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Godspell Takes the Stage at Yankton High School



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The past several weeks have been very busy for the Yankton High School Drama Club as they have been preparing for this year’s spring musical. The group, which is headed by, Mr. Keith Goeden, will be presenting *Godspell*, a 70’s based version of the basic Bible stories.

According to senior Brandon Folkers, “It’s an awesome show jam packed with, crazy voices, funny punch lines, strobe lights, and even glow in the dark gloves!”

Goeden, who is very confident in his players, chose this piece because it seemed to fit the talent he was granted. He stated, “I have never walked away from a show thinking I didn’t enjoy it or give it my best effort, and I get the same feeling from the kids.”

Once the piece was chosen, an unbelievable amount of work was done. One task in particular was finding the music pit. The pit, directed by Mrs. Angela Larson, is a little different this year as it consists of adult musicians. Mrs. Larson didn’t find it to difficult to find some wonderful adult musicians to help out, as she has recruited Steve Roux, Dot Stoll, and Mrs. Evander.

Along with the pit, the tech crew has also been incredibly busy. The crew’s tasks vary from the stage set to lighting and sound. The set was put together by Mrs. Sheana Eggers who was, “inspired to create the set by a compilation of other sets that have been done for this musical. Also, we (Eggers, and the tech crew) reused as many materials as we could and only spent around 100 dollars.”

Beyond the stage, up in the control box lies a couple of complicated boards. One of those boards runs the lights and is operated by Dusty Dvorak (junior). Dusty has been operating the lights for two years now and

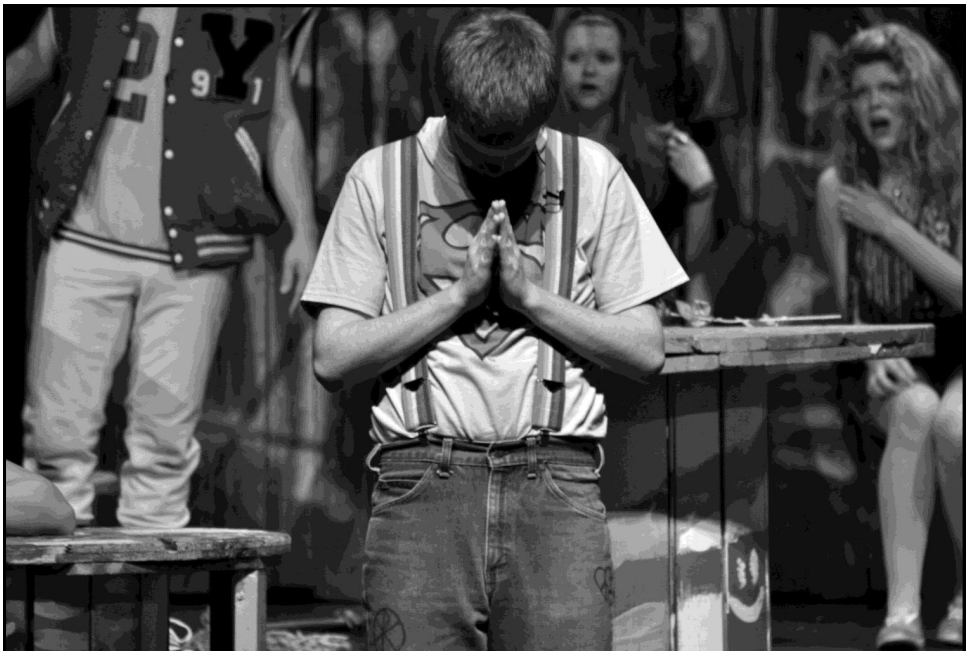


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Yankton Senior, Robert Schmidt, bows his head during a dress rehearsal of *Godspell*.

says the only difficult part is learning the cues to turn on the lights. Dvorak has enjoyed every minute of it, especially when he worked with last year’s musical, *Little Shop of Horrors*.

The other board in the box is operated by Alex Rehurek (junior), and Cameron Luken (junior). Alex, another second year veteran enjoys the tech crew because, “It’s a good way I can contribute to the creativeness of theatre and make it the best possible.”

With 75% of the cast seniors, it comes as no surprise that one of the lead roles belongs to Rob Schmidt (senior), whose favorite role in his high school career was “The Hairy Man” from last years one act *Wiley and the Hairy Man*, because he found it very fun being the bad guy.

The other lead role in *Godspell* belongs to Hunter Baugh (senior). Hunter, an already

recorded musician, is usually in the pit, but finds that he favors the stage a little bit more, because it allows him to get out of his comfort zone.

The performance explains the basic principles of a Christian religion through multiple Bible stories, and hymns, while following the life of Jesus, who is trying to show the 70’s people how to properly live life.

Throughout the piece, Judas becomes more and more angered toward Jesus and his way of preaching to the people, while the people relearn how to properly handle situations which they were originally taught to deal with in the wrong way.

The musical is very appealing to teenagers and has a ‘groovy’ twist. If you have missed the weekend performances, you still have one last chance to catch *Godspell* tonight at 7 p.m.

Gazelles Look to Continue Success at Upcoming Spring Track Meets



BY
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The Yankton girls’ track squad has been hard at work over the last couple of weeks, with a number of contests relatively close to home.

Last Saturday, a select group competed at the Sioux City Relays on the Morningside College campus, while the majority of the team spent their day in Mitchell at the Corn Palace Relays. Both groups were successful in a variety of events.

Just seven members from Yankton went to Sioux City on the split squad; of those seven, only four were girls. Chloe Cornemann, Ashtyn Haak, and Whitlee Larson competed in a number of different events for the Gazelles as Jenna Grossen-burg is currently recovering from an injury. Cornemann placed seventh in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:12. Considering the fact that her usual event is normally a distance of 300 meters, this was a very successful outcome.

“The distance was different than what I am used to, so it was a bit tricky. It was definitely more challenging, but I just had to go with it,” Cornemann said. “It’s good to have experiences like this one be-

cause it makes me better and ready for upcoming challenges.”

Sophomore Whitlee Larson also faced a challenging difference in her event, a change to Sioux City Relay’s 1500 from her norm of 1600 meters. Obviously, the challenge didn’t faze her; she placed first with a time of 5:01. Since she is recovering from a calf injury, Larson’s victory was exceptionally satisfying.

The small squad enjoyed the event, particularly as it gave the athletes the chance to evaluate competitors from all around the area. “There were teams from Iowa and Nebraska, and some were college teams,” Cornemann explained. “It was a great day to get out there and run and it was nice too see some new competition.”

The second, larger Gazelles squad also managed to represent Yankton well in Mitchell. Junior Clara Schild took first in the shot put event, throwing a distance of 35-5 1/2 for the win.

The Gazelles look to continue their success at many upcoming events this spring. Working hard will be crucial to that improvement.

“We have some big meets coming up, and it’s going to be really important that we stay hard at practice and keep our focus,” Cornemann explained.

YHS Students Explore the Capitol during Band Trip



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Six days and fifty-two hours later the Yankton High Marching Band made it back from the nation’s capitol, Washington D.C., where they were in the Cherry Blossom Parade and also took time to view local exhibits and museums. The trip lasted from Wednesday, April 11th to Monday, April 16th and was led by head band directors Mr. Ted Powell, Mr. Todd Carr and color guard instructor Miss Teresa Martindale.

After traveling Wednesday, Thursday was the students’ first day to explore the area. They enjoyed the wonderful National Air and Space Museum where they viewed different exhibits on space travel and airplanes. They also went to visit the Marine Corps War Memorial also known as the Iwo Jima Memorial. Later, they visited the illuminated World War II Memorial and Jefferson Monument. “Air and Space was fun, we learned quite a bit and had fun at the same time,” junior John Starzl said.

The next day, they had a tour of the United States Capitol and viewed the following museums: Natural History, The National Gallery, American History Museum, and the Smithsonian Institution. Finally, students went to a show at the Kennedy Center.

Saturday, the students and directors performed in the parade for the Cherry Blossom Festivities. It is an honor to play in the parade, for which you must be selected by a board to participate in. This was not Yankton’s first time playing in the parade as the group has been selected previously.



PHOTO BY MATTIE BLAGG

After the performance, they had a walking tour of the Korean, Vietnam, and Lincoln Memorials. “You see those (monuments) all the time in history class and on TV but to be in person and see them was awesome,” Starzl said.

Before traveling home on Sunday, the group stopped in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania to visit museums and hear an explanation of the Battle of Gettysburg—the turning point of the Civil War.

The travelers arrived in Yankton the next day around 7:00 PM. “It was tough to get up the next day and go to school. I wanted to sleep in so bad, but we were required to go to school,” junior Jackson Harris said.

“It was so much fun, we had a blast! The only bad thing was that it went by so fast. It felt like we were only there for two or three days,” Starzl added.

Playing for an event of such magnitude was an honor and a fitting last band trip for Mr. Powell as he is retiring this year.

Bucks Fare Well at Corn Palace Relays



BY
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Last Saturday, April 14th, 2012 the Bucks and Gazelles Track Team split up and a few went to Sioux City while the rest went to the Corn Palace Relays in Mitchell.

Nearly all of the boys who went to the Corn Palace Relays in Mitchell placed in the top six in an event and received a medal. Some of the boys who received medals ran, jumped, and pole-vaulted their PR’s (personal records).

The Bucks had a strong showing in the 200 meter dash with Connor Fitzsimmons leading the way with a 23.9 that earned him 3rd place. Taylor Meshoto (25.43) and Patrick Ryken (25.07) also ran the 200 for the Bucks.

In the 300 hurdles, Charlie Stevenson (48.03), Tim Cross (48.19), and Jacob Hubbs (50.78) finished 5, 6, and 8.

Derek Brenner finished 5th in the 400 with a time of 55.81. Lee Rose (56.47) and Ryan Sternhagen (58.25) also ran the 400.

Logan Smith and Ryan Olson ran the 800. Both finished under 2:10! Logan Smith (2:05) received 2nd place and Ryan Olson (2:09) got 5th.

In the 1600 meter run, the Bucks were led by Justin Grode who got 4th with a time of 5:03 and following him was Connor Chambers in 5th (5:09) and John Dannenbring in 6th (5:17).

The 3200 meter run had few Yankton runners in it (numbering three total: two boys and one girl) and Justin Grode was the only competitor to place. He got 6th place with a time of 11:04. Patrick Binder also ran the 3200 meter run in 13:47.

For high jump, JJ Hejna jumped 6-4 and placed 1st. Matt Fitzgerald also high jumped, and he jumped 5-2.

In pole vault, Casey Skillingstad won by vaulting 11-6. James Hofer (11-0) got 4th, and Colton Frohreich (10-6) got 8th.

Triple jump, which is about as stressful on a body as running in the mile or a two mile race, was won by Connor Fitzsimmons who jumped 41-6.5 and following him was JJ Hejna with a jump of 37-8.75 which earned a 3rd place finish. Matt Fitzgerald got 5th with a jump of 36-1.5.



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Yankton freshman, Patrick Binder, jumps over a hurdle during track warm-up activities.

Brady Knodel got 1st in the shot put with a throw of 45-4 and 3rd in the discus with a throw of 110. Steven McKee (38-5) and Nick Raab (35-1.5) also threw shot put.

The boys 4x100 relay team got 4th by running 49.75 to beat out the 5th place team.

The boys medley relay team got 5th. Their time was 4:07.

The boys 4x400 relay team (3:49) ran and finished in 4th place, which was the same placement the girls received in the 4x400.

The 4x800 relay team for the boys had a time of 9:16 and finished in 3rd place.

All in all, the Bucks Track and Field Team had a really good day at the Corn Palace Relays.

Both runners and field competitors plan to continue their success throughout the remainder of the track season.

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