

## Stage Two

# Girl's Parts Chosen

By Rick Stanek

Emily Phelps and Jo Goff, both of Ashland, are two of the three high school students selected for parts in this spring's Stage Two productions at the Angus Bowmer Theatre. Diane Roberts, of Medford, was the other girl chosen.

Auditions were held January 4 to fill in three female parts in the plays "Playboy of the Western World" and "The Crucible". About 25-30 girls showed up after school at the Angus Bowmer Theatre.

First, the girls were asked to perform various exercises so that the people casting the parts could see how well they moved on stage. They were also asked to scream to see how emotional they could get.

From these exercise, six girls were chosen from the large group as possibilities. These were asked to read some specific lines from the plays involved. To judge stage presence, the chosen six also talked about their family in front of an audience.

Emily and Jo both thought that being involved in the Shakespeare Festival last season helped them to get the parts this year. They were both in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" as fairies: Jo as Marjoram and Emily as Peaseblossom.

This season, Jo got the part of Susanna Walcott, a Puritan girl in "The Crucible", and Emily

will play the role of Maureen, an Irish peasant girl, in "Playboy of the Western World".

Taking part in the festival requires a great amount of time and effort. Rehearsals are usually three days a week, not counting fittings and special calls, and they can last from one to seven hours. The rehearsals get longer as opening night approaches.

During the last few weeks of rehearsal and when there are special student matinees, Emily and Jo will take some time off school. Actual performances will run every four days.

When asked if it was all worth it, Emily replied, "The experience you gain and the people you meet are well worth the time put in. . . . You learn a lot about the plays and what goes into them, and just a lot of the basic parts of theatre".

Jo had this to say, "If you're really into acting and enjoy it, you don't seem to be trapped down at the theatre. . . . The people are about as interesting as the experience. They come from all parts of the country and they all have to learn to live together".

When the outdoor Shakespearean plays get under way, Emily and Jo plan on trying out for non-speaking parts as ladies in waiting. They also hope to dance on the green during the outdoor season.



Jo Goff and Emily Phelps are shown being congratulated by Neville Archambault upon hearing of their selection in Ashland's Shakespearean Festival.

## Eggheads Represent AHS on T.V. Show

High-Q is a quiz show for high school students similar to that College Bowl. Ashland will participate for the first time.

The four-member team consists of Dennis Leybold, Peggy Haines, Bill Ellis and Larry Taylor. Rosario De La Torre and Debbie Marrs were named as alternates.

### Elimination Tests

Team members were chosen on the basis of their scores on qualifying tests. Eight students made the first elimination. From this group, the final four were selected after a series of practice sessions.

Television taping of the show will take place in Portland some Thursday in March and will be broadcast the next Sunday, according to team advisor Mr. Don Vondracek.

If the Ashland team wins, it may return up to two times, at which point it would retire undefeated.

High-Q may be seen on KGW cable TV, Sundays at 5:30.

## Recreation And Aid Center Opens

By Julie Harrison

The Ashland Community Action Center has added a youth program to its many services. The new program is directed primarily toward high school students and is made-up of three phases.

The first phase, called Real Friends, provides a "friend" to students who need someone to listen. This phase is similar to Big Brother and Big Sister programs. Since the Center is run mainly by SOC volunteers, the "friend" is usually an SOC student.

SOC faculty members, doctors, lawyers and other volunteers will be available as advisors to the youth program.

The second phase consists of a tutoring program. The Center would like to work with the high school, having its volunteers tutor high school students.

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The second Skate Board Dance, held Jan. 14, was a huge success. The band members are (L to R): Todd Ragland, Dan Grey, Jeff Rogers, Brent Bosworth, and Steve Clark.

## Local Students

### Schools Form Speaker Committee

Council of Southern Oregon High Schools (CSOHS) is a new committee that was set up for the purpose of inviting well known figures to speak in the Rogue Valley, Grants Pass, Central Point, Medford, Phoenix, and Ashland representatives held a meeting at the Pillars Coffeehouse in Ashland several weeks ago to start the organization

High schools from the above mentioned cities will write to speakers from a suggested list. Their letters will represent CSOHS and will ask the chosen figure to speak to the high schools involved, whether the speaker will talk to all high schools gathered together or on separate stops depends on the kind of speaker. Local figures might have time to speak individually, while national known people may only be obtained once, as a result

of cost or time.

National political figures suggested were: Paul McCloskey, Shirley Chisholm, Eugene McCarthy, George McGovern, Henry Jackson, Richard Nixon, Dick Gregory, Abby Hoffman, Jerry Rubin, Black Panther Leaders, and S.D.S. Leaders.

State figures were: Wayne Morse, Clay Myers, Don Stathos, Earl Bloomenhauer, Mark Hatfield, Bob Packwood, Tom McCall, and John Dellenback.

Other well known people included: Ken Kesey, Bill Cosby, Jerry Lewis, A. S. Neill, Ray Bradbury, Eric Fromm, John Lennon, Allen Watts, Jane Fonda, Gay Liberation Representatives, Chicago and Santana.

The next meeting of CSOHS is scheduled for January 16 at the Pillars.

The third phase is called Rent-a-Friend. Students can get jobs shoveling snow, raking leaves, moving lawns, etc. for senior citizens. In addition, the Center will find part-time or summer jobs for juveniles.

Besides the new youth program, the center conducts adult basic education classes, a referral service and senior citizen activities.

During the three years of its existence, the Ashland Commu-

ity Action Council. This support, however, is being phased out because the federal government has cut neighborhood centers out of its budget. By October the Center will be completely independent.

The Center, located at 190 Oak Street, runs its youth program from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on week days. For more information call 482-2810.

Wrinkles should only indicate where smiles have been.

## Teens Chosen for Month of December

The Teens of the month of December, 1971 were Dean Fortmiller and Cindy Ragland. They were chosen by the Student Council for their untold work in various activities. Fortmiller has helped with all SSS planned activities. He also is a student in Band and participated in All-State Band this year. Miss Ragland was chosen for

her outstanding work with the American Field Service. Included was a talk on her trip to Ecuador this summer to the Spanish students.

The purpose of electing Teens of the Month is to give credit where it is due. It is for the people that work behind the scenes, but get little of the glory or recognition.

## Clubs

### AFS

The AFS members are still looking for host families for foreign exchange student for next year. They are planning an AFS exchange around the valley. It is planned for March 27, but nothing is final on the date. They will have the AFS students from around the valley come and talk in the English classes. The last week in February there is an AFS exchange from the Bay Area. Host families will be needed for that week also.

### DRAMA

The Drama club will be in charge of the entertainment at the Interclub's dinner banquet. Anyone interested in helping is welcome.

### FLAG GIRLS

The Flag Girls have been getting ready for their halftime performance at the Saturday night game.

### FBLA

Members of FBLA will be having a membership drive. They will be talking to the business classes.

### HONOR SOCIETY

In its continuing policy of actively supporting the accepted forces of inertia, the National Honor Society (Alpha Chapter) has done and is doing absolutely nothing," said President Dennis Leybold.

### GRA

They will be having a meeting in about two weeks. The day will be announced. All girls are welcome.

### CHESS - AHS

Chess club came in first place against seven other schools Saturday, January 15. And are now second place overall in high school conference. The results were: Bill Ellis 4-0, Arden Stryker 4-0, Steve Parsons 3-0-1, Mike Liggon 4-0, and Ray Bartley 3-0-1.

### IRS

IRS is now getting ready for the essay contest.

### INTERCLUB

Members of the Interclub Council are getting ready for their dinner banquet and talent review, February 4.

### INNOVATIONS

Innovations have just finished painting the Reading Room.

### SSS

SSS members will be starting a book drive for the reading room sometime next week.

### SKATEBOARD

Skateboard club is now planning for another snow party and dance. They would like to thank the student body for such a good turn out at last Friday night's dance.