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Shakespeare classes present . . .

## Production's cast chosen

. . . 'All's Well That Ends Well'

"All's Well That Ends Well," by William Shakespeare, is a "very strange play, in that it does not end. During almost the last speech, the whole thing starts over, and the play leaves you up in the air wondering," declared Gerald Merryman, Shakespeare department head.

A tentative cast has been selected by Mr. Merryman and a panel of eight students for the production, which will be presented February 6-7 in assemblies and the evenings of February 7-8.

Members of the cast include: Phil Westover, King of France; Steve Tubbs, Bertram; Randy Lamont, Lafeu; Brian Davis, Parolles; Mark Kalil, Lauache (a clown); Regan Crowley, Countess of Pousillon, Bonny

Mower, Helena; Bea Johnson, Widow, and Violeta Petrevics, Diana.

Also in the cast are: Ken Ball, Duke of Florence; Bruce Fishback, steward; Bruce Johnson, Cam Rossiter, Ray Ruminsky, and Bob Ecoff as four French Lords; Harriet Hauser, Mariana; and Sondra Twedt, Violenta.

Concluding the list are: David Powell and Jim Ream as two Italian soldiers, and Kim Cassidy, Tim Hicks, and Jim Mills as three gentlemen.

The play's theme deals with a young man, Bertram, being forced by the King to do something that he doesn't want to do—to marry Helena; and the first plot tells

how he is tricked into wanting to do it.

Helena, who is one of Shakespeare's wisest women characters—dominates the whole play, and it is through her sophisticated wisdom that Bertram is brought about to want to be her husband. An interesting type of trick—the "substitute bed trick"—is used for Bertram's persuasion.

The second plot represented in this play involves the exposing of Parolles, who is a cowardly braggart. He finally comes to self-knowledge, accepting himself as a coward, and lives well with this knowledge.

"All's Well That Ends Well" is relatively infrequently performed, in comparison with Shakespeare's other plays," commented Mr. Merryman. "The company from which we usually get our plays doesn't even make copies of this play."

Mr. Merryman had to cut and type 90 page texts they are using, then ditto 30 off. Sixteen boys and six girls are in the cast, and the remainder of the 51 Shakespeare students will be doing committee work.

"Our main problem," Mr. Merryman concluded, "is that we have such a short time to work on the production. We will have only five weeks after Christmas, instead of the usual six or seven."

## 'High-Q' team visits Athena as helpful act of 'big brother'

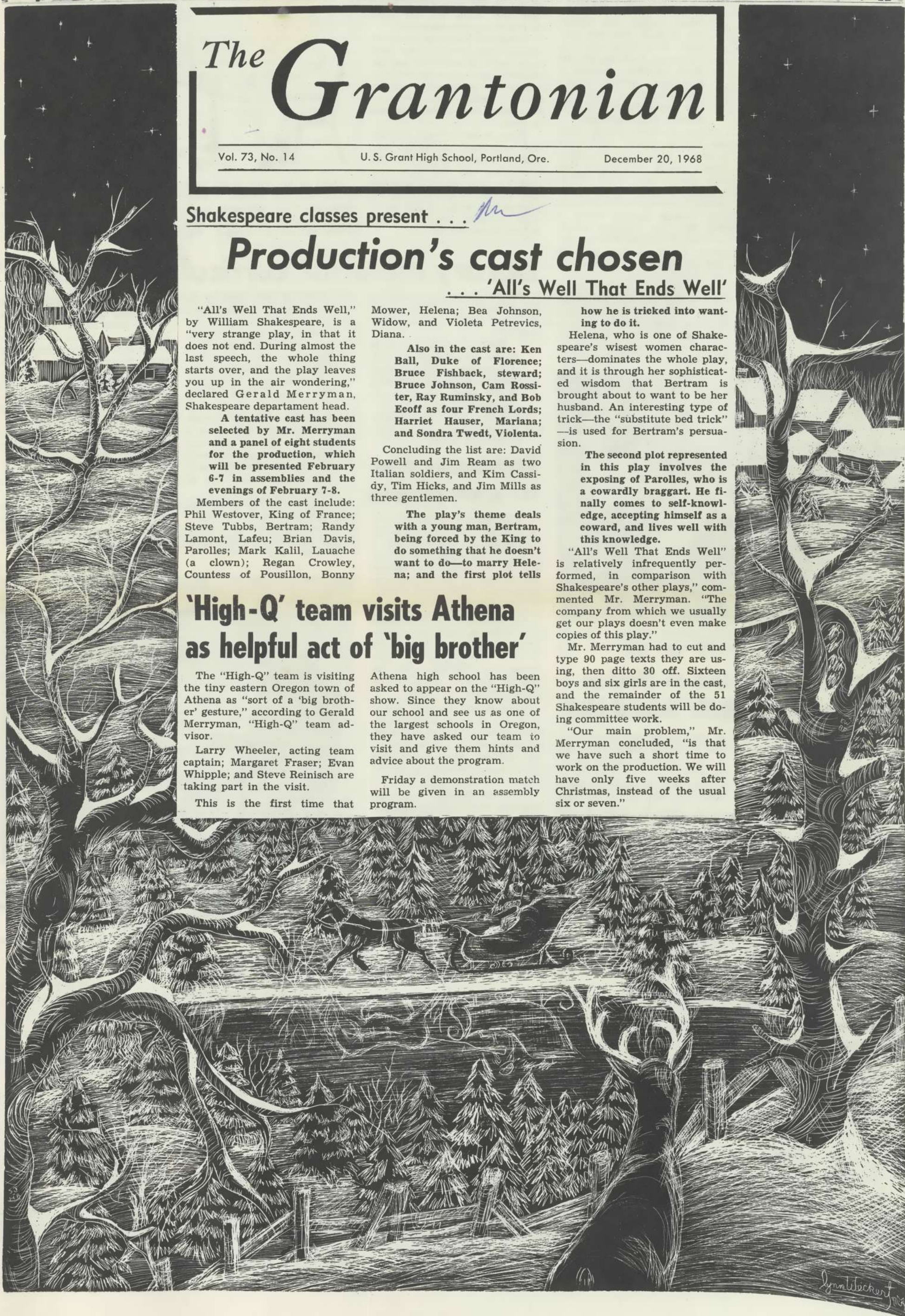
The "High-Q" team is visiting the tiny eastern Oregon town of Athena as "sort of a 'big brother' gesture," according to Gerald Merryman, "High-Q" team advisor.

Larry Wheeler, acting team captain; Margaret Fraser; Evan Whipple; and Steve Reinisch are taking part in the visit.

This is the first time that

Athena high school has been asked to appear on the "High-Q" show. Since they know about our school and see us as one of the largest schools in Oregon, they have asked our team to visit and give them hints and advice about the program.

Friday a demonstration match will be given in an assembly program.



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