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**Hair DAY** 'Careless People' cast votes on preference of wigs



**BRING ON THE WIG:** "I love wearing wigs. As a party-goer, it was the only scene where I got to wear a blonde wig. It added to my personality," Ellie Lynn '23 said. **NO WIG:** "Now listen, I am a great fan of wigs, but my wig for this show was my greatest enemy. We had to keep cutting, curling, and restyling it to get it to a place we liked," Jayla Shedeed said.

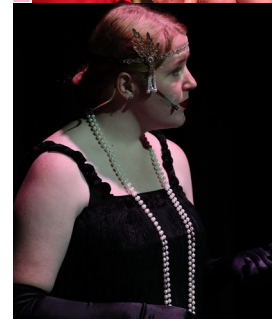


**WHO:** Maya Grovum '24  
**THE CLASSIC SYMBOL:** In "The Great Gatsby," the large billboard displaying the eyes of T.J. Eckleberg resided in the Valley of the Ashes.  
**THE CREATION:** "[Jane] Arch[uleta] was trying to figure out how to make the billboard. I sort of volunteered for it. I started with a small concept sketch on a piece of graph paper. Then I got a ginormous piece of cardboard and sketched the whole design out with measurements. I started with the background and made my way through. It ended up taking two weeks for me to finish. I love how it turned out; it was awesome to see it on stage. I am very proud of it."



**WHO:** Katie Zirker '23  
**ROLE:** Drama President  
**RESPONSIBILITIES:** "It's pretty chill being president. There are some responsibilities like officer meetings and event planning, but I think it is just me trying to build this community. It started as a chance for leadership experience but now I see it as a chance for me to be able to make sure no one ever gets left out."  
**BEING A LEADER:** "It's a big goal to me to make sure that those kids that are quiet have a place they feel safe in. We are a very tight knit community, but even some people get left behind. I wanted to be there to make sure people had a safe place to be themselves. I love getting the chance to meet new people. This position allows me to do so."

**1. PONDERING THOUGHTS.** After a big fight happens among the characters, Nick Carraway (played by Rainier Niday '24) sighs and looks toward the audience with Jordan Baker (played by Jayla Shedeed '24) comforting him with her head on his shoulder after he realizes that he forgot today was his 30th birthday. *photos by c.kistler*  
**2. THAT WAS FUNNY.** While partying in an apartment in New York, Myrtle Wilson (played by Ellie Lynn '23) and her friend Lorraine (played by Alexa Guerrero '25) share a laugh while talking about Myrtle's interest in Tom Buchanan, who she was having an affair with. "What's fun is I met one of my best friends [Ellie] during this scene so it became natural to play," Guerrero said. "It was really great to have a bigger role this year with more lines."  
**3. LISTEN TO ME.** As one of three Narrators, Hannah D'Epangier '23 shares with the audience how Daisy Buchanan and Jay Gatsby met before the war. The other narrators were Katie Zirker '23 and Mateah Archuleta '25.  
**4. WHAT DO I OWE YOU?** After collecting gas money, George Wilson (played by Jonathan Groene '25) asks Tom Buchanan (played by Landon Gunderson '24) about the details of a car that he was hoping to buy as Nick Carraway (played by Rainier Day '24) listens. *photos by e.rolfs*



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# Honest

WE'RE SOME of the most PEOPLE you'll KNOW

Drama department performs Gatsby inspired 'Careless People'

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“THEY WERE CARELESS PEOPLE, TOM AND DAISY - THEY SMASHED UP THINGS AND CREATURES AND THEN RETREATED BACK INTO THEIR MONEY OR THEIR VAST CARELESSNESS OR WHATEVER IT WAS THAT KEPT THEM TOGETHER, AND LET OTHER PEOPLE CLEAN UP THE MESS THEY HAD MADE.” Nick Carraway delivered these lines at the end of the fall production of "Careless People: A Great Gatsby" by Kathryn Funkhouser.

The play, a retelling of novel, "The Great Gatsby" by F.Scott Fitzgerald, picked up at the end of the novel as Nick meets up with Jordan Baker to reminisce about the events that led around characters Tom and Daisy Buchanan as well as Jay Gatsby. The difference with this play was it not only was told through Nick's perspective like the novel, but the perspective of Jordan.

"I had never read the book before, but adding another perspective to the story is what I think made it fascinating, especially for those who read it," Jayla Shedeed said. "Playing such a unique and intricate character like Jordan

Baker really broadened my acting horizons. It was such an experience."

For those who read the novel before like Abby Flancher '24, who played Daisy Buchanan, it led to a lot of pressure to bring the story to life.

"It was really surreal to bring to life a character that I analyzed for a year in English class, especially when my old English teacher was watching to see how well I could do it," Flancher said. "These characters like Daisy really only think about themselves, so I had to remember that as I was portraying her."

Prior to opening night, the cast performed the show throughout the day multiple times to English 11 classes, who were in the middle of reading "The Great Gatsby."

"I think it was really cool to perform this show for our school, especially because the cast was really big to fit the magnitude of the story we were telling," Elka Sanders '26 said. "I feel like there was a lot of pressure to bring the story to life, especially for those with bigger roles, but everyone worked together, and we did a great job."



**5. THE GREEN LIGHT.** "Can't repeat the past? Why, of course you can," shouts Jay Gatsby (played by Trevor Moore '24) after feeling that Daisy didn't enjoy his party. "It was a little stressful with this being my first role and all, but I got to have a group of people working with me for our goal of entertaining people," Moore said. "I loved playing such an iconic character." *photo by e.rolfs*  
**6. YOU DID IT TOM.** Daisy Buchanan (played by Abby Flancher '24) shows her finger to her husband Tom Buchanan (played by Landon Gunderson '24) during a dinner party with Jordan Baker and Nick Carraway. *photo by e.rolfs*  
**7. A READ THROUGH.** Reading through his lines as Mr. McKee at an October rehearsal, Samuel Granado falls to his knees. *photo by a.flancher*