

Harrison thespians to stage comedy



Practicing their roles are (from left) junior Jason Eisenberg (playing Arch McDermott), sophomore Bridget Trost (Edie Billick), junior

Brian Frederick (Chris Hadley) and junior Pat Callow (Gordon Day).

TWENTY CAST members will share the spotlight in the upcoming Farmington Harrison High production of "The Whole Darn Shooting Match," a three-act comedy by Jack Perry.

Harrison drama teacher Sheila Randall calls the play, "witty, modern and appropriate." She selected it because it looked like a fun play to produce and it had a big cast, "which was a requirement for me."

"Shooting Match" is the story about the world of a small, zany advertising agency that brought an unknown liquid detergent to prominence and finds itself being squeezed out by new management. The managers want to expand nationally and turn the account over to a big Madison Avenue agency.

A lot of laughs, wild ideas, a flamboyant commercial writer, an alcoholic artist and a flippant office worker highlight the production, Randall's fourth at Harrison.

Students from all grade levels are



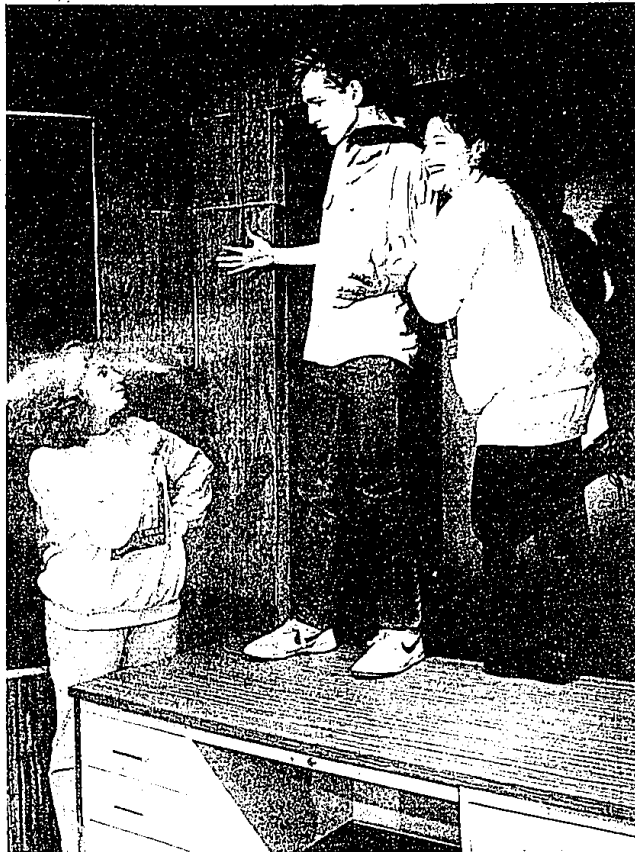
Seniors Laura Barry (left) and Jeffrey Weiner play characters Elaine Stowe and Jay Barker, respectively.

represented in the high school production. "They're exceptionally talented and a pleasure to work with," Randall said.

To even out the main cast of 14, four parts originally written for male characters were rewritten as females, Randall said.

"The Whole Darn Shooting Match" will be performed in the Harrison High Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 3-4. The school is at 29995 12 Mile, between Orchard Lake Road and Middlebelt.

Tickets are \$3 at the door.



Senior Sara Eizen (left) plays Miss Kendring, junior John Livingstone plays Alan Scott and junior Stacie Shapiro plays Rosie.

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Long-term goal Hills eyes central fire station

By Joanne Malliszowski
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A fifth, centrally located fire station may become a part of the Farmington Hills landscape by 1990.

"We have pretty much documented the need," Fire Chief Richard Marinucci said.

The fire department's four stations so far this year have made 15 percent more runs than in 1985. And runs in 1985 represented an 11.3 percent increase over runs made in 1984, Marinucci said.

A fifth station, probably located near the city offices and new police building on the southwest corner of 11 Mile and Orchard Lake roads, would address two major concerns, Marinucci said.

With increased development in the city, there is a need for a station to handle runs and calls in the city's center. A station near city hall would provide the department with quick access to areas off Orchard Lake, 12 Mile and I-596, Marinucci said.

A central station would also reduce the growing activity at the department's four stations. "We are getting pretty active at the stations. Some stations are close to two runs a day, on the average. But that doesn't mean a station won't have four runs," Marinucci said.

THE NUMBER of runs the stations are having is high for a pre-

dominately part-time department, Marinucci said. The department has approximately 82 part-time and 10 full-time firefighters, two full-time lieutenants, a fire marshal and, of course, a chief.

"My concern is that if we were to build a fifth fire station someday . . . we would be able to take 20-25 percent of the runs from other stations," City Manager William Costick told city council members at special study session Nov. 10.

In light of the proposed fifth station, Councilman Donn Wolf questioned the apparent need for a new building when more than 50 percent of the department's runs are for medical purposes. "We had better take a look at it," he said, at the council's special study session.

"We are getting just as many fires, but they aren't as serious as they once were," Marinucci said.

Fire prevention education, firefighters' training and use of detection devices, such as smoke detectors, have helped reduce the seriousness of fires in the city, he added.

THOUGH PLANS are still preliminary, it's hoped that by July 1987 city officials will be able to obtain three-story buildings. The aerial trucks are handy when it's impossible to park close to a burning building, the chief said.

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The estimated \$300,000 building would be financed over two budget years — 1987-88 and 1988-89, Marinucci said.

City council members have yet to give their stamp of approval for a fifth station. City Manager William Costick told city council members at the study session Nov. 10 he would like to use a portion of the \$250,000 set aside in the capital improvements budget for renovating the old police building into city offices. Of the total amount, \$150,000 would be used for renovating the police building and \$100,000 for purchase of land for a fifth fire station.

The actual cost of the proposed station, Marinucci said, will depend on whether it will be used as fire department headquarters or as a satellite station.

"It might be best to have the headquarters in the center (of the city), but it may not be practical" because the Drake Road station serves adequately as headquarters.

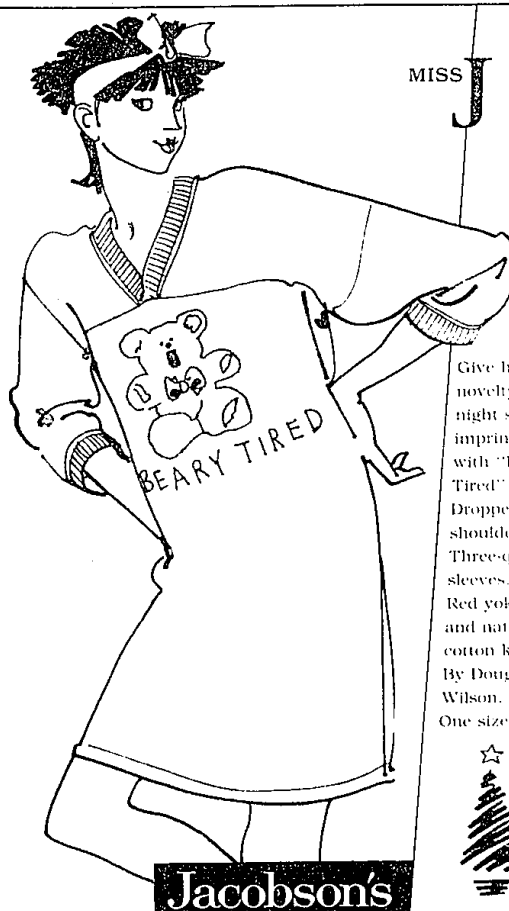
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Fire fleet to expand

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The Farmington Hills City Council last week authorized the purchase of a new truck for \$428,045 from the Sutphen Corp. The Columbus, Ohio corporation was one of two companies that submitted bids.

Fire Chief Richard Marinucci said he is still uncertain which of the department's four stations will house the new truck.

"It's a combination vehicle," Marinucci said. The truck that is being purchased also can be used as a traditional fire engine. It will feature six or seven 24- to 35-foot ground ladders,

ers, a pump and will carry water.

Though Farmington Hills does not have tall buildings, aerial ladder trucks are needed because ground ladders available with the traditional fire engines, in many cases, are not tall enough to reach a three-story building, he said.

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