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'Grease' is the Word

Greasers Adam Ries, Adam Graybill, Philip Mueller and Mike Salow check out the action at the dance.

by Lalaina Rabary

If you haven't heard yet, the word is "Grease," coming soon by the Maquoketa Valley Fine Arts Department in full motion.

The casts' main characters include: Heidi Arjes, Brian Schuster, Jennifer Schooley, Melanie Kintzle, Miranda Knake, Allison Schultz, Kelly Freiburger, Amy Salow, Mike Salow, Adam Ries, Jake Norlin, Adam Graybill, Philip Mueller, Aaron Dunham, Brett Huber and Laura Seibert.

The students from Rydell High are played by: Jessica Krogmann, Abby McDonald, Kasey Jones, Curtis Wolf, Shawn Roling, Ashley Kramer, Katie Hoffmann, Kelly Prier, Brittany Mead, Tony Klostermann, Tyler Willey, CJ Hodges, Bill Durey, Tony Ries, Brando Hills, Zach Jones, Annie Ehlts, Audrey Salow, Megan Sawyer, Michelle Durey, Kyla Anderson and Heather Anderson.

Laura Seibert, as Cha-Cha, shares a dance with the nerdy character of Brian Schuster.

Last but not least comes the pit band including: Andy Sawyer, Allison Offerman, Hannah Reth and Jackie Melchert.

The story line is pretty familiar to the hit movie we've all seen and loved. The date is 1959 and the place Rydell High School. The Greasers and Pink Ladies are two tough guy/girl gangs of the school just laughing and livin' on the wild side. There is of course exciting conflict but beyond all of that there is the touch of romance we all enjoy seeing. A little love always keeps everything warm and in this case interesting.

The outstanding cast has been working hard and the practice is really paying off with the help of the very talented directors, Mr. Smith and Mrs. Mueller.

So sit back, relax and take a step into Rydell High. You'll find yourself singing to those familiar tunes and you're sure to have a rock'n and rollin' time! This show for all ages will be one to remember.

The dates are November 14, 15 and 16. Times are 7:30 pm for Nov. 14 and 15 and 2:00 pm. Nov. 16. Tickets are sold at the high school office and can be bought at the door if not sold out. The prices are $4.00 for adults and $3.00 for children and students.

Five Seniors Meet Presidential Candidate

by Ashley Kramer

www.johnedwards2004.com

On Wednesday, October 22, five students from Government class left school for a couple of hours to talk to John Edwards, a senator from North Carolina who is one of nine people running to become the Democratic candidate in the presidential election of 2004. Senator Edwards stopped in Manchester during his campaigning in Iowa. A Manchester family opened up their home to allow people to talk to the senator.

Abby McDonald, Ashley Kramer, and Lindsay Cassman have already begun to campaign for Senator Edwards in eastern Iowa, and Allison Schultz and Shawn Roling are planning to start campaigning. Most of the campaigning consists of going door-to-door and enlightening people about John Edwards. The five seniors have been working together with Zach Weinburg, a representative on the campaign who is working in Buchanan and Delaware Counties.

When asked what she thought of Senator Edwards, Allison Schultz said, "You are his equal. He talks to you as an individual, not as someone who could be voting for him. He has a plan behind everything he has proposed."

Lindsay Cassman commented, "He's a very personable person and seems very down to earth. He has a lot of good ideas."

For those people who aren't familiar with John Edwards or his issues, you can visit his website at www.johnedwards2004.com