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I have now become a grizzled, old man. I know this for a fact. The reason is, suddenly, I am making "back in my days" statements. With this issue, we tried to tackle some of the thorny issues with teens and sexuality, and how things have changed. When I was a high school student--and this may be hard to believe, but it was not that long ago--I felt few of the pressures that today's teen feels. I had my friends, and worried little about issues of sexuality. But the young adults of today receive a barrage of messages about sexuality. From "Temptation Island," where infidelity has become a game show aired across the nation to the oval office where the definition of "sexual

Relations" became a study in etymology, we are a nation that struggles with its sexuality. In a recent survey by the Alan Guttmacher Institute, it was discovered that some 80 percent of parents want the schools to teach birth control and abstinence--a staggering change from earlier days. So, it is in this spirit of opening a dialogue that we present this issue to you.

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Stampede Mitten Drive

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This time of the season
while you are cozy as can be

wrapped
up in a
warm
blanket
and
enjoying a
good
movie
there are^N
homeless
people

out there freezing to death.
There are many homeless
people out there on the
streets who are in envy of you
with your warm leather gloves.
Are you looking for a way to
help? Research was done
around Wright County and
ways to help were found.

McDonalds has an
organization for families who
have children in the hospital
for a long term who cannot
afford to pay for hotel stays.
It is a home-away-from-home
founded by parents, doctors,
and friends of children with

cancer and other life
threatening diseases.
Collecting pop tabs year-
round has helped keep this

organization
running. To
many
people, pop
tabs may
seem to be
a very
ordinary
part of life.
With the
recycling of

all the pop tabs they receive
comes the funding to keep it
open for families. This
organization doesn't just
collect
during
the
holidays;
help is
needed
year
round.

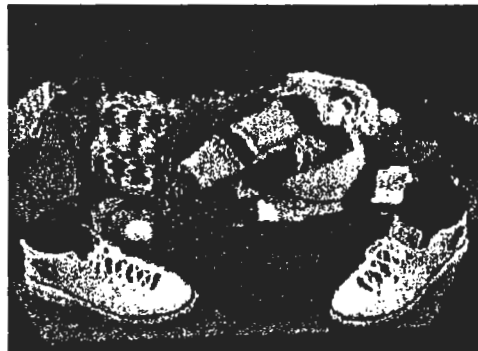
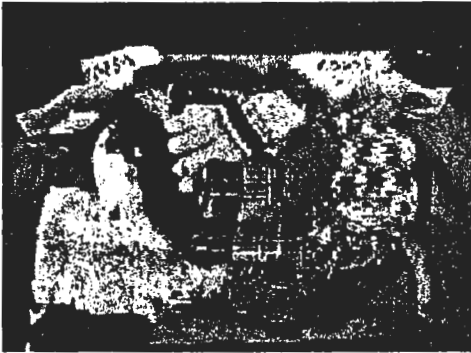
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grocery
stores
provide all year round to local

food shelves. Cub Foods
of Buffalo sends the bakery's
day old bread to the food
shelf. Other food donations
are made all year.

As part of this spirit of
giving to the community, The
Stampede conducted a mitten
drive right before Christmas.
Over the course of the drive
nearly four boxes of mittens,
hats, and scarfs for collected
for needy families in Wright
County. All items collected
were donated to Human
Services in Wright County.

All donations were
greatly appreciated, and the
mitten drive will continue to

be tradition
for The
Stampede.
This year,
BHS was
truly able to
take the
cold out of
winter, and
put care in
Christmas.



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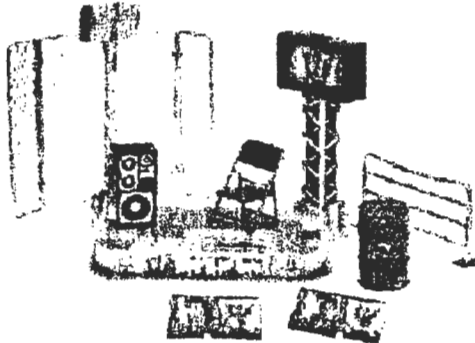
What are the kids watching?

By Pat Menzel and Rob Hermes
Staff Writers

It was at the top of kids Christmas list this year--the WWF Catapult Ring. An 11-year-old toy enthusiast says "you can slam your opponent down and pull his head back." Another toy that was at the top of the list was the WWF Trash Talkin' Stage. The question is, why do kids want these toys? They are products from a show that is supposedly marketed to men from age 18 to 34.

These toys and shows are a bad influence on kids today. A study by the University of Indiana shows that in a one year period there were 1658 incidents of people grabbing their crotch, 128 incidents of simulated sex, 42 incidents of simulated drug use, 157 incidents of giving the finger, 21 incidents that had prostitutes as

characters, and 21 incidents of urination--all during prime-time.



Some of the things kids like about WWF are the sayings. When asked about their favorite saying, some of the students in Mrs. Magandy's fourth grade class at Tantanka Elementary replied "my favorite is when the Undertaker says 'I'm going to take you down'." Another student said, "I like it when Stone Cold says 'give me a hell yeah'."

The outrageous, and

many times vulgar, sayings are not the only reason kids like wrestlers. They also like them for who they are. "I like Stone Cold because he is strong, and drinks beer," says a forth grade student. "I like the Undertaker because he can take you down as fast as he can eat an apple," says yet another fourth grader. Remember, these are kids.

The question is why are kids watching these shows? Furthermore why are toys being sold to them and why are parents buying them for their kids? Does this cause young children to behave differently, as well as using verbal abuse and sexually absurd gestures? We know that this isn't where kids get the ideas to misbehave, but it sure may have an impact on their upbringing.

Try a different word

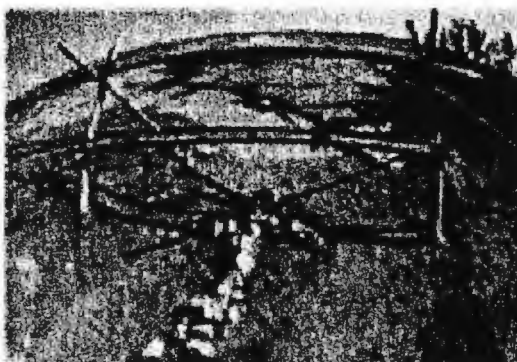
By Kelsey Lemberg
Staff Writer

"This class is gay."
"My pen is gay."
"Everything is gay." That's all I hear as I walk down the hallway. Why does this word constantly pop out of a lot of teenager's mouths? I don't understand it.

For years, people have been associating the gay lifestyle with something that is negative. What makes it so negative, though? I'm sick of hearing that being gay is bad blah, blah, blah. It just gets old after awhile.

After talking to a few people, I noticed that most people don't really know what the meaning behind using this word is. They use it as an insult, but it usually doesn't reflect their opinion on homosexuality.

Kimber Robertson, who uses the word forlack of better words, says:



"Homosexuality is somewhat stereotyped and they shouldn't be."

The people, who say these words on a regular basis, don't really have much to say for themselves.

Brandon Helgeson's excuse: "It's probably not the greatest word to use, but I say it because I don't think before I speak."

So, are the people who use this word incapable of thinking of a wiser and more creative word to use? Are they unable to utter a word that is less offensive and won't cause people to get angered by it? When I tell other people who aren't my friends that I don't appreciate the use of the word, they will most likely laugh and blow me off.

So my advice and opinion, think before you speak and treat others how you would like to be treated. It really isn't that hard to do. To all the gay word users out there, use your brains and come up with something original. I wouldn't want to be a person who is not liked because they were stubborn and disrespectful.

Sex and the teenager

By Cassie Stech and Becah
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Staff Writers

To have sex, or not to have sex? That is the question of many high school students throughout the world. When it comes to your personal moral values or beliefs, where do you stand? Do you think you should wait until you are married to have sex? Or, do you think you should have sex once you think you have found the right person? And after making your decision you have keep in mind the risk factors of pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.

Teenagers have many different morals, beliefs, and values. Many children grow up believing what their parents tell them to believe, but as they grow older and become more mature, their

Own personal values may change. So what are your morals values or beliefs when discussing the sex issue? Twelfth grader Brandon Halgason said, " I



think you should wait until you are married to have sex, you don't have to base a relationship on sex."

When it comes to choosing if you should have sex or not, remember that there are many consequences you have to be aware of before making the decision. According to the BHS nurse Brenda Lenz, "students are not as safe as they should be about having sex." Why is it, we ask, that teenagers decide to have sex? "They are exposed to sexual activity in the media, and they (teenagers) think this is how it should be and then become curious," stated Brenda Lenz. When the same question was asked, senior Shonte Jordet stated that "I don't know if it would be so much that they choose to have sex, as much as it just 'happens'."

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So let's say you decide to have sex, how at risk are you? Most BHS students that we interviewed said to wait until you know you are ready for the consequences that go along with sex. There are an estimated 12 million new sexually

transmitted infections that occur every year, 2/3 are among women and men under age 25, according to Sex & America's Teenager. When thinking about sex, and having sex while in high school remember that abstinence is the safest sex you could ever have. Many decide to let a relationship grow without sex, this gives time to get

to know each other, time to share experiences, thoughts and feelings, and time to become good friends. Don't ever do anything you don't want to do or get forced into something you don't want to do. "Some students that decide to have sex aren't ready and are pressured into it" according to the BHS nurse, Brenda Lenz.



Parents and dating

By Whitney Ledesma
Staff Writer

When it comes to dating there are two distinct worlds: that of "Leave It to Beaver" simplicity, and the murkiness of the post-summer of love reality. Over the last thirty years, dating has changed considerably, and this has made this issue more complex for parents and teens.

You may think your parents are very strict and old fashioned when it comes to dating but turn it around and look at it from their perspective. With their past experiences in the dating world, they feel that they have better judgement of a situation. When your parents see you walking to the door, approaching your dates car, they may have

fear in their mind. Not fear of you finding the right person but of dating disasters to be.



Dating teenagers often think that there parents want nothing more than to ruin your social life completely but that is not the case and there is evidence of that. The

fact is when they tell you to bring your date home, they are really only looking out for your well-being. They want to make sure you are with a safe person, not some psycho maniac.

Sometimes you think

that the last thing your parents want you to do is date but on some level parents often ignore the quantity but praise the quality. BHS social studies teacher, Mr. Gerald Bakke, begs to differ, "When you're a teenager you should not date just one person for a long time, you should date one person for 2 or 3 weeks and find someone new. Teenagers should date more than one person for the experience."

Teenagers think that their parents forbid their

child to have any physical contact with the date. Often parents disagree and don't want to set boundaries that are too strict.



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Some parents feel there should be physical contact some don't and some just don't care. Mr. Jack Harlan, BHS English teacher, believes, "Physical contact is a part of life. Parents shouldn't worry and should trust that their child has good judgement."

On the other hand there are very strict parents out there who really don't let their teenager date at all. They are no better or worse of a parent than the parents who do let their kids date but they are just more concerned for the well-being of their child. A lot of parents feel it is about maturity and sometimes just don't think that their child will be

mature enough until a certain age. Another factor is the maturity of the person they are dating, sometimes the fact is that the parents don't feel that, that person may be mature enough until a certain age either.

Pam Antonavich, a parent from Virginia, Minnesota says "I worry that my kids worry too much about boys and getting dates, I'm afraid she won't get her school work done and fail." Buffalo parent, Susan Anecki, when asked about age when her children should be allowed to date replied. "They can date at 16, if they are

mature enough, but the date should be introduced to the parents so they can meet and see what the person is like and how they act."

Next time that your parents disagree when you ask if you

can go on a date try and see it from their point of view instead of blaming them for having no social life. It's hard to be a parent and make decisions especially when they concern the well-being of their child. Try and talk to them and understand where they are coming from.

Maybe from this discussion you will discover that your seemingly Cleaverish parents have amazing understanding. They may even tell you a story from their summer of love.



Midget's take the ice

By Pat Menzel
Staff Writer

Midget's Hockey is one of the competitive sports available to athletes at Buffalo High School. Many students are predicting a great turnout on their season ahead.

"With our good expectations, hard work, and our fan support will not only win every game, but will have the best season Buffalo has ever had," commented Logan Berndt, a midget captain. Overall this will be the best of any other previous years in Midget Hockey era. "So please come, because Everyone's welcome, it's free, more fun, and way rougher than Varsity", said captain, B.J. Fenski.

There are plenty of reasons to why athletes tend to play Midgets Hockey instead of on Buffalo's Varsity team.

After several interviews, people had the same reply for the most part. First of all there are no high school regulations or contracts. "You don't play unless your on the good side and have a



last name reputation," said Luke Anderson, a former BHS hockey player. "I want to have fun, you actually play, and ya don't gotta practice, like, everyday," said Cody Pierce a Midget starter.

Athletes that try out for Varsity sports seem to be unsatisfied unless they are the center of attention on the field, court, or ice. Some athlete's are not

happy with their playing time in sports, or chances of playing, but some were not given a fair opportunity, replied Bobby Kosloski. "At this level some athletes believe they know where they fall before tryout, so that may be a good reason for them, but everyone I expected to come out did," replied Mr. MacMillan, head coach of Varsity.

Some athletes are upset about why students quit Varsity after years and years of dedication. "It bothers me because you're turning your back on the team," said Varsity Captain, Erik Corey. "Some of this has to do with people being upset with the school's program, "We can only take so much, as well all the other politics revolving around High School Hockey," commented a former Varsity and Midget player, Loren Knese.

Flipping frenzy at BHS

By Sheila Tabor
Features Editor



Prepare
to Stick!
This
year,
the
gymnast
ics team

has chosen this as their motto. Behind the scenes, the BHS gymnastics team has been working hard in the off season to produce a great team. With the loss of only one senior last year, the team has great potential. With the addition of the new freshmen and three eighth graders the team skill level has increased since last year.

Competition on the team has been stiff this year with so many people at the same level. Choosing a lineup for meets this year will be determined by their performance in meets and

daily at practice. There are only five positions on varsity available on each event, which makes choosing who will compete harder for the coaches. One highlight of the year is the possibility of a full bar line up. This has been a problem for JV in the past with sometimes only two or three girls competing.

Gymnastics has many components such as dance, strength, flexibility, endurance, balance, and gracefulness. All of these components are needed together to make a complete performance.

Though the moves are difficult, the girls are

motivated to succeed.

"I think about what I am going to do in my head to motivate myself," says senior Suzee Zitur. "Since last season, I have much more confidence under pressure."

"All I need to do to motivate myself is work hard so I can accomplish new skills," states senior co-captain, Nichol Otten. Not only are the girls motivated by meeting their personal goals, meeting the team goals also motivates them.



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At the first meeting of the season, the team decided on goals to meet on each event. With the goals posted around the gym, the team is reminded every day of what they are practicing for.

"I think our team has a lot of potential to become something great. Especially if we have the right mindset," comments Zitur.

"I haven't improved dramatically since last year but I am taking baby steps to my goals," says sophomore Dani Bauer, who did well at the first meet of the season. "I am always pushing myself to do better than before." Bauer received the second highest score for JV bars on December 8th, the team's first meet. Dani also shot



past the JV All-Around score putting herself in first place all time with a 30.25.

The team scored well at their first meet with the junior varsity obtaining a record book second with a 27.70 on bars and also putting themselves in for the second highest on vault with a 32.90. Both junior varsity and varsity beat Chaska to start out the season well.

Gymnastics is a very time consuming sport during the season and in the off-season.

Keeping your body up to par to perform takes a lot of conditioning. Gymnasts must have endurance to make it

through floor routines, which are practiced two to three

times during one practice. To help improve endurance Coach Martha Driscoll-Nelson has each one do their floor routines back to back. With an extended beam work out at some practices, the gymnasts also work on their balance. A team goal is to have all the varsity beam routines stuck at one meet. For the seniors on the team this brings back great memories.

"I remember when Erika Miller got so mad when she fell of the beam for the third time that she stomped her foot and swore to

herself," says sophomore Tia Sandusky. "And the team's inside joke about the 'liner'."



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"Freshmen year the first meet was at Willmar. Varsity stuck all five beam routines and Driscoll went nuts. She was screaming and jumping up and down. You could tell then we were going to have an awesome team," remembers Zitur. That was the year our team went all the way to the state meet and finished sixth. This year's team is hoping for a repeat performance.

The team has been placed in a very competitive region with Brainerd, Moorehead, Elk River, St. Cloud Tech and others. With Brainerd as the team on top the past two years, the Bison are going to



attempt to knock the Warriors off the first place pedestal.

Many have varying opinions on their favorite events. Whether the favorite is beam, floor, vault, or bars, the team works hard in all areas.

"My favorite event is floor because I feel much more confident. You also get the opportunity to defy gravity for brief seconds at a time," says freshman, Chelsie Tapio.

The competition isn't the only reason the girls stay on the team. "I hope to get more strength and confidence from the season. And of course, new friends."

says Sophomore Brittany Holte.

Some say it is not only the friends, but also the memories.

"My most memorable time was when Shawna Reckinger and I made up a dance to the song 'I'll Tumble for You!'"



remembers Bauer.

"My most memorable moment was when I received my first nine on floor," says Otten.

"The thing I'll remember the most about gymnastics was when I broke my arm," says Ashley Loebertmann, one of three eighth graders on the team.

Overall, when asked why they stay in gymnastics, the unanimous answer that, "It's just for the love of the sport."

Ways to ditch the couch in winter

By Mike Johnson
Staff Writer

What can I do with all this snow? Sound like a familiar question you have been asking yourself. I have some ideas and some facts you may not know about these winter sport activities.

The first snowboard was created in 1929, by M.J. Burchett. He cut out a big plank of plywood and fastened it to his feet. That was about it for the snowboard for about 30 years. In 1963 the next step toward the snowboard was taken. An eighth grade student made a "Skiboa rd" for a class project.



AP Photo

Then in 1965 the "Snurfer" was created as a toy for Sherman Poppen's children. The Snurfer consisted of

two bolted skis. But the real change of the

Snowboard happened in 1970 when

Dimitrije

Milovich got an idea from sliding on a tray from the cafeteria. Milovich, who was a surfer on the East Coast, started developing Snowboards based on his surfboards. In 1975 Dimitrije and his

"Snowboard" which he called a "Winterstick" received a write up in the March edition of Newsweek.

A big Minnesota heritage sport is ice fishing. Many Minnesotans

Love to participate in it. Every ice angler has their specific location to fish on and traditional holes they fish in. but if your open for suggestions on picking your fishing spots I have a few.

Lake Independence is located on the metro's western border. This pool of joy has recently gained lots of recognition for its Muskie fishing. The lake is full of big Bass and

Walleye. But what makes Lake Independence interesting is the fast action winter angling.



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Massive numbers of white and black crappies and walleyes roam the waters of Independence. Local people of that area say that the buckets of big fish are replacing the regular potato chips.

Snowshoeing is growing in popularity with all the other winter sports. If you are a hiker,

Then you will love Snowshoeing. "The winters seem much shorter since I started Snowshoeing" states Tony Smith a local snowshoer. The majority of the "popular" trails are located in the northern parts of North America.



Horoscopes

By Stampede Staff Writers

Capricorn December 21- January 19

You will finally be able to tell your ex that there is no chance whatsoever of the two of you getting back together. You and your pals will have fun spending all of the money that you get from your new job. Old friends will come back and want to be a part of your life. Be careful because one of them just wants to hurt you.

Aquarius January 20 -February 18

Forget your shyness and go for that special someone you've had your eye on for months. It will pay off big time. The fun you will have with them will be tons more than you would have had just being shy and scared of rejection. Just free the inner you and don't look back.

Pisces February 19-March 20

The person you are dating is bad news. That friend you've had forever is a good person to lean on because of some inside information. You will finally decide to quit loaning money to your loser friend who never pays you back and you will be able to buy that new leather jacket you've been eyeing for months. Have fun but watch your back.

Aries March 21-April 19

Your friends just want to get away from you. You've recently become a controlling, possessive person. They have been trying to tell you to back off for a few weeks but now they've had enough. You should give them time to cool off and you will have your friend's back.

Taurus April 20- May 20

This year you will expose a side of you that even your best friends have never seen before. You will finally realize that you DO like that person that has been hopelessly in love with you for months. Go out of your way to make them feel special. Friends might not understand your actions but it doesn't matter because you have found happiness.

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Gemini May 21 June 20
An old flame will become a new fire where 'giving it another chance' will be a catch phrase. Your friends will start to understand that this inner you just wants to let loose. Be careful of your carefree wild side because it will ultimately catch up to you.

Cancer June 21 July 22
Your friends have started to turn on you. They are talking behind your back, not inviting you to join them at the post-game parties and they never call you to tell you what's going on. If you get in their faces about it, the whole situation will get worse.

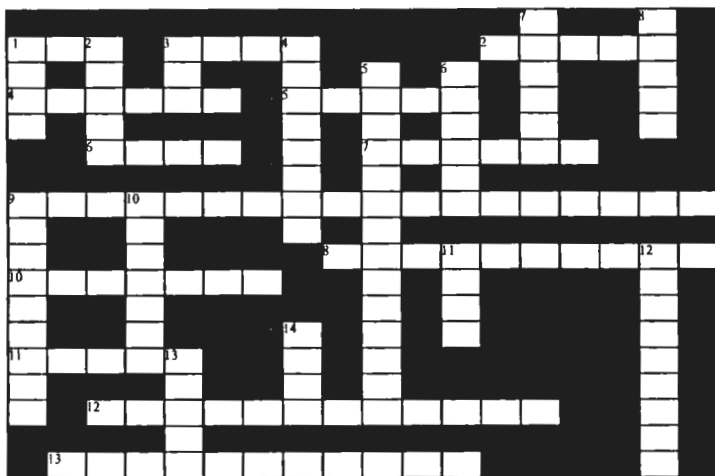
Leo July 23 August 22
Your parents have started to really get mad at you for things that you didn't even do. They don't let you go anywhere and when you ask they get mad at you because you expect too much and they don't even trust you.

Virgo August 23 September 22
You are 100% on top of things. Your grades have come up since last quarter and you are getting your homework done on time. Way to go! Keep it up because it will benefit you and enable you to go to the college of your choice.

Libra September 23 October 22
Once in a while you need to let people know how you feel about them. They can't read your mind and in the end they will get madder at you if you just let them annoy you to the point where you blow up and can't stand them anymore.

Scorpio October 23 November 21
Have fun!!! This month is your time to let loose and have fun. It will be a fun time to hang with your family too because they will turn out to be actually pretty cool. This year, you will do something that will make a HUGE difference but no one will appreciate you and give you credit.

Sagittarius November 22 December 20
You will get noticed by the person you wanted to see most, and you will decide that you really don't want to have anything to do with them. Have fun with friends and show them the real you.

WINTER STUFFAcross

1. Messy stuff from bottom of boots
2. Wet snow that falls from sky
4. Opposite of boarding
5. House of ice
6. What your eyes do when blown by cold wind
7. People who live in the arctic
8. Cut a hole and sit on a bucket
9. Running on snow with skis
10. What clears the roads
11. Puck that passes two or more red lines
12. Opposite of skiing
13. Low pressure systems from the arctic

Down

1. Wet snow
2. Snow pile made by the wind
3. Helium ball that is closest in winter
4. What happens after passing a plow
5. Trade winds from Alberta
6. Skating sport
7. Going around gates while skiing
8. Name for threatening weather
9. Put on lips when it is cold
10. Corn cob pipe, and button nose
11. Put this limb in your boot
12. Threatening wind from east coast
13. ____ of past, present, and future
14. Travel on trains illegally

Winter Wordfind

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Words

Blizzard
Boots
Coat
Dreary
February
Football
Freezing rain

Gloves
Hail
Hat
Hockey
Ice
January
Mittens

Skiing
Sledding
Sleet
Snow
Snowboarding
Super Bowl
Third Quarter

Powerful performances

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Twenty people. Three judges. Thirty minutes. All these things describe, in some way, the One Act Play, a Minnesota State Sanctioned Competition (like sports), which means there are a lot of rules.

There can be no more than twenty people competing in the One Act Play per school. There are three judges focusing on: script, how natural they act, whether or not the set is logical, and how well the performers work together. The play can not be more than thirty-five minutes long, or that team is disqualified for that meet. This is sometimes a problem, because setting up the stage is part of that time.

There are two different types of competitions. Usually, the

team is given a rank, and they have to get so high a rank to move on.

This year's competitive play is Black Comedy.



The basic plot is as follows: A young English Artist is selling his sculptures, and is expecting a visit from a wealthy man who wants to purchase one of his sculptures. He's also expecting a visit from his fiancé's father,

whom he has never met before.

However, there is a power outage before the guests arrive, so the majority of it takes place in the dark (hence, *Black Comedy*). There's a catch though: In parts where there is power (and lights), the stage is very dimly lighted. When the

Power is out, the stage is brightly lit, and one of the challenges is to act like it is dark and you can not see. However, "getting the kids to move around in the dark is the greatest challenge of all," says the play's director Ms. Hagstrom-Dahl.

Everyone has a good time though, despite so much practice (almost every day) and so many challenges to overcome. Says Mrs. HD, "Everyday we goof off for the first fifteen minutes. If I'm going to spend all my time with these kids, I want to have a good time." But will

they succeed? They "have a really strong cast," so she thinks they will.

Does this all sound interesting? Try to catch this play during one of the regional competitions that will be occurring

over the next several weeks. You will not be disappointed.

