

Drug In-Service, Held For Teachers

Ashland teachers were given a taste of drug education late this summer. The drug in-service was held August 30 in the afternoon and all day August 31 at Ashland Junior High School. The purpose of the program was to give teachers an idea of what drugs are and what kind of drug problem exists in Valley.

Earlier in the year teachers in the district attended a drug workshop in Medford. Several Ashland teachers recommended that a more extensive drug information program be organized. These requests resulted in the in-service held before school.

Mr. Barlow, physics teacher, organized the in-service which

teachers were required to attend. Barlow said that he hoped the program would "... make teachers more aware." He also commented that teachers should now be able "... to get help for the students ..." involved with drugs.

Speakers at the in-service were chosen to represent all points of view concerning the drug situation. People from the field of law enforcement and the "Open Door" program in Medford, (a drug crisis center organized to help people with drug-related problems), plus psychologist Dr. Luther and Dr. James Post, M.D., both of Medford, were the main speakers

at the program.

When asked their overall opinion of the drug in-service, the following teachers replied: **Mr. Barlow:** I thought the teachers appreciated the program.

Mr. Vondracek: The program itself was well done. I'm now able to look at it (drugs) more objectively. My impression of the drug problem is now more pessimistic.

Mr. Wright: The student panel (Open Door) was the best, as it was more informative than the other speakers. They often contradicted each other.

Mr. Smith: It was well done using no scare tactics. We have more indepth programs as the problem

gets worse. Many teachers are unaware of a problem to the extent there is in Ashland. **Mr. Findlay:** It was good and unbiased. There were startling facts.

Mr. Kreisman: The program was boring and gone over. It was mildly informative and everything was low-key. The feeling was that it isn't a big bad evil monster. **Mr. Silver:** They did a good job and they knew their business, but it should have been open with more question and answer sessions. **Mr. Detweiler:** Great! It gave the pleasurable aspects of drugs as well as harmful. It wasn't filled with fear.

CALENDAR OF DRUG IN SERVICE

MONDAY, August 30
 Welcome Mr. Judge, Superintendent, Neil McNaughton, Region 11 Director, Alcohol and Drug Section, Mental Health Division.
Break
 "Available Resources", Anne Baker, Region Director Alcohol and Drug Section, Mental Health Division.
ANNOUNCEMENTS:
 "It Takes A Lot of Help" - Film.
 "Law Enforcement looks at Drug Scene", Lee Weeden, Chief Deputy District Attorney, Medford, Corporal H.D. Watson, General Headquarters, Narcotic Unit, Salem, Oregon.
Break
 "A Psychiatrist Views the Drug Scene", Hugh W. Gardner, M.D., Medford.
 "Focus on Drugs" - Film.
 "The Drug Prone Personality", Robert C. Luther, M.D., Medford.
 "Open Door", Drug and Delinquency and Education.
 "Drugs and the Medical Profession", James Post, M.D., Medford, John T. Bradenburg, M.D., Medford.

It's Going To Be A Long Year!

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Richards To Teach Girls' Physical Education Different And Difficult Experience

Sex is no longer a restriction for prospective teachers in Ashland High School's P.E. Department. Mr. Brian Richards set a record this year when he volunteered and was accepted to teach girls' P.E. He will teach flag football and archery to girls in afternoon classes.

There were several reasons for this break in tradition. Girls' P.E. classes this year had become

too large for one teacher to manage and teaching space was limited. It was seen that help was needed. "Someone had to do it and I was available," said Richards, though he realized it would be a "new experience, something different and difficult to handle at first."

To solve the problem of over-crowded classes, some classes will be divided between

two teachers. For a period of three weeks one half of the class will learn football from Richards and the other half will go to Miss Kimball for field hockey. Later, the teachers will exchange classes.

Students are expected to benefit from this change since Richards is in many ways more qualified than Miss Kimball to teach such subjects as football. Boys will also get the chance to benefit from the experience of a teacher of the opposite sex when Miss Kimball teaches them gymnastics this year.

Girl Obtain Uniforms

The girls' gymnastics team coached by Miss Betty Kimball will begin work-outs October 4. The girls will have new warm-up uniforms and leotards for the coming season. Since the budget was cut there will not be any new equipment.

To give more of the girls experience in competition, a junior varsity team will be formed and will compete in some of their own meets.

Miss Kimball believes it will be a "great year" even though Ashland's all-around gymnast of last year, Elaine Fisher, moved to Portland during the summer. There are many gymnasts returning from last year's successful season and fourth place honor at the district meet.

By the end of the season the girls will be working for two-hours every night. The season will last until mid-March.

Drama Club Officers

Drama Club officers were recently elected. Dave Sours is president. Jo Goff was chosen as vice-president. Dave Koch was elected secretary.

Thai Student Comes To Stay In Ashland

"1700 Thai students applied to AFS. Given a test, 500 of the original number passed, while only 80 of these were selected, through interviews, to travel to America," reported Pakorn Thavipoke, Ashland High School's AFS student for this year.

Pakorn, who prefers the nickname "Nong", arrived in Ashland this summer from Bangkok, Thailand. He will spend the coming year with Dr. and Mrs. Sheldon Rio, their daughter Marjorie and son Roger.

In Thailand, Nong has a sister who is 16 and a brother who is 18. Nong himself is 17. His father is an engineer and his mother is a doctor. Nong himself intends to study medicine.

Nong has graduated from an all boys school in Thailand where everyone wore uniforms. The dress he encountered at Ashland High was, therefore, quite a change. When Nong returns home he will attend Ching Mai University.

At his Bangkok high school 15 subjects were required. At AHS, Nong's courses will include English, analysis, chemistry, physics, modern problems and U.S. history.



Pakorn Thavipoke

News Briefs

Theatre Additions

Carpeting, audience risers, and a new costume room are included in the second phase of theater construction now underway. Plans also include the addition of two new classrooms.

Future construction, still in the planning stages, includes the addition of seating and extensive lighting equipment.

Mr. Ellsworth London commented, "Nearly 60 students in the drama program plan to make extensive use of the facilities, bringing to the Ashland student body fantastic new experiences in drama."

The first major production, a musical entitled *Rough and Ready*, is tentatively scheduled for the second week of November.

New Teacher

New teachers present in the Arts and Crafts, Metals and Math Departments include: Mr. David Troutman of Metals, Mr. Warren Straus of Arts and Crafts, and Mr. Robert Julian of the Math Department.

Straus is from Medford, Oregon. He attended both Southern Oregon College and the University of Oregon. Straus taught for seven years in Pomona, California prior to coming to Ashland High.

Troutman, an Ashland High graduate, has spent considerable time teaching Industrial Arts.

Julian is from Fullerton, California. He attended both California State College, where he ran cross country, and the University of Oregon. This is his first teaching position. Besides teaching, he is the cross country coach and the assistant track coach replacing Mr. Bill White.

Coming Events

September 23 - Cross Country Meet with Roseburg
 September 24 - Football Game with Albany
 September 25 - Cross country Meet—the

Gilchrist Invitational
 September 27 - Sophomore Football game with Medford
 September 30 - Triad Cross Country Meet with Crater and Grants Pass

October 1 - Football Game with Yreka
 October 2 - Cross Country Meet—the Salem Invitational
 October 6 - State Colleges Visitation
 October 7 - Bazar Cross Country Meet with Medford