

# Operetta Rocks

## Musical Well Received

This year's musical, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, was presented by Sycamore students on March 22, 23, and 24 at the Junior High School. It was unlike any others that had been presented because it was strictly musical and contained no dialogue. Director Leslie Knotts chose it because she said, "A lot of new musicals are like that and I felt that it was time to introduce the students to that."

This marked the third year that everyone who auditioned for the musical was included. It consisted of approximately 50 cast members, 19 crew members, and 13 orchestra members, all of whom were required to spend a minimum of 25 hours working on the set. Many of the cast members stated that one of the most significant events that took place during the play was the special friendships that evolved.

*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* was written by Andrew Lloyd Weber and Tim Rice in 1968. In a flyer sent out by the Publicity Committee stated, "Joseph, the favorite of Jacob's twelve sons, is re-

sented by his brothers. Jealous of their father's love and favoritism toward Joseph, the brothers set upon Joseph and sell him to the Pharaoh. Joseph forecasts the seven years of plenty and the seven years of famine, whereupon he is made the pharaoh's right-hand man and leads Egypt through the years of crisis. As starving refugees from Canaan, Jacob and his eleven sons come to beg for food and, at the end, all are joyfully reunited."

As part of the audience, I felt the play was excellent and well received by all. I attended the play on closing night, and I feel it would be remiss not to mention the fact that the cast was given a standing ovation. To sum it up, Ms. Knotts said, "It was the first time the students ever executed a modern format and did it very well!"

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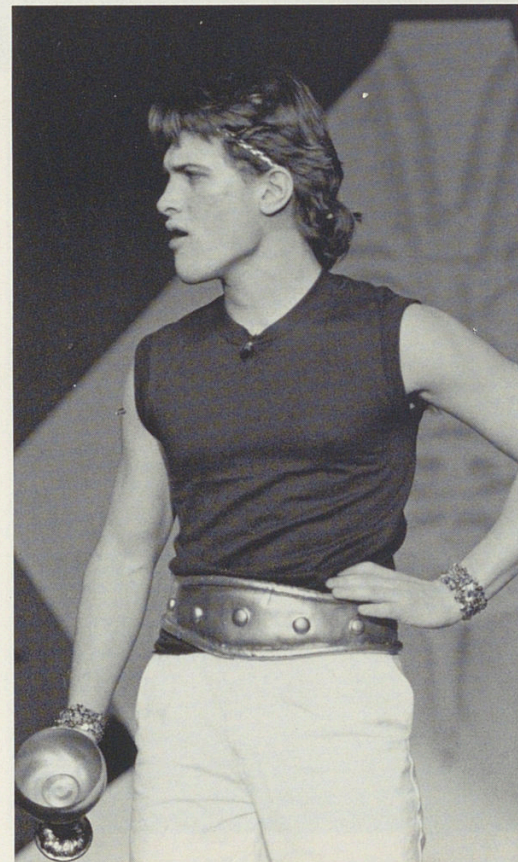
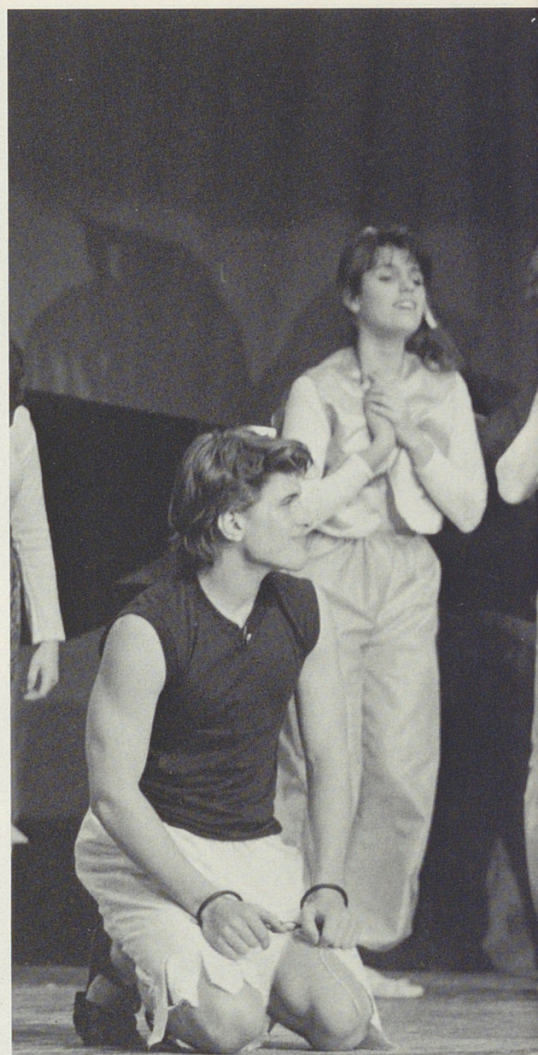
**Marc Stern, Leigh Ann Fibbe, Susan Street, John Long, Allyson Wacksman, Taeko Makozawa, Itsuki Kakasome . . . Pharaoh/Elvis does his version of "Song of the King."**



Wives **Julie Lederach** and **Missy Wasserman** do some head-turning to Elvis impersonator, **John Long**.



"Poor, Poor Pharaoh" sings narrator **Colleen Hoag** along with wives **Kate Nachtraub** and **Chrissy Honsaker**.



"Who's the Thief" seems to be the question on Joseph's (Marc Stern) mind!