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Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School's Theatre Department will present its annual All-school show "Footloose" on Thursday, November 16 thru Saturday, November 18 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 19 at 3:00 p.m.

"Footloose" is the story of a young man and his mother who are forced to move from Chicago to Bomont, Texas after the parents have separated. The young man is introduced to a very conservative community which does not allow dancing inside the city limits. Dancing was banned after four young people from the town were in a fatal accident coming home from a dance. The play deals with the issues of loss and the need to reconcile as the teens and the adults conflict on this issue. The show features 80's style music, costumes, and dancing. Featured musical numbers include the title song "Footloose", "Holding Out For A Hero", and "Almost Paradise."

The show is a lively story of youthful energy and jest and adult pain. In the end the young people help the adults heal from their pain as the Reverend tells the community, "Have we forgotten that the highest form of love is faith? And if we don't start trusting our children, how will they ever become trustworthy?" It is an enjoyable trip back to the '80's but it certainly has a message that appeals to audiences today.

The Footloose casts includes Ryan Quick (Evergreen Park) and Billy Schmidt (Alsip) as Ren McCormack, Maura Moran (Evergreen Park) and Meghan Fox (Orland Park) as Ethel McCormack, Jeff Kurszys (Oak Lawn) and Sean Brennan (Chgo., Beverly) as

Reverend Shaw Moore, Michelle Zelek (Oak Lawn) and Katie Fadden (Oak Lawn) as Vi Moore, Stephanie Seweryn (Chgo. Ridge) and Nora Richards (Chgo., Ashburn) as Ariel Moore, Erica Castillo (Chgo., Archer Heights) and Caity Barski (Chgo., Beverly) as Lulu Warnicker, Dan Finnerty (Evergreen Park) as Wes Warnicker, Matt Gooseherst (Chicago) as Coach Roger Dunbar, Kate Winkler (Evergreen Park) and Margaret Conway (Chgo., Beverly) as Eleanor Dunbar, Jamie Houlihan (Oak Lawn) and Kaylee Murphy (Evergreen Park) as Rusty, Rashida Khanbey (Chgo., Gresham) and Amy Jarzembowski (Chgo., West Lawn), as Urleen, Sasha Brenecki (Blue Island) and Michelle Vanda (Chgo., Mt. Greenwood) as Wendy Jo, Tim Jones and Chris Butera (Chgo., Beverly) as Chuck Cranston, Brian Sullivan (Chgo., Beverly) and Mike Hogan (Chgo., Beverly) as Lyle, Arturo Salazar (Chgo) and Andrew Rubio (Chgo.) as Travis, Matt Storino (Chgo., Beverly) as the cop, Jane Wojtulewicz (Chgo., West Lawn) as Betty Blast, Becky Rodl (Bridgeview) and Katie Vanek (Chgo Ridge) as Irene, Alex Wazny (Oak Forest), Margo Lorimer (Evergreen Park), Katie Sarhage (Chgo., West Beverly), Maggie Winters (Chgo., Beverly), Michele McGuire (Chgo., Mt. Greenwood), Jessica Bills (Chgo., Mt. Greenwood), Emily Rezetko (Chgo., Beverly), Megan Scully (Orland Park) as Irene's Country Kickers, Matt Murphy (Chgo., Beverly) and John Dunne as Willard, Kevin Hartigan (Evergreen Park) as Principal Harry Clark, Tom Moster as Jeter, Dave Jenner as Bickle, Jim Triezenberg (Evergreen Park) and Dilon Kriescher as Cowboy Bob.

Twenty one dancers, two specialty choruses, and a full singing ensemble complete the cast. A student orchestra of twenty-eight musicians accompanies the show. A student stage and tech crew builds set, props, and creates the lighting and sound for the show. The show is under the direction of Patricia Haynes and conducted by Roger Rocco and Patrick Mooney assisted by Jen Venutolo. Vocal direction is in the hands of Carrie Alifantis, Julie McKee, and Terry Lenz. Choreography is by Christie Kerr with assistance from Terese Pikula and dance captains Bree Mavity and Becky Pikula. Production aspects are under the supervision of Donna Thomas assisted by Laura Patera and Erin Haynes is the costume designer/coordinator. The assistant directors are

Bridget Shanahan, Alissa Foss, Bridget Snyder, and Laura Bansley and the Stage Managers are Billy Schmitt, Kevin Tracy, Bridget Snyder, and Erika Delgado.

Tickets are \$8.00 and can be purchased at the door or by calling Mrs. Haynes at 773-881-6512. There will also be a special performance on Wednesday, November 15 at 12:30 pm for senior citizens at the reduced price of \$4.00 per ticket. Tickets for that performance will be sold at the door on the day of the performance.

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Photo attached:

Photo caption: (Back row) Cast members Billy Schmitt, Nora Richards (front row) Stephanie Seweryn and Ryan Quick will perform the lead roles in McAuley's All-School Musical, "Footloose."

