



AT PLAY PRACTICE last week, Ron (Anthony Marshall) held Silvio (Bryan Richards) at gunpoint (above) while he robbed the gas station. Silvio and Denny (Gabe Moore, below) shared a drink to celebrate life.

Summer play ready for weekend performance

Graduates of Decatur Community High School decided to spend part of their summer learning and practicing for the Decatur Area Theater Association's summer production.

Leigh Davis, director and co-producer, said all of the actors and actresses graduated from the high school here, some recently and some several years ago.

They were all back and were interested in doing something this summer, said Ms. Davis, so they decided to put together a show.

The play, Joan Ackermann's "bawdy and touching" comedy, "Stanton's Garage," will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at The

Gateway.

"Stanton's Garage" is a story of lives merging together in an auto garage in the middle of nowhere. In the course of the play, the garage becomes a repair shop for broken hearts.

The cast includes Andrea Spanier, the doctor; Jacinta Carter, her soon-to-be step-daughter; Anthony Marshall, Ron; Bryan Richards, Silvio; Gabe Moore, Denny; Jay Wessel, Harlon; Rory Wendelin, Mary; and Sarah Marcuson, Audrey.

The complex universe of "Stanton's Garage" is created when these eight very different characters converge. The play takes a humorous and revealing look at them while they wait for their cars and their

lives to be repaired.

"The characters realize that only by taking control of their own situations can they begin to move forward in their lives," Ms. Davis said. "As far as casting goes, this is a director's heaven. I hope the community comes and supports these young home-town, creative geniuses as they pour their hearts out on stage."

The cast members have been practicing since the middle of June. Ms. Davis said the play is more of an adult comedy.

Tickets for the evening performances are \$5 and for the matinee \$4.



JACINTA CARTER attempted to pierce Jay Wessel's ear during play practice last Wednesday.