

Play set for March

Shakespeare to hit stage at high school

By SARAH OLSON

Shakespeare is coming to a high school near you. The Decatur Community High School Drama department will be putting on Shakespeare's classic comedy, "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in early March.

This version will be set in Athens, Kansas, in the 1950s, with music from this era worked into the story.

There are several story lines in the play and confusion between mortals and fairies.

Theseus (Quintin Cundiff), Mayor of Athens, is preparing for his marriage to Hippolyta (Sarah Olson). He commissions his Master of the Revels Philostrate (Chris Jordan), to find suitable amusements for the occasion.

Egeus (Dane Anderson), an Athenian nobleman, marches in to see Theseus with his daughter, Hermia (Ramsey Meitl), and two young men, Demetrius (Jess Elwood) and Lysander (Brent Smith). Egeus wishes Hermia to marry Demetrius (who loves her), but Hermia is in love with Lysander and refuses to comply.

Hermia and Lysander plan to escape Athens the following night and marry. They make their intentions known to Hermia's friend Helena (Greta Wendelin), who was once engaged to Demetrius and still loves him even though he jilted her.

There is also a group of Athenian craftsmen rehearsing a play that they hope to perform for the mayor and his bride. Bottom (Adam Spanier) is full of advice and self-confidence, but commonly makes silly mistakes and misuses language. Quince (Andrea Marshall) is the leader of the craftsmen, but is often shoved aside by Bottom. Flute (David Morris) is a small young man who must play the role of a young girl in love. Starveling (Serina Heikes), who plays the part of Moonshine, Snout (Bayley Bryan), who plays the part of a wall in the play and Snug (Nick Anderson), who plays a lion, are other craftsmen. Allie Moore is the Huntsman.

There is also a band of fairies — Oberon (Bryan Richards), the fairy king, and Titania (Kelsey Dorshorst), his queen. Oberon's merry servant, Puck (Anthony Marshall) is sent to find a magical flower, the juice of which can be spread over a sleeping person's eyelids to make that person fall in love with the first thing he or she sees upon waking.

Needless to say, this flower causes problems. Other fairies include Peaseblossom (Becky Moore), Cobweb (Sarah Olson), Mustardseed (Kelly Olson), Moth (Rebekah Hasty), Butterfly (Danica May), Clover (Sarah Marcuson), Sunflower (Karyn Jordan) and Cornflower (Sunnie Fredrickson.)

The director is Leigh Davis. Kelsey Jackson is stage manager, and Elisabeth Orr music coach.

Hanging out



JUNIOR JESSICA STRITT WORKED on an English assignment in the library. Many students take advantage of the computers as well as the books in the library.

Students celebrate Valentine's Day

By JENNIE SWART

Valentine's Day is known for being the time people give their sweethearts gifts, cards, candies and flowers. Decatur Community High School is celebrating this special day in many ways including a day off.

Parent/teacher conferences have been scheduled for Friday, Feb. 14.

Spanish Club is selling chocolates for \$4 a box.

There will be a dance co-sponsored by TACT and Kayettes from 8:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15.

Admission is \$3 for singles and \$5 for couples. Stan McEvoy will be the deejay.

"I hope we have great attendance at our Valentine's Day dance," said TACT Sponsor Sharon Adleman.



The Kayettes are also selling carnations for \$1.50 each through Friday. The flowers will be delivered on Thursday, Feb. 13.

The cheerleaders are having a fund-raiser with the Good Samari-

tan Center. The prizes include Valentine's Day goodies donated by Oberlin businesses. Contact any high school cheerleader about the fund-raiser.

In addition, the National Honor Society is sponsoring a data match survey for Valentine's Day. Each high school student was asked to fill out a personality survey and then a computer program matches students who have similar personalities. The survey results may be purchased for \$1 each.

"It's neat to have so many things going on," said Kayette President Sarah Olson. "It gives everyone a chance to participate and do something besides homework."

Cheap dates are available

By KRISTA FOWLER

With Valentine's Day approaching, many people are racking their brains trying to come up with an idea, and the money, for the perfect gift and date.

With the following ideas for dates under \$10, your problems are solved — although finding the perfect gift is still up to you.

On almost any Friday night, you can catch the Oberlin Red Devils wrestling or basketball teams in action. For only \$3 each, you can both get into the game. Or if you have an activity ticket, that leaves more money for treats.

Now available right here in Oberlin is Cosmic Bowling. It costs \$10, and you can play as many games as you like. Play for fun, if you're not a really great player, or be competitive. Enjoy the bowling along with the latest chart topping songs and strobe lights.

Since it is winter and the ponds are frozen over, ice skating would be a blast.

Whether you're a beginner or advanced in your skating skills, this date would cost \$0, although you might want to stop and get some hot chocolate to warm up afterwards.

A date doesn't have to cost a lot of money. All you need is a little imagination and a few bucks.



By the DCHS Dictator Staff

Know-it-alls get to show off talents

Do you like sports but are unable to run, jog or walk for extended periods of time without sharp chest pains? Do you ever get winded eating breakfast?

Does hooking 10 over-caffeinated nerds up to a buzzer system and watching 'em go at it sound like a good time to you? Yes, yes and (pant) definitely yes? Go Scho-Bo, my friend.

Scho-Bo (rhymes with hobo) or Scholar Bowl, is the sport of choice for mathletes and trivia whizzes everywhere. Scho-Bo gives the students a chance to actually use the stuff they learned in school, and best of all the only physical labor involved is opening the occasional Mt. Dew.

Don't get me wrong, not all Scho-Boers are limp-wristed weaklings; make one mad, and he's liable to beat you up, do your homework and then invest your lunch money in the stock market.

The actual Scho-Bo tournament is a fierce and competitive ordeal (although the only blood you'll see is from spontaneous nosebleeds). Intimidation runs high, as each competitor puts on their thickest glasses and sticks on a fake zit or two.

Those with squeaky voices are to be doubly feared. Although they might have yet to win the puberty battle, they could tell you where to

The Way I See It

By Grant Reichert

bury the survivors in any plane crash.

And at the end of the day, buzzer fingers stuck in arthritic L's, brains a fine porridge-like mush, the battle-scarred titans come home to their legions of fans and sign off to endorse the latest pocket protector (with pump action).

That's Scholar Bowl for you—all glory, girls and cash. The Oberlin Scholar Bowl team this year is destined to go far.

Heads brimming with useless knowledge, and still giddy from the fumes of a Northwest Kansas League victory (at least, I hope those fumes were from the victory), the team prepares for regionals, and, barring finger sprains, should have a shot at state.

So there, in a nutshell, is Scho-Bo. The next time you get tired of watching football and want to see real men compete, you know where to go. Just don't say anything bad about Star Trek, or things could get ugly.

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School Menus

February 10-14
OBERLIN HIGH

Monday — Breakfast: cereal. Lunch: sloppy joes, French fries, peas, tropical fruit. **Tuesday** — Breakfast: cereal. Lunch: ravioli, rolls, green beans. **Wednesday** — Breakfast: Breakfast Bits. Lunch: chili soup, cinnamon rolls, Mandarin oranges. **Thursday** — Breakfast: French toast. Lunch: pizza quesadilla, green beans. **Friday** — No School (parent/teacher conferences). Juice served with breakfast, milk served with all meals. Relish/salad bar served with all lunches.

OBERLIN ELEMENTARY

Monday — Breakfast: bagel, cream cheese or peanut butter, fruit. Lunch: popcorn chicken, roll/butter. **Tuesday** — Breakfast: cereal, toast, fruit. Lunch: grilled cheese, tomato soup. **Wednesday** — Breakfast: breakfast burrito/salsa. Lunch: sloppy joe/bun. **Thursday** — Breakfast: cereal, toast, juice. Lunch: Lovable Lasagna. **Friday** — No School (parent/teacher conferences). Milk served with all meals. Choice bar served with all lunches.

PRAIRIE HEIGHTS

Monday — Breakfast: French toast sticks. Lunch: chili crispitos, Spanish rice, fruit cocktail. **Tuesday** — Breakfast: scrambled eggs. Lunch: macaroni/cheese, hot dogs, peas, strawberries. **Wednesday** — Breakfast: maple long johns. Lunch: ham subs, apples, peanut butter bars. **Thursday** — Breakfast: Danish. Lunch: steak fingers, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn, grapes. **Friday** — Breakfast: breakfast burritos. Lunch: ham/cheese pockets, green beans, pineapple, brownie. Milk served with all meals. Salad bar served with all lunches.

HERNDON

Breakfast is served daily: cereal, toast, juice. Lunches: **Monday** — mac/cheese, hot dogs, peas, juice, fruit, cookie. **Tuesday** — meatloaf, whipped potatoes, salad, fruit, cake. **Wednesday** — stromboli, tossed salad, broccoli/cauliflower, fruit, cookie. **Thursday** — chicken/noodles, whipped potatoes, green beans, cottage cheese, lazy peach pie. **Friday** — pizza, tossed salad, corn, tropical fruit salad, holiday squares. Milk served with all meals.