

Auditorium kept up to par Stage crew swings into action

"If it wasn't for the stage crew, you could just shut this part of the building off," commented Lloyd Carothers, stage crew advisor.

Seven stage crew boys are responsible for conferring with the faculty, preparing the settings, making scenery and painting, caring for the organ and piano, and taking care of all lighting.

The stage crew consists of David Allred, Bruce Brown, Clark Courtney, Dran Grudzinski, Bill James, Leonard Pilger, and Henry Phillips.

Before anything is presented, the stage crew and their advisor sit down and pre-plan the stage settings and lighting effects.

One problem that Mr. Carothers hopes will be solved is that of getting a new dimmer board. This piece of equipment is valued at about nine thousand dollars, and gives dramatic effects and controls the lighting.



FROM TOP to bottom, Dean Grudzinski, Bruce Brown, Leonard Pilger, and Henry Phillips, members of the stage crew, show their skill while operating the stage curtains.

"A couple of years ago, during a PTA meeting, the Presidents asked the audience to stand for the flag salute," confided Mr. Carothers. "However, we had forgotten to put the flag on the stage. You can imagine how we felt."

Each year we see the circular staircase in the Rose Festival presentation, but we don't realize the work behind it. Mr. Carothers and Robert Gerber spent about three weeks after school, building the only circular staircase in the city high schools.

Many thousands of pounds are hanging over the performers' heads, and these boys are responsible for this equipment. The boys have to walk above the ceiling to replace lights, and are expected to do other more dangerous jobs.

One of the boys explained that they work with enough electricity to kill them.

Forensics league defeats Franklin in city-wide speech sweepstakes

"We generally win sweepstakes," beamed Mrs. Opal Hamilton, speech instructor. "We have for about 30 years." Such was her reaction as the speech team chalked up another sweepstakes win at Franklin high school November 5, keeping with tradition.

Those placing first are: Ben Prows and Janet Timme, poetry; Linda Pullen and Kathy Scott, serious; Larry Wheeler and Laurie Stuckey, oratory; Marc Lowenthal and Liz Klonoff, impromptu; and Phillip Bruce and Jim Ream, extemporaneous.

Raking in the red ribbons for second place are: Linda Pullen and Frank Myers, humorous; Robin Suwol, poetry; Tom Doran, oratory; Jim Ream, impromptu; and Chris Leuthold, extemporaneous.

Elise Anfield and Dorice Gross placed third in humorous, as did Barry Simon in serious.

All Portland high schools except Roosevelt participated in the meet. Franklin placed second. The total scores are added to determine the sweepstakes winner, according to Mrs. Hamilton.

On November 16, forensics students are going to Scappoose, Oregon for another meet.

English students use creativity; ballad, football plays performed

Do you have a burning desire that you've always wanted to tell somebody about? Do you have an unusual hobby or special interest you would like to share with your class but you can't seem to find a class that it fits into?

Members of Mrs. Agatha Fiskum's English class were recently given the chance to demonstrate or explain their special interests as an assignment in their class.

"This assignment was meant to be something different," admitted Mrs. Fiskum. "It was an assignment of interest to the student giving the report as well as an assignment that would interest the students listening to the report."

Jan Gilbert, whose special interest is collecting ballads, composed a special one for the assignment and performed it for the class.

Liz Widman, whose hobby is Tahitian dancing, demonstrated a Tahitian dance in a native costume as well as explaining the meaning of the dance she was doing.

Tom Creswell, whose major interest lies in football, demonstrated several actual football plays, followed by an explanation

of the rules and regulations of the game.

Not all students gave oral reports and practical demonstrations; many read books, drew pictures, wrote calligraphy or made bulletin boards for their projects.

'Memoirs' fiasco; progress slated

"The Memoirs this year will be a fiasco," announced Willard Mohn, publications advisor.

Mr. Mohn backed up his statement by adding that the value of a yearbook is in the coverage that can be given to a total school year, in the coverage of activities, and the percentage of each class that is pictured.

"To the senior class, the value of the book has been reduced by ten per cent because 62 of the 672 members of the class could not find time in six weeks to have a picture taken, failing to keep three or four scheduled appointments," admonished Mr. Mohn. "The value to the underclass has been reduced by approximately five per cent, in that in excess of 100 students failed to appear to have pictures taken on the three dates set. One per cent of the faculty did not have their pictures taken."

Tentatively, subject to advertising sales income, the book will contain 352-368 pages.

A final sales campaign for faculty and students will run through November. It will conclude on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Students with student body cards and faculty members may still purchase the book for \$4.50 in the student body store. Students without student body cards will pay \$5. Because refunds will not be given after that date, there will be absolutely no extra books available.

Delivery of the book is set for either the last week in August or the first week in September.



LINDA PULLEN, Liz Klonoff, and Jim Ream display the trophies they won in the Franklin speech meet.

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