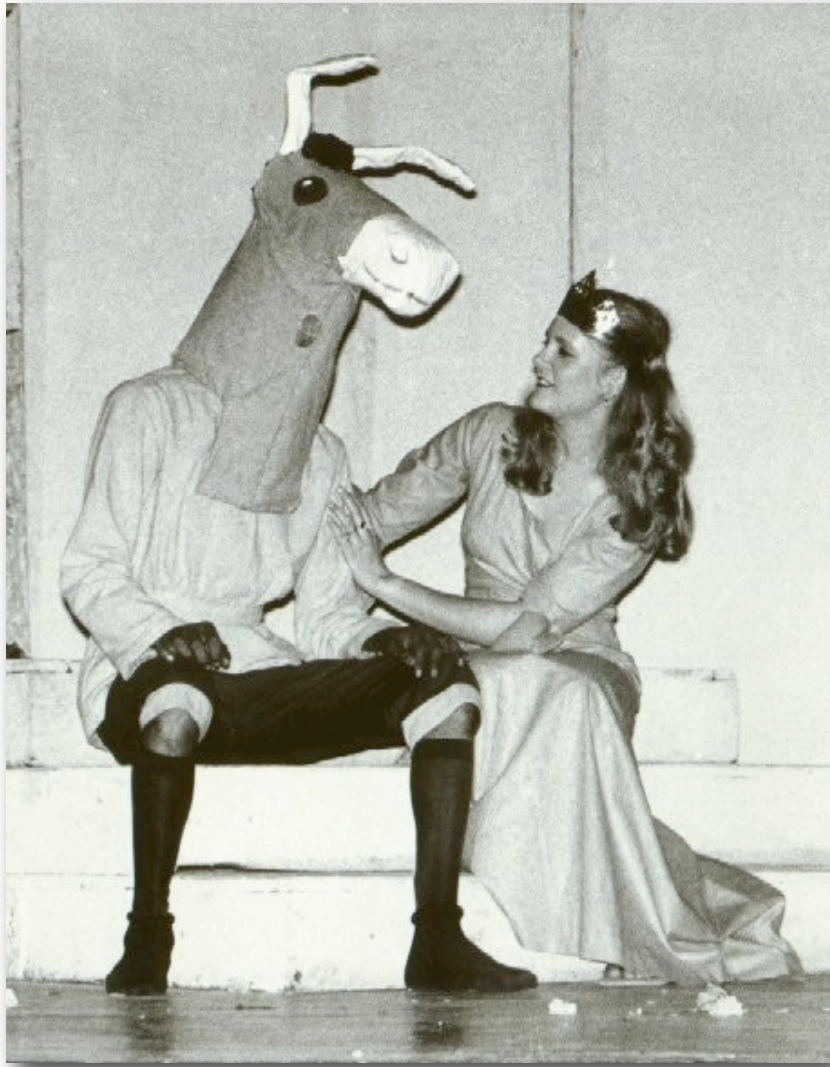


Midsummer Night's Dream - Introductory Response



Bottom, the ass.

“To you your father should be as a god / One that composed your beauties; yea, and one / to whom you are but as a form in wax / By him imprinted, and within his power / To leave the figure or disfigure it.”

1. As Theseus, the Duke of Athens, addresses Hermia, he tells her that “to you your father should be as a god.” What does he mean by this, and why does he say it?
2. Do you agree with his sentiment? Why or why not?
3. Have your parents ever prevented you from taking part in an activity that you really, really, *totally* wanted to do that you were convinced was *your* decision, not theirs? What was it?