponsored an essay contest in which members competed. Results of the contest will be known soon.

They also sold candy to earn money for the FTA Scholarship. This will be awarded to a senior member at the end of the year. At this time they will elect the new officers.

Debby Hess Sees Europe Via River

"I can't believe it! I'm so excited!" exclaimed Debby Hess before leaving with her sister, Vicki, on a trip to Europe on March 20.

After arriving in Amsterdam, Holland, the two girls boarded a steamship which took their travel group on an eight day tour called the Rhine River Cruise.

The group first toured Holland and then went to Germany, where they saw the Heidelberg Castle. The trip also included France and Switzerland.

Some of the afternoons were left unplanned so that members of the group could be on their own to shop or explore in the bigger cities. Many of the evenings were also left free.

The trip ended in Zurich, Switzerland. On the last night, a farewell party was held on board the ship with the captain.

Debby and Vicki then left Zurich by jet and arrived in Baltimore on Good Friday to enjoy Easter at home.

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Chuck Hoyt, Dave Joho, Craig Paulenich, Dave Speck and Bob Ward.

Making special appearances are Judy McElroy and John Stafford, both junior high students, as Ngana and Jerome, Emile de Becque's children.

Special recognition must be given to the men's chorus for "Bloody Mary" and "There is nothing like a Dame" and to the women's chorus for "Wash That Man" and "Wonderful Guy."

The directors of the

musical are Mrs. Joan Walker, drama, and Mr. Ed Groves, music. Also contributing their talents are Miss Marcia Haag, accompanist, Mr. Charles Mangus, art, Mr. Russell Brown, sets, Mrs. Alyce Parrish, committees, Mrs. Carole Miller, French, Jackie Lou Phillips, dance, and Mr. Melvin Walker, tickets.

Tickets sales ran from March 31 to April 8, although the majority of the tickets were sold by April 3.

Musicians Master Many Mind Teasing Problems

"South Pacific" holds a unique position among Broadway productions, for no other musical has contained so many "hit" songs. Five of the numbers were among the top ten songs months after the musical's premiere in 1949.

Though the music is popular, the piano score is difficult to play if the pianist has the usual number of fingers. The orchestra is therefore vital. The 31 musicians, accompanist Miss Marcia Haag, and conductor Mr. Edgar Groves, began work weeks ago, not only on the music, but also on the problems that accompany such undertakings.

The major problem dealt with the lack of a sunk-en pit for the orchestra, with the acoustical result that the orchestra

was too powerful. Numbers under dialogue had to be given to the piano alone. Stage microphones helped, but even during songs the orchestra had to be careful not to bury the soloists.

For the cast, singing ability was an important factor in being chosen, for everyone sings at least one song. However, the cast had musical problems also. Some men's parts were unusually high and some women's parts were unusually low. Some songs even had to be transposed to better suit the singer's range.

All the problems were eventually ironed out and the cast and orchestra joined to provide a memorable experience in plays and problem solving.



Bloody Mary plans Yvonne Ceslak's and Brad's future in "Happy Talk."



Patti Hoffman entertains the men on Thanksgiving.



Brad Tomich explains the coast watch operation to Dave Joho and Denny Curtis.



Lynn Gay sings, "I'm gonna wash that man right out of my hair."



Gee, Luther, you do beautiful work!



Lynn Gay listens to Seig singing "Some Enchanting Evening."



Buy sexy grass skirt for dollar.



Jim Birch is Donna's little honeybun.



Two timin' Jim is also Lynn Gay's honeybun.



The cast lines up for the finale.

The Cry of 'Gooner' Is Echoed Statewide

Thanks to a very talented heavyweight, the name and fame of Hickory High School has once again been exposed to the entire state of Pennsylvania. And while doing so, Keith "Gooner" Miller has become one of the most sought after wrestlers in the area.

During the dual match season, Keith compiled a remarkable record of 14 victories against only one defeat. Rick Kellog, the 240 lb. bundle of muscles from Lakeview was responsible for Keith's only setback.

Then, section time rolled around. Miller easily worked his way into the finals where he met up again with Kellog. Wrestling one of the best matches of his career, Miller amazed the large crowd by coming from behind and pinning Kellog, the pie-tournament favorite.

The next stop on the trip was Meadville for the District X tournament. Keith made the job of disposing of the district's top heavyweights look easy and walked away with

top honors.

The regional tournament came up next and, as he did on so many other occasions, Miller managed to come from behind and pin a very heavy heavyweight.

The last stop of his tour, the state meet at Harrisburg will be most remembered by all. After neatly decisioning his first opponent 4-0, Keith advanced to the finals where his match ended in a draw and a board of judges, not Keith or his opponent, decided Keith's decisioned loss.



Some members of the track team watch the runners practice their starts.

Moore Directs Thinclad Activities

Under the direction of new head coach Mr. Robert Moore, the track team opened Wednesday with their foremost competitor, Neshanock High School.

Along with Coach Moore is a large staff of assistants to help with all the events. While Coach Moore works primarily with the weight men, Mr. Paul Sanders works with the

distance runners, Mr. Vernon Mook helps the sprinters and Mr. Ted Lazorishak keeps the jumpers jumping.

The squad is jam-packed with veterans this year. The distance events witnessed the return of past performers such as Bill Moder, Jake Ratliff, Sam King and Dave Lawton.

The sprinters welcomed back Fred Donnelly, Keith

Lustig and Randy Powell. Many newcomers have also worked their way up to starting positions. Bill Feigert and Ed Rock will be exhibiting their speed as the season wears on.

The jumpers will see the return of George Bock, Dennis Curtis, and hurdlers Barry Oman and Al Zagger.

The weight events will also be full of past season performers. Jeff Alexander, Paul Radamacher, John Nestor, John Radamacher and Jay Laskey will all be back to perform

again.

Newcomer Tom Miller caught quite a bit of attention from his coaches and teammates when he broke the school record in the shot-put during a meet qualifier.

Golfers Open Season Today

The long-ball belting 1970 varsity golf team makes its debut today. The linksmen are slated for a 2:30 p.m. tee off with West Middlesex in today's season opener.

Starting his fourth year as head coach, Mr. Barry Wooten has selected his needed eight men from a large turn-out of hopefuls.

The nucleus of last year's squad have returned for action again this year. Two consistent performers of the past several seasons, seniors Brad Talowsky and Mickey Sinkus shape us as likely candidates for either of the first two spots. Bill Basilone, junior, is also likely to take part in today's match action.

The other two spots were still in dispute at this writing. It is possible that some freshman candidates might emerge as varsity participants.

The late emergence of spring has caused the delay in the final selection of the team. Lined jackets and gloves have been necessary equipment for the golfers in their practice sessions.

After today's match, the golfers will face 12 more contests. A new school, Kennedy Christian, has added its team to the already formidable schedule including Greenville, Grove City, New Wilmington, Sharpsville, Mercer, Slippery Rock and West Middlesex.

Batmen Prep for Second Season

Starting its second season as a varsity sport, the baseballers have high hopes of continuing their undefeated record of last year straight through this season.

The team is under the direction of head mentor George Lewis. Helping Coach Lewis with his duties are Mr. Bob Hable and Mr. Bill Gibb.

The coaching staff welcomed back a whole slew of last season's lettermen. Included in the returning performers

are seniors Paul Saxe, Mike Miles, Dan Bell and Jack Leipheimer, and juniors Kenny Williams and Phil Dougherty.

A definite blow to the squad's pitching staff will be the absence of junior Jeff Novak. The stellar twiller sustained a broken leg during gym class activities and will be sidelined for the entire season.

A large number of boys turned out when spring training camp opened March 23. Coach Lewis

has maintained his no-cut program and allows all of his candidates to participate in practices.

The delayed appearance of spring kept the diamond men indoors for the first week of practice. The wet weather has kept the skim infield of the home field behind the junior high school from being fit to play on until recently.

Golf

April 9	W. Middlesex	H
13	Sharpsville	A
16	N. Wilmington	H
20	Grove City	A
23	Mercer	H
24	Greenville	H
30	Grove City	H

Track

April 10	Mercer	H
14	Open	
16	Com. Perry	A
21	Titusville	H
24	Farrell	H
28	Grove City, Sharon	H

Female Roundballers Play In Buhl Club's Tournament

Wrapping up their season with a spectacular win over Liberty, the girls' basketball team holds a record now of four wins and two losses in the Buhl Club tournament.

Because of the large number of teams, the tournament was divided into two divisions: the American and the National. Hickory, playing in the National Division met Reynolds, Sharpsville, Farrell, West Middlesex, Greenville and Liberty and defeated all but Sharpsville and Farrell.

Nancy Riddle, sopho-

more, also awarded the most outstanding player award, was the high scorer for the season with 82 points. Next highest was Jamie Mong, senior, who hit the hoops for 23 points.

The graduating seniors are Jamie Mong, Alexis White, Vicki Brown, Elaine Stefanick, Paula Stupka, Debbie Hast, and Linda Crompton.

Mrs. Reynolds, after coaching at Hickory said "The team really progressed well for their first year. Next year promises to be another winning season."



The girls' volleyball team plays a fine game against a formidable opponent.