

# SCP musical touches 'soul' of stage

by DAN DILLON

The uppity little Daddy's-girl who wants to turn 'her' theater into a disco—or anything that makes money—doesn't have much in common with the young lady who will play her in the Sandy Community Players' upcoming production, "I've Got Rhythm."

"The snotty personality she has on stage is not her at all," promised Bob Anderson, the foil in Mary Russell's attempt to change the old theater that Daddy bought for her.

The two entertainers, it seems, have a mutual admiration society at work.

"I love working with him," added Russell, nodding at Anderson.

The two will be called on to carry a story line through 60 Broadway show tunes in the musical revue that opens with a special Mt. Hood Hospice benefit performance next Thursday, July 1.

"We're putting her in the very middle of the soul of American musical stage," Anderson said. As he tells her in the production, scripted by Mark Kuntz and Katie Ten Eyck, "You know, if you let it, we think it will capture you."

Being captured by musical theater isn't exactly what's on Russell's mind when she arrives at the theater with her grandiose schemes of turning it into something she considers more profitable than a launching pad for the music of Gershwin and Sondheim.

"She's coming to raise hell," Anderson stated flatly.

Indeed, as the story goes, Russell's father has purchased the theater for his daughter and it's hers to do with as she pleases. What pleases her is "something modern that will make money," Russell said.

Anderson plays a stagehand readying for the night's performance. He tries to convince the upstart that there's fun in musical theater.

Through two hours of show, she's finally convinced that maybe there is some value to it after all. She gradually gets involved with the 11-member musical cast, who knew she was coming all along and schemed to win her over. In the end, as everyone's leaving, she wonders if that's all there is.

Let the wrong impression be given, however, the music is the star of the show. "The musical performance is the main thing," Anderson said.

"We're just kind of giving a story to it," Russell pointed out.

Their story ties together more than 60 years



Mary Russell and Bob Anderson have a mutual admiration pact as they prepare to thread a story line through 60 musical numbers in the Sandy Community Players' production "I've Got Rhythm."

of musical theater, beginning with the Great Depression, through an era when "movies were learning how to talk and mail was learning how to fly," up to the rock'n'roll era.

"It's actually America that's producing the music," Anderson said.

For Russell, it's her first time with the Community Players after several appearances in Sandy High School musicals, including "Apple Tree" and "West Side Story." She will also perform in next year's SUHS musical, "Of Thee I Sing."

She also takes dance lessons at Sally Mack's School of Dance in Portland and her SCP debut allows her to incorporate all the

elements into her performance.

Her musical interests include the oboe, an instrument she began playing in the sixth grade and plans to continue studying in college.

For Anderson, "I've Got Rhythm" marks his first venture into musical theater, although he sees his role mainly as "comedy relief."

A veteran of the footlights, he admitted to doing "a little theater—all my life since I was a youngster" in places such as Salt Lake City, St. Louis and Los Angeles. This will be his third SCP performance. Previous credits include "Odd Couple" and "Tribute."

# Library plans fine moratorium

The CCLAM is coming to Sandy Public Library.

But before it arrives, library patrons who have put off returning overdue books will have a chance to bring them back without digging into their pockets for a fine.

CCLAM, the Clackamas County Library Automation Machine, is a large computer system utilizing custom programming which provides an automated circulation system and on-line catalog for libraries in the county-wide system.

The automation provided is similar to those used in supermarket checkout lanes. Each library item will have its own bar code label. Patrons will also be given an individual bar code number on their cards.

Eventually, a terminal will be available to the general public.

There are now two terminals operating for patron and book searches.

The library will close down for approximately 10 days in mid-August to link its materials to the data base by attaching bar code labels to each individual

item. It is important to have as many items returned to the library at that time so they may be linked.

For this reason, there will be a moratorium on fines from July 15 to Aug. 14.

# Apology to Stan Skoko

During the last month of the Democratic Primary election for Clackamas County Commissioner, election ads and two bulk mailings were sent out by my election committee. I deeply regret that certain aspects of Mr. Skoko's voting record and participation on the Board were depicted and presented in a manner which may not have been fair.

It was not our intention to depict Mr. Skoko as anything less than a conscientious and dedicated Clackamas County Commissioner. Mr. Skoko has served the best interests of this county, as he has seen them, for almost 20 years.

I retract any of our statements that unfairly presented Mr. Skoko's record and publicly apologize to him for any election materials which suggested he was not a dedicated and honorable Commissioner whom I respect as a person.

Dale Harlan

## Senior Center News:

# Loaves & Fishes volunteers cited

Members of Sandy Senior Center's hiking club will visit Mt. Hood National Forest today following the Golden Age Club potluck luncheon and business meeting.

The potluck begins at noon at the center with the business meeting following at 1 p.m. Upon its conclusion, the hiking club will travel to the trail for their weekly outing.

Sandy area Loaves and Fishes volunteers representing various organizations throughout the community will be honored Monday for their services during the fiscal year which concludes June 30.

A general reception with refreshments, an awards ceremony and a special musical program have been planned as part of the festivities which begin at 2 p.m. All persons present will be recognized for their contributions to the Sandy nutrition site, according to Community Services Director Sandra Potter Marquardt.

The Clackamas County Health Department will sponsor a foot care clinic at the Sandy center this Tuesday, June 29, from 9 a.m. to noon for seniors 60 years and older. The service aids those who have difficulty clipping nails or removing callouses.

Persons are asked to bring

ing a basin and towel when attending the clinic. A \$5 donation is requested.

This will be the last clinic sponsored by the Health Department because of funding cutbacks on the county level. Appointments for the foot care clinic may be made by contacting the center.

Preparations are underway for participation in the 1982 Sandy Mountain Festival. The Sandy Senior Center will serve homemade pies and cookies in Meinig Park this year. Many volunteers are needed to help back the items and to help operate the booth in the park July 10 and 11.

For more information about any program or activity at the Sandy Senior Center, stop by the office or call 668-5569.

Activities for the Week of June 24 to July 1

**THURSDAY, JUNE 24**  
9 a.m.: Exercise Class  
Noon: Golden Age Club Potluck  
1 p.m.: GAC Business Meeting

1:30 p.m.: Hiking Club Outing

**FRIDAY, JUNE 25**  
Noon: Loaves and Fishes  
7:30 p.m.: Community Card Night

**MONDAY, JUNE 28**  
9 a.m.: Exercise Class  
Noon: Loaves and Fishes  
1 p.m.: Pinochle and Cribbage  
1 p.m.: Genealogy Class  
2-4 p.m.: Loaves and

Fishes Volunteer Recognition Program

**TUESDAY, JUNE 29**  
9 a.m.: Foot Care Clinic  
9 a.m.: Medical Insurance Assistance  
Noon: Loaves and Fishes  
12:30 p.m.: June Birthday Party  
1 p.m.: Oil Painting Class

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30**

Noon: Loaves and Fishes  
1 p.m.: Band Practice

**THURSDAY, JULY 1**  
9 a.m.: Exercise Class  
9:30 a.m.: Senior Law Project

10 a.m.: Humanities Class  
Noon: Loaves and Fishes  
1 p.m.: Hiking Club Outing

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## Teachers plan local canvass for election

The Sandy Teachers Association will canvass local homes this weekend drumming up support for the June 29 Sandy Elementary District levy election.

Elaine Cockrell, who is spearheading the drive, said interested parents and residents who would like to join the canvass are asked to meet at the Sandy Aquatic Center this Saturday at 10 a.m.

She said the group will canvass targeted precincts which have historically supported local elementary district budgets. Main focus of the drive will be in the city limits and near Kelso and Firwood schools.

She said all canvassing would be done in partners. No one will go door-to-door alone.

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