



WITH LARGE SMILES on their faces, Karyn Jordan and Jennifer Hirsch (above) held their pose after they finished one part of practice on Thursday for the musical "Godspell." Adam Helm (below) ran the lights for play practice. The students will perform on Friday and Saturday.

'Godspell' set to go

High school students dressed in bright colors that didn't match danced around the stage Thursday afternoon, often bursting out in song.

All that may seem a little weird, but not to the cast members of "Godspell," the annual Decatur Community High School musical.

Students have been working since the end of September getting lines down, perfecting costumes and singing together. Vocal teacher Susan Nelson said the kids practice in the evenings after a full day of school and sports.

With just a week left before the big show, the cast was running through the play on Thursday without interruption.

"Godspell," written in the

1970s, is based on the Gospel, according to St. Matthew.

The play is about a community that comes together through Bible stories. In the second act, the cast has to deal with the problems which lead up to the crucifixion. The cast portrays street people.

The music is wonderful, said Mrs. Nelson. Each year, she plans the musical around the kids she has and what they will be the best at doing. In this play, she said, each of the 11 principal characters gets to do a solo. In all, said Mrs. Nelson, there are 32 cast members.

Mrs. Nelson said the school has done the play before, but that was probably 17 years ago.

The show will open at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Decatur Community

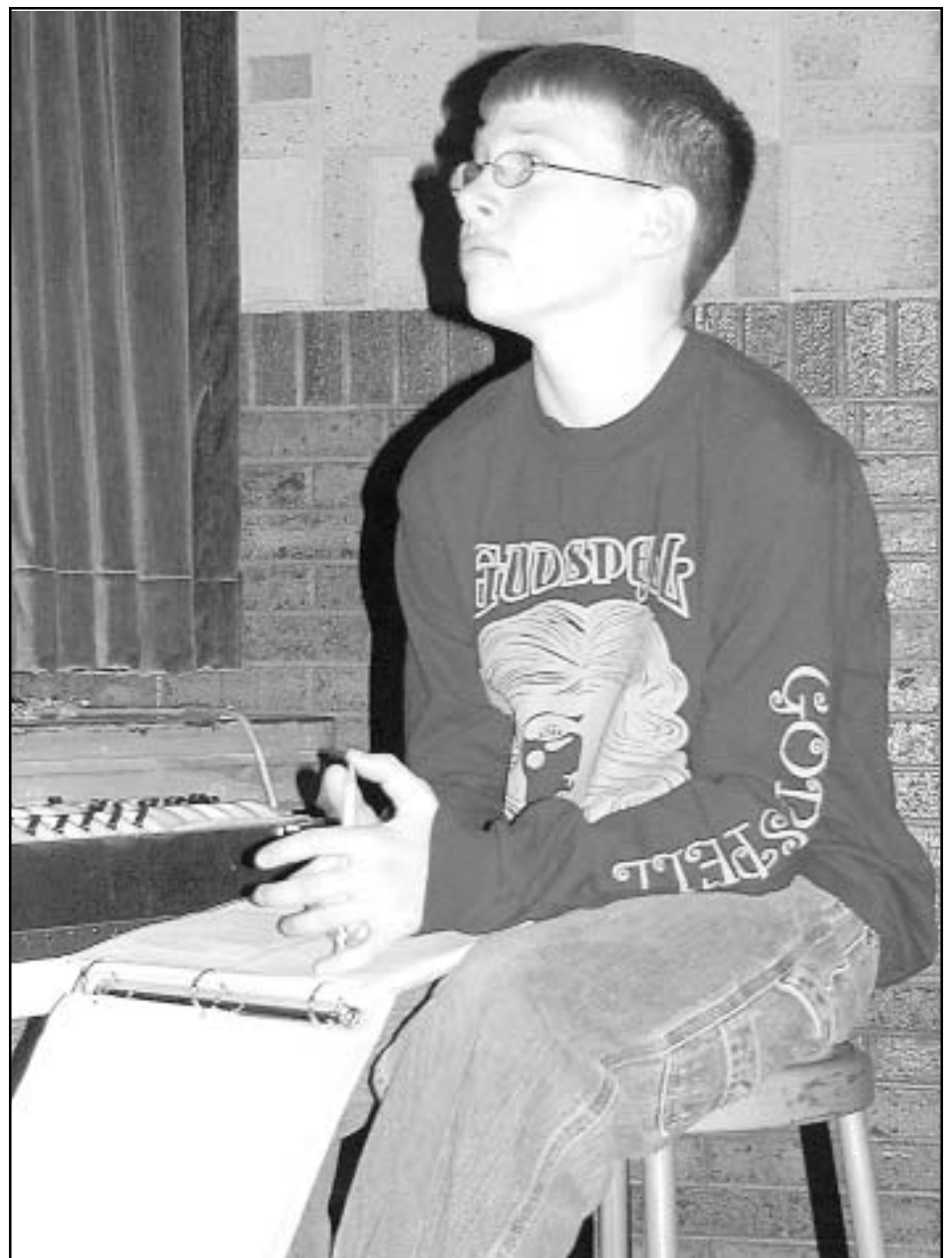
High auditorium. A second performance will be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

For the first time this year, students will be hosting dinner before the Saturday performance to raise money to go to Kansas City to see "Aida."

Vocal students are charging \$10 for dinner in the cafeteria. On the menu is an appetizer bar, lasagna, corn, garlic bread and a dessert.

Tickets for the dinner had to be purchased in advance through the school. Tickets for the play will be available at the door, \$5 for adults and \$4 for senior citizens and students.

"I think the musical will be real enjoyable for everyone who comes," said Mrs. Nelson.



STREET PERSON David Morris drew a picture on David Barth's face while Kelly Olson (above) waited in line. Tricia Dorshorst, Jeremy Tally and Anthony Marshall (left) all listened while another cast member talked.

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