

One-Act Cast and PALs Play Supporting Roles



Merrick Brown, Frankie Warner, Shae Scott, and Jeffrey Watts play a little euchre in the bunkhouse.

Candy, played by Carlos Lopez, pets his dog, Joe, in the bunkhouse.

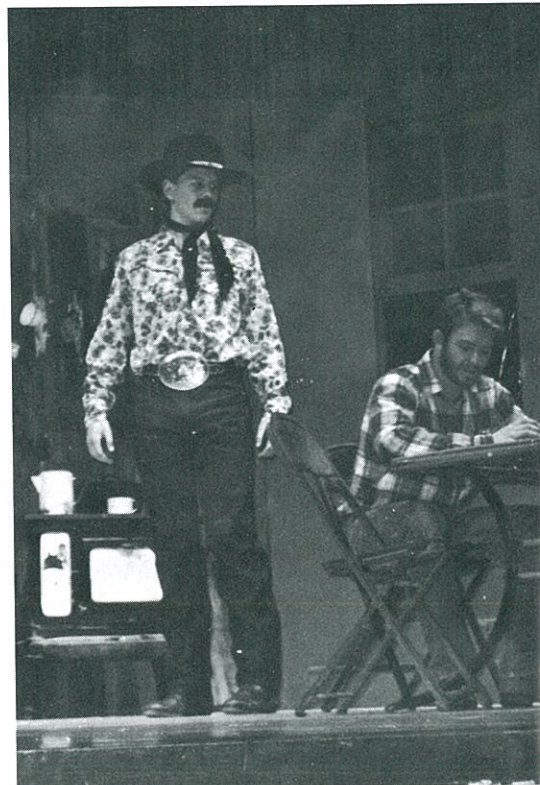


Curley, played by John Adams, tries to find out where his wife is, while Frankie Warner plays with the cards.

Frankie Warner, as George, resists the attention of Curley's wife, played by Ashley Robertson.



Lennie, played by Jeffrey Watts, talks to George about the little place and the rabbits that someday they hope to buy.



As Garth sings in his song "The Dance": "I'm glad I never knew the way it all would end; the way it all would go.... Life's better left to chance." This year students found ways to take a chance, by either expecting to win or trying to convince elementary students that they were special. Members of groups like one-act play and PALs did just that.

One-act cast members performed the classic *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck. The cast and crew worked long and tiresome hours to put on the best show possible at the district UIL play competition April 3. The play came out a very strong fourth out of seven competing plays. Director Chrissie Ethridge said, "I have enjoyed watching these kids discover some of their hidden talents, working with each member of the cast and crew, and watching the words of Stienbeck come to life."

Another group who worked hard this year was PALs. They helped teach the elementary students about good self-esteem, and helped them find real role models. They also played basketball, football, and other games with them at lunch and before school to show them how to be winners in themselves.

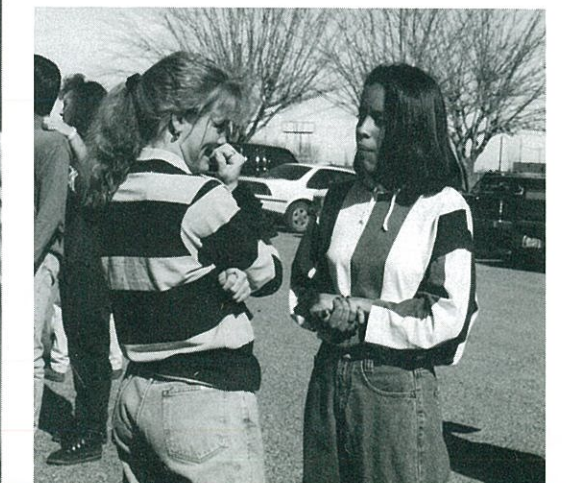
Micha Roundtree said, "I hope I have been a great role model for these kids. In today's world it is so hard to find people who are positive about life and can teach kids how to believe in themselves."

Both of these activities show that it takes a little character to stand out in a crowd and "DANCE".

Micha Roundtree plays kickball with the elementary kids.

PALS for this year were Carlton Gillette, Mike Miranda, Micha Roundtree, Stephanie Maddux, Desiree Moog, J.J. McVay, and sponsor Dawell Criswell.

Stephanie Maddux talks to a fellow student.



The Cast and Crew Of Mice and Men

Jeffrey Watts: Lennie, All-Star Cast	Shae Scott: Slim
Frankie Warner: George, All-Star Cast	Carlos Lopez: Candy
John Adams: Curley	Directors: Chrissie Ethridge and Vonda Vernor
Ashley Robertson: Curley's Wife	Crew: Rebecca Massie, Jerry Moya, and Jhenisa Barnett
Merrick Brown: Boss and Carlson	