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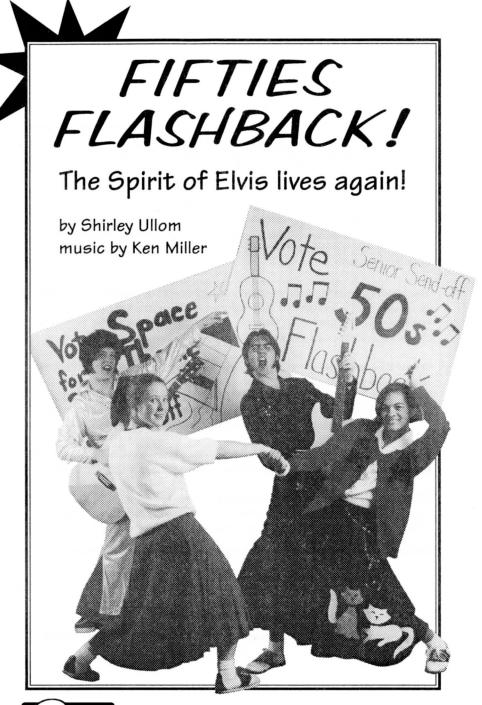
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# CAST OF CHARACTERS

(13 females, 9 males)

# CHICK CLIQUE:

**Dee Dee** — sharp-tongued chick **Tawnee** — classy chick with an attitude

Farrah — rule-the-world chick

Shawna — boy-crazy chick

## **BIG MEN ON CAMPUS:**

Brad — thinks his last name is PITT
Rod — expects women to fall at his well-shined shoes
Kip — rich boy with "football" brain

# **COMIC RELIEF:**

Dipstick — weird one with a fifties fantasy
Ad Lip — a walking TV commercial
Deuce — has to do everything twice (including second grade)
Nitwit — a babe hound...mostly hound
Gus the Gut — hamburgers mean more to him than chicks

#### **CLEAN SWEEP:**

**Birdie** — whiz with a broom **Hannah** — can dance and sweep all night **Snooks** — voice that sets off fire alarms

#### FRAZZLED FACULTY FEMALES:

Cindy Problemsolver — counselor for twisted teens Annie Fenderdenter — dingy drivers ed. instructor Sherrill Sournote — ghastly glee club sponsor Kathy Curtaincall — dastardly drama coach Tammie Testtube — brave first-year science teacher

# TAKE CHARGE PEOPLE:

Mr. Wannabeboss — principal with wishy-washy principles Ms. Uptight — the wind beneath Wannabeboss's wings

#### **PRODUCTION NOTES**

*Fifties Flashback!* gives teenage actors a taste of an era they've only seen on "Happy Days" reruns. Those on-stage and in the audience will groove with the attire, the language and the music.

The play is a snap to stage — a classroom and an office. However, don't go dull. Liven Wannabeboss's office up with "Bald Is Beautiful" and "I'm the Boss!" posters, pictures of yoyos, golf clubs, etc. — anything to create an atmosphere. The classroom can come to life with wild posters about teens or celebrities. Space decorations will jazz it up after the first scene. A portable chalkboard would give the Comic Reliefers something to scribble on. Some sort of box for the intercom is needed. Much of the furniture can be used in both sets — large desk, chairs, tables. The last scene (which works well in front of the curtain) is a set director's dream — just stand some cutouts of jukeboxes, hot cars, some posters, and maybe a strobe light — anything else with a fifties flair! (If you have a friendly art department, this would be a great project!)

To costume this play, kids must hit attics and closets of their parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles. Go to the library and take a look at what was "cool" in the fifties poodle skirts, rolled-up jeans, letter jackets, black leather jackets, etc. Talk your home economics teacher into a unit on fifties attire. Better yet, try to get a Fifties Day (the day of the presentation would be nice) so the whole school can participate! Maybe show "American Graffiti" to get everybody in a fifties mood. Everyone in the cast might want to start letting his/her hair grow throughout rehearsals — except Wannabeboss!

Props are simple and easily obtained — tapes, guitars, brooms, and cheap yo-yos! Since music plays a very important part in this play, beg, borrow or confiscate the best "music box" available. Let the kids have a ball working up the original songs and routines. Who knows, somewhere out there another Elvis...or maybe the old one...is lurking!

#### MUSICAL NUMBERS

- Song #1 I Love the Guys
- Song #2 Star Struck
- Song #3 Fifties Tough Guys
- Song #4 Ka Broom, Ka Broom
- Song #5 Space Versus Fifties
- Song #6 I Want Romance
- Song #7 I Wanna Be a Kid Again
- Song #8 Chalkdust on Our Butts
- Song #9 Finale: Fifties Magic

1	ACT I
2	Scene One
3	
4	${\it SETTING:}$ A typical classroom with student desks, bulletins
5	boards, etc.
6	AT RISE: DEE DEE, TAWNEE, FARRAH and SHAWNA are
7	seated, having a gossip session.
8	
9	DEE DEE: I'm just sooo excited about the Senior Send-Off!
10	TAWNEE: Me, too. Space is such a cool theme. You're sooo
11	clever to come up with such a fab idea, Farrah.
12	FARRAH: I just thought we'd all look so ravishing in silver,
13	not that we don't look breathtaking in any color.
14	DEE DEE: Sooo true.
15	TAWNEE: We are something special.
16	SHAWNA: Mirrors do applaud when we approach.
17	FARRAH: And, of course, Mummy has her designer working
18	on four out-of-this-world costumes.
19	ALL: Ooohhh! Goodie!
20	TAWNEE: And we've learned that little space-aged cheer. (All
21	jump up and do this "spacey" rah-rah number.)
22	ALL: Give us the sun
23	Give us the moon
<b>24</b>	Give us the stars, with all that light
25	And just like all celestial bodies
26	We're out of sight!
27	SHAWNA: Farrah, like could my costume have little peek-a-
28	boo stars. I have this great skin I like to show off, and I
29	want all the astronauts to fall at my space-slippered feet!
30	DEE DEE: Oh, Shawna, you're such a guy worshiper.
31	TAWNEE: She didn't get her picture in the yearbook as
32	biggest flirt for playing hard to get.
33	SHAWNA: Oh, I'd like to be standoffish like you girls, but
34	when I see big biceps and smell Polo, I get dizzy and my
35	mind turns to mush! (SHAWNA jumps to Center Stage and

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1	Oh, who gives a hoot!
2	
3	Do I need a new hobby
4	instead of Tom, Fred and Robbie?
5	'Cause I'm wild about Russell
6	'Cause I can't resist muscles
7	With my conscience I tussle!
8	
9	Whatever their size,
10	I just look in their eyes,
11	ignoring their lies.
12	I love the guys!
13	
14	Come every spring,
15	guys just give their ring.
16	I can't seem to decide
17	could go steady with Clyde
18	but that's fighting the tide!
19	
20	Now what should I do —
21	date one or a few?
22	With so many out there,
23	it'd be so unfair
<b>24</b>	the rest'd die of despair!
25	
26	It just wouldn't be fun
27	to be tied to just one
28	'cause I have no regret
29	collecting guys is no sweat
30	I was born a coquette!
31	
32	Whatever their size,
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35	I love the guys!

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