

VOCABULARY WORDS



LOOKING GOOD: Propping his legs up on the desk next to him, Ryan Wotalewicz (12) combs back his hair while looking at his reflection in a hand mirror. Wotalewicz won the Best Actor Award this year.

THANK GOD! Throwing his hands up in the air, Dillon DeVoe (11) praises God for giving him the answers to a test question. DeVoe's character was unable to answer the question due to the required time being up.

KAI FOO LEN HEE! In the process of going over the Chinese portion of the test, Bailey Miller (12) pretends to meditate to get a laugh out of his fellow classmates during the first performance at Oed High School.

GETTING READY. Loading up her lashes with mascara, Mariana Rodriguez (11) puts on her stage makeup before the Conference performance at Wood River. This year Rodriguez received the Best Actress Award.

YOUNG LOVE. Poms in hand, Mariana Rodriguez (11) walks through a shower of petals thrown by her admirer Ryan Wotalewicz (12). Wotalewicz made many attempts to get Rodriguez's attention during the play.



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"Murder Winks because it was funny to watch everyone guess who the murderers were."

"My favorite warm up is Ninja because that game teaches you life skills."

Kennadie English (12)

Diego Chaves (12)



Achieving Improvement

With a larger class, this year's production was able to expand several opportunities. The coach, Ms. Carrie Niemeier (F), chose a play called "This is a Test" to accentuate the ability of previous actors and actresses while also giving new members the chance to show off what they can do.

Even with a number of setbacks at the beginning of this year, including a few students being removed from the One Act class, the cast worked hard and improved greatly from last year.

"I thought we drastically improved from last year with the level of energy playing off one another, our constant facial reactions, our convincing role playing, and the improved delivery of our lines with good enunciation and emotion," said Ella Luehr (11).

Throughout the numerous practices that both the cast and crew participated in, unique additions were made to the play. Those incorporations helped to make "This is a Test" a success. The cast wanted to add their own ideas to spice up the production even more.

"Our play [was made] more successful

when we added new comical segments. Every rehearsal we thought of something else to add to make our show better than before," said Ryan Wotalewicz (12).

Through these additions, each cast member was able to become more comfortable with their character and get into the production even further.

"My favorite part of the play was how Kiley Codner (11) acted goofy, and it was really energetic, which brought everyone's energy level up," Mariana Rodriguez (11) said.

While there were minor complications, "This is a Test" received sixth place at Conference, which many of the cast members agreed was an improvement from the previous year.

"I felt prepared for the most part,

except for a couple of performances. For Conference, I forgot my shoes, so I had to use my other shoes, and then for the second performance, I left my shoes in the rain. So, after all of that, I felt prepared for performances," Codner (11) said.

With the mainly positive feedback from previous judges in mind and the comfort of feeling prepared, the cast and crew went to Districts with high hopes. This year, District One-Act was held at Ravenna Senior High School on November 21st. By continuing to advance even further from Conference, this year's cast was awarded fourth place at Districts.

"I feel like we did really well, looking back to as far as last year to see how much we have grown and developed

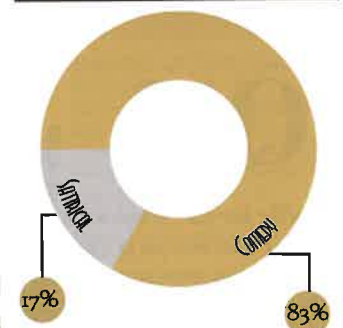
from placing near seventh at Districts," said Halle Sidak (11).

"I think what we did well on this year was finding a play that fit our cast and our cast size really well. I think that each cast member was able to bring their own individuality to their character, and that made the play fun for everyone. What I am most looking forward to in the future is becoming more skilled as a team and increasing our cast size," said Niemeier (F).

Through long meets and several tiring practices, the cast and crew grew to know each other better on a whole new level.

"My favorite part of the play was just being on the team with my friends. We had so much fun together," Kennadie English (12) said.

WHAT TYPE OF ONE-ACT PLAY WOULD YOU LIKE NEXT YEAR?



GET INTO THE GROOVE With a bright smile, Kiley Codner (11) dances in her chair to the beat created by the tapping of her and her classmates' pens on the desks. Codner received the Best Actress Award this year.

TAKING A STAND. Protesting the exam, Dillon DeVoe (11) disagrees with how the personal test questions about his life insult him. For example, one of the true or false questions asked whether he has a social life or not.

SHOOK! Overjoyed with the teacher, Ella Luehr (11), awarding her bonus points on the test, Kiley Codner displays a face of pure happiness. Codner's character was mainly focused around being the teacher's pet.

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