Prime Time

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Fine voices highlight OU's 'Carousel'

Performances of the musical "Carousel" continue through Sunday, June 22, at Varner Recital Hall on the Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills. For tecket information call 370-3013 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

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Outstanding vocalists spark the
current production of "Carousel," the
Rodgers and Hammerstein bittersweet musical presented by Oakland University's Departments of
Music, Theatre and Dance.
Set in New England in the last
quarter of the 1800s, "Carousel" is
the story of innocent young Julie
Jordan (Missy Wolfd), who falls in
love with Billy Bigleow (Scott Jussila), a carnival barker of dublous reputation.

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Bigelow is an all-around loser, who kills himself after an ill-fated robbery attempt. To redeen himself and gain entry into heaven, Bigelow is allowed to briefly return to earth to lend spiritual support to his daughter, now grown into an unhappy teenager.

FROM THE OPENING strains of the haunting "Carousel Walta" to the always-heart-tugging finale of "You'il Never Walk Alone," "Carousel has some of the very love-liest Rodgers and Hammerstein tunes. Under the direction of T. Andrew Aston, the Oakland cast does an excellent job with the music, dancing and overall staging.

As Julle, Wolff is the perfect inge-

nue: pretty, perky and exuding wholesomeness and sincerity. Her clear, sweet voice excels in numbers like "If I Loved You" and "What's the Use of Wond'rin." Jussilia gives Bigelow a winsome appeal, and his full, rich bartione is utterly capituding in numbers like "Sollloquy" and the duet "If I Loved

Cathie

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You." One wants to hear more each time he sings.

As Julie's friend Carrie, Lisa Morrison is full of high spirits and appealing charm. Her pleasing, powerful voice shines in "Mr. Snow," "When the Children Are Asleep," and many ensemble numbers like "June is Busting Out All Over" and "A Real

Nice Clambake."
Seasoned performer Kate Rodwell alds the student production as Julie's cousin Nettle, full of good sense and steadfast motherly support. Rodwell, too, has a clear, strong voice in the ensemble numbers and her solo of "You'il Never Walk Alone."

WILLIAM O'CONNOR is quite convincing as the villainous Jigger, the friend who lures Bigelow into the attempted robbery, and he sings fine as well

vocaity.

Barbora Michals teaches high school English and journalism in Southfield. A theater critic for the last 12 years, she is an involerate playager who regularly catches up on all the New York productions.

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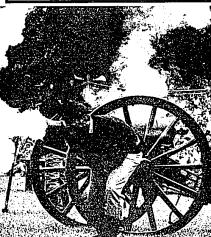
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