



Eighty North Putnam students starred in the spring musical OLIVER. Mike Reed was cast in the lead.

Oliver (Mike Reed) was locked in a coffin to be taught a lesson. Mr. Bumble (Dave Weber) punished him as the Sowerberrys (Claudia Tracy, Bruce Sutherlin, Randy Long, Marsha Solomon) watched.

Thespians acted.

"Dearest Cast,
After lying dazed upon my living room floor trying to find one good thing that happened last night at rehearsal, I finally thought of one--the phones work."

Letters from the directors to the cast often seemed discouraging to the students involved in one of North Putnam's plays, but magically they seemed to pull themselves together after reading such a note. They became "alive" and presented the audience a realistic portrayal of Helen Keller's childhood in MIRACLE WORKER for their fall production.

"Stage presence--besides the upstage foot, upstage gesture, and cheating to the audience, the good actor is a member of an ensemble. He contributes to a total effort. In amateur theatre his energy and enthusiasm completely envelope his audience."

Surely the cast of the musical OLIVER worked as a team to present the plight of the orphaned boy Oliver Twist. From workhouse to thieves' den Oliver's tragedy deepened until he was rescued by a wealthy gentleman and one of the thieves' girl friends.

Encores were in order for the North Putnam Thespians troupe this year.



Carol Hostetter and Darrell Chambers robbed Mike Reed as Greg Evans as Fagin watched.