

Students try their hand at solving murders

'Done to Death' was brought to life by the 17 actors and actresses from Acton High School as

Fred Carmichael's mystery comedy parodied superbly horror flicks and spy thrillers from the

past. The two act play ran for three nights at the AHS auditorium. Showing a diverse array of characters, Done to Death kept the audience guessing as to the true murderer in this complex whodunnit. A series of mystery writers are brought together to create the ultimate thriller, for a television station, but suspicions among one another hinders their work. The characters learn about themselves and their fictitious plots when they are faced in solving a series of real murders. Daryl Johnson is

magnificent in his role as the slightly effeminate Rodney Duckton, who plays the innocent mystery writer unaware of the real world of murders. "Murder is more of a game, Mr. Summers. We've all made a career out of it," Duckton says unsuspectingly. Scott Nowlan is well cast as WMT Studio announcer Jason Summers, who convinces the five mystery writers to take a trip to Vulture's Vault to write their thriller. The womanizing macho spy image of the '60s is satirized in the character of

Jack Clubb, played by Roman Neubacher and Daryl Johnson. "The city was cold as steel, like everyone's heart," says Clubb. "Her hips formed a wicked smile," his dialogue continues, "her eyes searched me like a geiger counter." Finding two girls with legs flailing and lips puckered, Jack Clubb utters, "it was just another day." Rodney Duckton tries a hand at creating a super hero Jack Clubb, but his efforts aren't as polished as his lines. "I clean my ears with the barrel of a

22," he says to his lady friend. Nevertheless, the women doublecrosses Jack Clubb and Duckton receives a staggering blow to the head. "I always thought my character would get up and go into a fistfight. But oh! My head hurts. I'm definitely not equipped for reality," Duckton says. The handsome spy writer Brad Benedict is played by Richard Gardin. Benedict and Duckton act out an imaginary duel to the death using electronic gadgetry. "No, no, no not the seemingly, innocent tie-clasp. No, no not the seemingly innocent watch...not the seemingly innocent pen," the rivals cry out.

Jessica Olive, played by Joanna Scott, is the upper class writer who is the wife of Whitney Olive (Roman Neubacher). With her high raspy voice, Jessica plays the role of a put-down artist. To the Dracula butler she says, "mocking his accent, 'Someone always says 'you must control yourself'." To another she says, "That's always so funny to say, 'he's got the floor.' What?" he going to do with it, polish it?" Mildred Z. Maxwell (Cathi Beecham) is an equally witty lady, but she is older and less of a jet setter than Jessica. The five mystery writers play complicated roles of characters engulfed between reality and fantasy. Daryl Johnson steals the show at times with his behavior as a scared, naive and child-like writer.

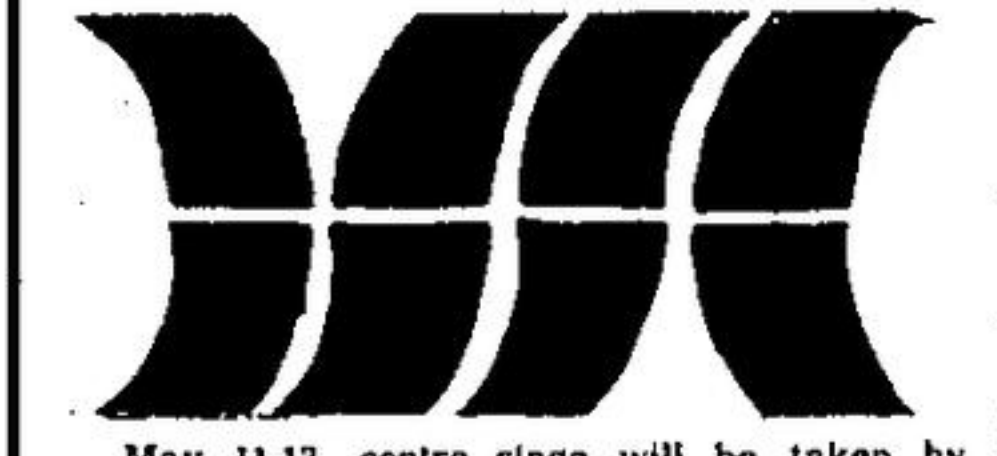
Don't miss GDHS play 'The Crucible'

Arthur Miller's "The Crucible," will be performed by the Georgetown District High School's drama club May 5, 6 and 7 at the John Elliott Theatre starting at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available from members of the cast and also at the GDHS office.

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The Crucible

Can you believe it's May already! What happened to April? Am I the only one afflicted with this sense of time no longer marching on, but sprinting by? I'd better tell you some of the things to look forward to in May ere June bursts upon us. The John Elliott Theatre has several fine offerings on tap for May. Tomorrow, Thursday, May 5th the Georgetown District High School presents their production of Arthur Miller's "The Crucible." In this play Miller used the Salem witch trials of 1692 as a parable for America during the era of McCarthyism. The play probes into problems of individual conscience and guilt by association. This production continues May 6 and 7. For ticket information call 877-6966.



May 11-13, centre stage will be taken by Centennial Middle School and their production of "Spring Rhythms". For more information phone 877-6976.

The Georgetown Choral Society Concert is the next presentation into the theatre, Friday, May 13-15. For news of time and tickets dial 877-6346.

A rare treat is in store for us May 10. The Arts and Crafts of Georgetown is presenting internationally acclaimed wildlife painter, Robert Bateman. There are still a few tickets available. To find out more ring 877-4740.

May 27 brings us the "Cantante Singers Spring Concert." Telephone 877-6194 to make inquiries. An interesting and varied offering for the month of May, I would say. Also varied are the many phone numbers you must call to order tickets or make inquiries. Again I suggest that some way be found to provide a box office for all events and one phone number to handle all queries.



JOURNEY TO THE ORIENT

Park Public School celebrated Education Week with a number of student displays and programs. One of the events was a play performed by the younger students about a Japanese romance.

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