

Operetta

Rana's Pond draws over 500 to school

Over 500 jammed into McKenzie-Smith Middle School auditorium last Tuesday and Wednesday evenings to see the school's annual operetta.

This year, the casts put on Rana's Pond, a story about four amphibian friends living in a polluted swamp on the outskirts of a large industrial town. The star, Rana, is captured and taken to school to be a science exhibit. Meanwhile three ladies set out to save the pond and eventually save Rana also.

The play was written by Peggy Feltsmate and Howard Cable of Toronto.

Different casts staged the play each night. Chris Lobsinger was the starring character, Rana, Tuesday, and Chris Rosenquist Wednesday.

The other Tuesday cast was Andrea Arbic, Colleen Delurey, Natalie Hussian, Rita Bolter, Mark Walker, Terry Lynn McStravick, John

Kwiatkowski, Scott Allonby, Tim Garton, Kim Heaps, Monika George, Karrie Curran, Les Dobisz, Ian Paul, Connie Soros, Scott Nowlan, Lisa Doherty, Don McDonald, Pam Dubrosky, Jim Johnston, Rhys Gibb and Scott Hibbard.

Wednesday night's cast, in addition to Chris Rosenquist were Gillian Brain, Tracey Dunbar, Sally Patterson, Monica Musselle, Rick Dodds, Shirley Van Rijk, Darren Gillis, Clifford Nibbs, Ken Kavanagh, Carolyn Gibson, Meredith Cassie and Lesley Kenny.

Joel Pink, Mike Creighton, Jane Sewell, Steve Inotai, Bev Glenn, Chris Rogge, Sandra Bendicks, Jim Barton, Rhys Gibb and Terry Cianfarani.

Chorus for both nights consisted of Nadine Balkind, Debbie Bartels, Janice Barton, Kelly Bogart, Shelly Burke, Andrea Fagan, Tracey Frizzell, Eike Haugen, Marie Jocque, Leah

Marks, Angela Neill, Mike Ormsby, Lorrrie Robinson and Mark Rupert.

Steve Byres, Jackie Colton, Laura Craig, Leann Doherty, Jim Johnston, Melanie Johnston, Gina Mancini, Mark Marchment, Julie Seddon, Helen Staley, Leah Stanbridge and Lynn

Stoakley. Teachers Ena Gibson and Marjorie White headed the costumes staff. Lynn Connor, Kristin Spielvogel, Della Marie Webster, Denise Coleman, Christine Auger, Ula Dues and Sherry Evans were their able assistants.

Helping Anne Usher with the make-up were Karen Jackson, Cindy Carrigan, Mandy Silcock, Katherine O'Hara, Alanna Bowen, Lynn Gordon, Kathy Edge, Della-Maria Webster, Laura Moore, Judy Vericek, Karen Elliott, Denise Coleman, Susan Wilson, Lori Epp and Peggy Mooten.

Bob O'Driscoll and Ed Leatherland were in charge of ticket sales and publicity. Their helpers were class 7-3 and Sally Briggs, Debbie Lumbers, Judy Arbic and Shelley Wong.

Doug Hines and Paul Kirby handled the sets, lighting and sound. Helping them were Paul South, Terry Lott, Daran Edmondson, Adriano Buzzi, Loranzo Civiore, Edwin Haugen, Don Wong, Mike Phelan, Peter Mills, Steve Watzek, Jim McVeigh, Nasir Saeed, John Burt, Dave Smith, George Gidman, Eric Haugen, Paul Stables, Ruth Munro, Allison Rennie, Tracey

MacFarlane, Kevin Hoerig and Mark Splinter.

Lorna Pencock was in charge of props. Her assistants were Angelina Shamaoun, Lisa DePieri, Jennifer Arbic, Marlene Rocher, Robert Allen, Scott McDonough, Gail Hughes, Mike Yalowika and Matthew Wakelin.

Dave Mashinter was music director and Gail McHugh was assistant music director and choreographer. Ron Turner and Kathy Sanford were Script Directors.

In the pit band, Dan Gibson was on the drums, Tim Timleck, on the flute and Jill Morris on the

clarinet. Rose Anne Littlefair was in charge of the budget and Gary Dawkins was house manager. Kay Kavanagh and Carl Hymers were in charge of student supervision.

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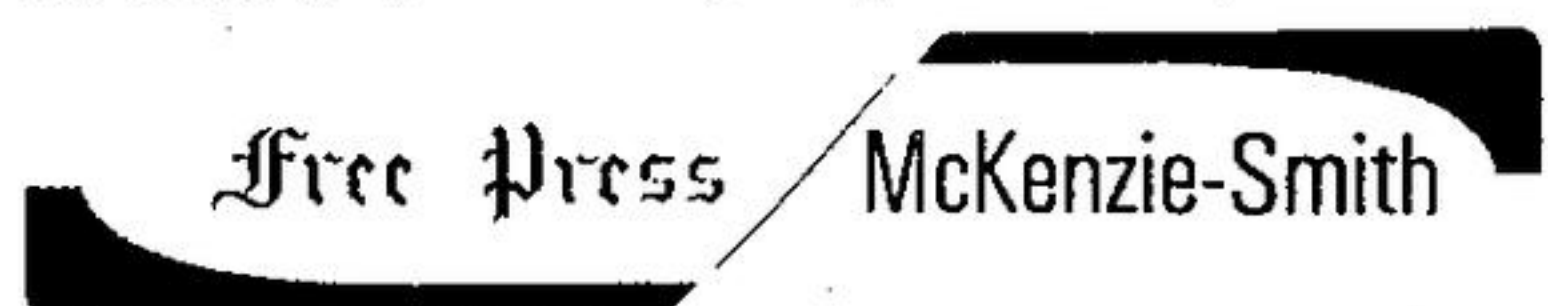
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Rana (Chris Lobsinger) became a science student long enough to learn about frogs during the McKenzie-Smith presentation of Rana's Pond.



Rana's Pond's frog trio of Colleen Delurey, Natalie Hussian and Andrea Arbic did their number during the first showing of the operetta last Tuesday evening.



by Shelley Wong and Monika George

Last week was a busy time for many staff members and students. They were preparing for the two performances of the operetta, Rana's Pond. Both casts of Rana's Pond performed successfully and the audience enjoyed the play.

On the nights of the performances some of our students had video-taped the casts in action. Everyone was relieved when the holiday weekend came. Many thanks go to everyone who helped make the operetta such a success.

Yesterday our Grade sevens and eights viewed the first half of the film, Kiel which Mrs. Gibson had taped. They watched it during their social science classes and many students watched the second part on television.

On Friday we will be having an assembly to honor groups such as clubs, teams and the 80's group.

Acton High

by Janet Rowe

Last Thursday, Tom Cooper, a member of the Kinsmen Club, came to Acton High to tell students and staff that this year's money raised in the "Bump For Life" will go into research for Cystic Fibrosis.

For the last two years, Acton High has raised the most money in the dance-a-thon. Once again, this year, students and staff plan on being number one.

The "Bump For Life" will take place this Saturday (April 21) at Acton High, and will be 10 hours long, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. All food is provided free. Throughout the dance-a-thon, the disc jockey will be giving away albums. Prizes donated by local merchants and the student association will also be given away to those students and teachers bumping for life.

Last year high school students raised \$4,000. This year's goal is \$5,000. The boy and girl who raises the most money

will each receive a prize. Let's see all Acton High students out on that dance floor, this Saturday in the "Bump For Life".

On Friday, April 20, the film club will be showing the film "The Great Gatsby", in periods two and three. Tickets cost \$2, so come out and support the film club.

All drama club members are hard at work preparing for their big opening night on April 25. This musical-comedy, "Bye Bye Birdie" will also be on April 26 and 27. Tickets are available at Acton High.

Thanks

Jerry Disano, Halton Hills library board member was praised for his fine work installing the handrail on the bridge leading into the Acton library.

Board members last Wednesday evening expressed their appreciation to Mr. Disano and his work crew from the Brampton Correctional Institution.

Students readying for performance

by Geoff Sansom

Acton High School's production of "Bye Bye Birdie" is the most ambitious undertaking of the school's drama club to date.

Planning for the production began in June, 1978, casting started in September and rehearsals of increasing duration have been taking place ever since.

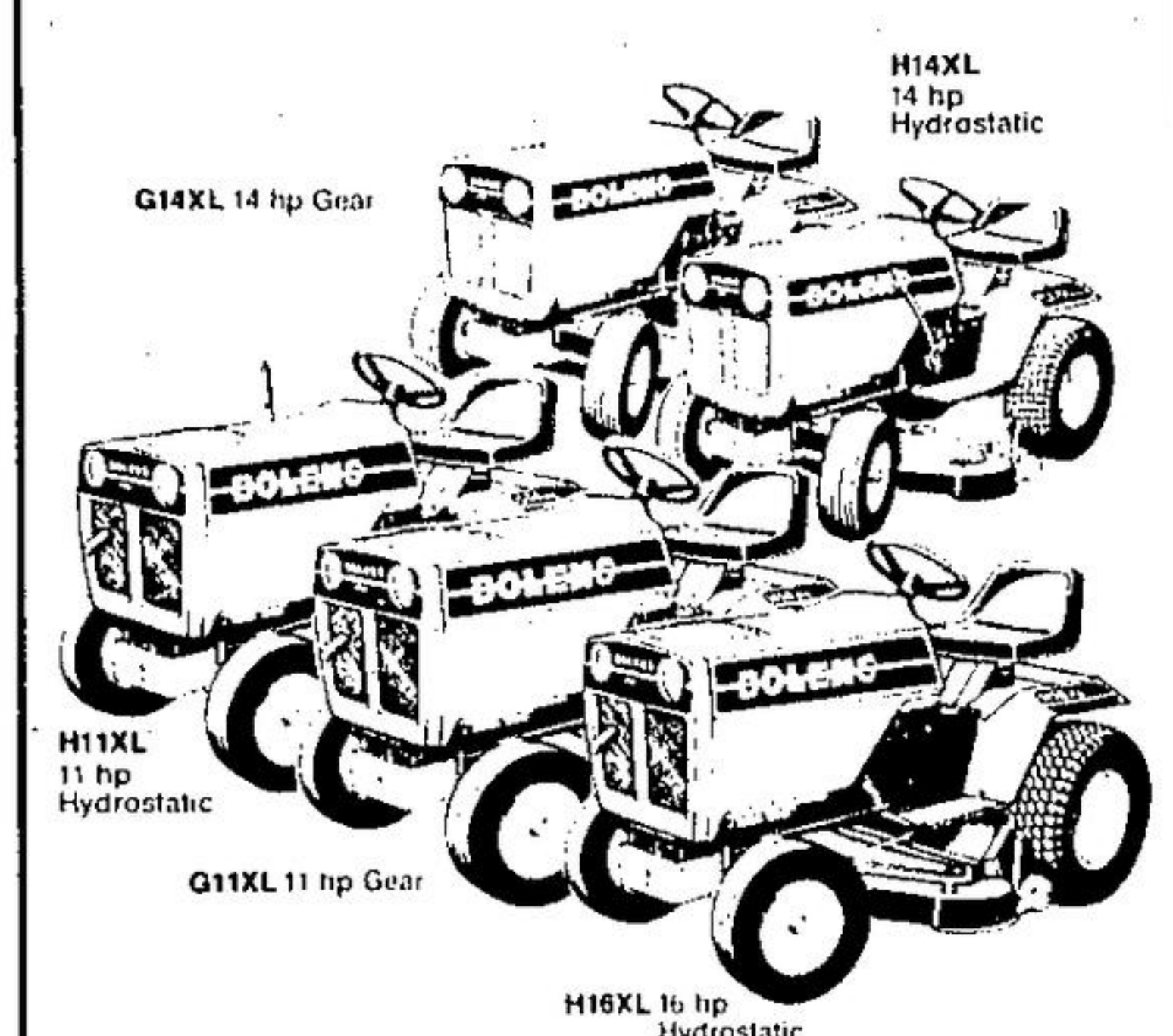
In the final count the production will have involved the efforts of 15 teachers and 75 students who will have contributed anywhere between 20 and 200 hours of their time.

"Bye Bye Birdie" is a fast paced musical comedy that centres around the chaos created in one small Ohio town when an Elvis Presley-type rock star arrives for one last performance.

before being drafted into the army. For adults the play is a nostalgic return of the late '50's, while for younger members of the audience it's a reminder that youth is pretty much the same in any generation.

Performance nights are Wednesday, April 25, Thursday, April 26 and Friday April 27, with doors opening at 7:30 p.m., and curtain at 8 p.m. Tickets may be pre-ordered by calling the high school at 853-2920 or 2921 and are \$3 for adults, \$2 for students with a student card, \$1 for children, 12 and under, while senior citizens are admitted free of charge. With exception of senior citizens, all ticket prices are increased by 50 cents if bought at the door the night of the performance.

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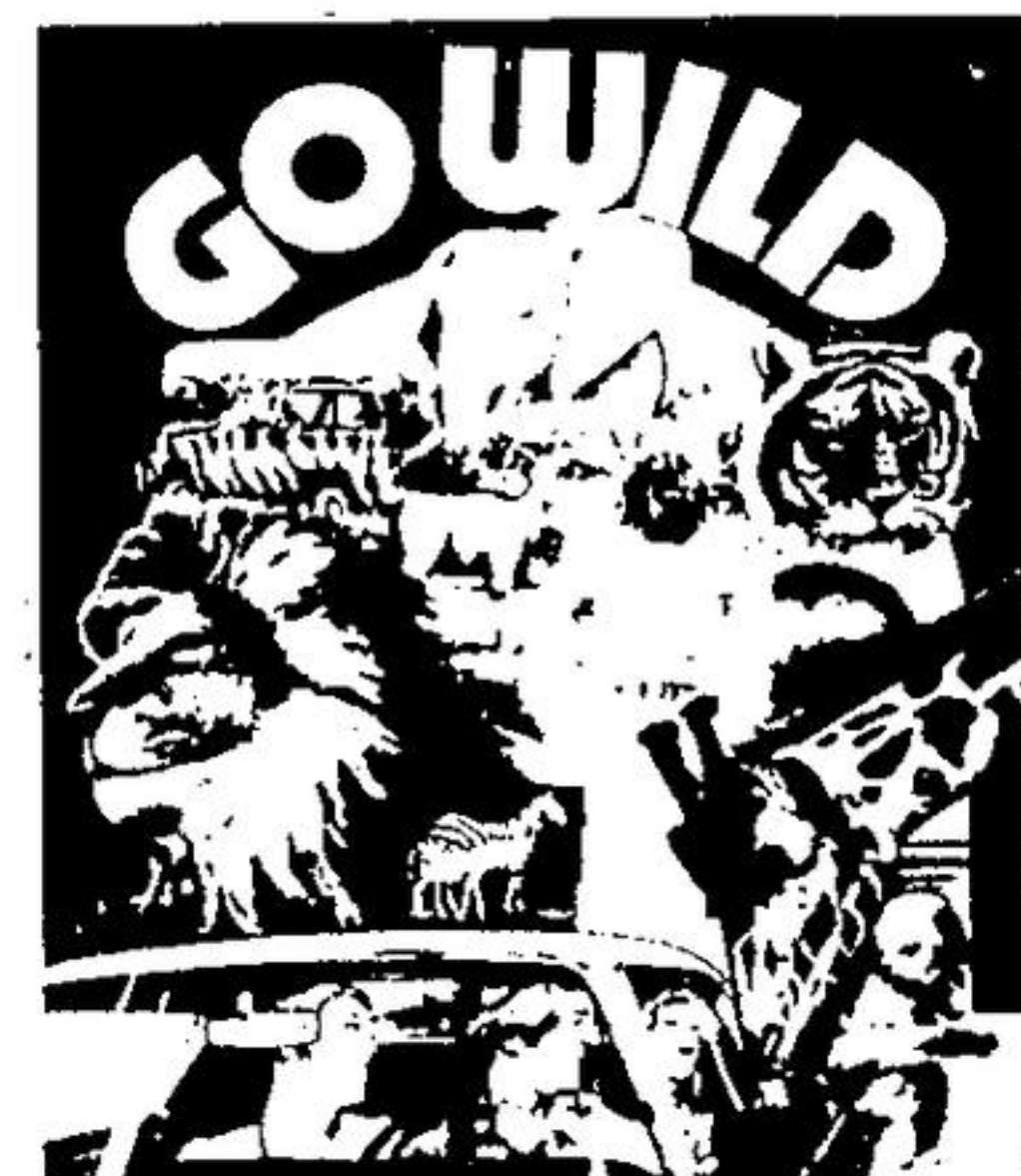
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