



**BEHIND BARS** Jordan Tally(above) as Billy Crocker talked with Annamarie Larue playing Hope Harcourt during play practice on Friday. Joe Hirsch (below) as Sir Evelyn Oakleigh and Jacinta Carter as Reno Sweeney danced on stage.



## Students almost ready for musical production

The set is up, costumes are being finalized and students are perfecting their lines for the Decatur Community High School musical that's coming up.

The students will present, "Anything Goes," with music by Cole Porter at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21 and Saturday, Nov. 22 in the auditorium at the high school.

Vocal teacher Susan Nelson who works alongside teacher Leigh Davis on the musical said they normally try to think of the kids who will be involved in the play and what kind of characters will work. This play is fun, said Mrs. Nelson.

It takes place in the 1930s on a cruise ship. There is a whacky cast of characters off to England, said Mrs. Nelson. Some of them are

going to get married, some to get away from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and some to catch up with a girl they met.

This is a more traditional kind of musical than the ones done in the past, she said. It is a Broadway show, she said.

Some of the pieces of the new sound system are in so people who attend the musical will be able to hear everything better, said Mrs. Nelson.

Unlike past years, she said, the vocal students will be selling hot cider and treats during intermission for \$2. The students are raising money to help pay for the vocal trip to Kansas City during which they will see "Phantom of the Opera."

Cast members include Jaxen

Alstrom as Elisha J. Whitney; Katie Glading as a reporter and passenger; Joe Hirsch as Sir Evelyn Oakleigh; Makenzie Nelson as Mrs. Wadsworth T. Harcourt; Annamarie Larue as Hope Harcourt, Daniel Jordan as Bishop Henry T. Dobson and ship's crew, Jacinta Carter as Reno Sweeney, Jordan Tally as Billy Crocker; Ethan Merrill as Moonface Martin; Emma Merrill as Ching and as a passenger; Greg Shaw as Ling and ship's crew; Nolan Henningson as Purser; Ashley Horton as Bonnie; Jacob Larue as Captain; Haley Barrett as Chasity; Amanda Marshall as Purity; Serena Stacey as Virtue; Samantha Anderson as Charity; and Jay Wessel as the ship's crew.



**THROUGH A WINDOW** Ashley Horton playing Bonnie (above) looked into the jail. Inside the jail Emma Merrill playing Ching and Greg Shaw playing Ling (right) pretended to gamble.



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