



The trembling United Kingdom huddles together to protect themselves from Iniquity. He had scared the others away after scorching parts of the land at Drip's birthday party.

Sledge with her pet rock convinces the prince to join the dwarves as he sings about the magnificent Rock City, capitol of the Mountain Stoney.



# The Winter Play

## Visiting the Land of Make-Believe

Every year STAG has a Winter Play and Children's Theatre. This year STAG broadened their talents with a One-Act Musical Play for children called "Of Dragons and Dwarves."

The story all begins when a wizard invites us to take a stroll into the land of dragons and dwarves (Wizard's Overture). "In the Valley Green", the home of the elves, a clumsy yet beautiful princess is chosen as their leader who can't seem to find her prince charming (Just my Luck). Just a glance away you can "See Rock City", the capitol of the Mountain Stoney, where the dwarves choose a handsome prince looking for wisdom as their leader. The prince and princess unite their clans and celebrate with a "United Ditty." Now, the princess wants to marry, but the prince says he wants to be friends first and show her his favorite things like "Rain Upon my Windowpane." After celebrating with a "United Ditty" again, they face a bigger challenge which is the dragon, Iniquity, who says she does evil stuff because it's "Just the Dragon in me." Soon, the princess is captured by Iniquity and the prince can't seem to save her until a frog, who is really the wizard in disguise, gives him advice to "Keep Your Eye on the Ball." The princess is saved, the dragon tamed, and they all live happily ever after.

Although the cast were the ones who actually performed all of the musical numbers, there was much more to "Of Dragons and Dwarves." Just like every other theatre production, there is the production staff. "Production Staff is the backbone of the theater. Without us, the show wouldn't be able to go on," sophomore Valerie Armstrong said. The production staff was led by Laryssa Howe as

Stage Manager, who was assisted by Erica Martin and Rachel Reiner.

A key part of the production staff are the running crewheads. Although Steve Baker and Gagan Singh weren't in the spotlight, they spent many hours on lights making sure the cast was. Kar Singh, sound crewhead, made it certain that the cast's voices could be heard throughout the theater. Valerie Armstrong made the characters of "Of Dragons and Dwarves" come alive with makeup while Jodi Schneider with costumes, and Matt Shuler, Sam McDonald, and Molli Tobin brought props together.

Besides running crews, there is much organizational work to be done. Carly Bella and Andrea Baker spent numerous hours designing the program. Alison Werle sold tickets to people who had heard of the play from publicity lead by Matt Shuler, Jennifer Spugnardi, and Jenny Meeker. Finally, house led by Janet Spugnardi and Lisa Gopman made the lobby a children's playground and served lunch to visitors in fairytale costumes.

Families left the theatre smiling while waving goodbye to Iniquity and the show was considered a success. "Knowing that we played to over 1,100 people, took the show on the road for two performances, and having the author state that this was indeed the best staged and performed representation of his work, I'd say we could put "Of Dragons and Dwarves" to rest knowing it was a success," director Denny Thomas said.

So, just like in any play, there was more to the success of "Of Dragons and Dwarves" than the cast. STAG is really more than what meets the eye.

by Carly Bella



Clip, Sledge, and Spade tell the prince that it is okay if he gives up after losing a fierce match with Iniquity. The prince, although tired, decides that he must fight back and save the princess, the damsel in distress.

Junior Uzma Haq helps freshman Jennifer Scheer transform into her role of Spade. There is much more to a theater production than the actual performance.

### CAST

Wizard.....	Jon Wolper
Frog.....	Suzanne Lennon
	Sherri Wasserman
	David Young
Prince.....	Scott Parrish
Princess.....	Shannon Ott
Iniquity.....	Leigh Ann Fibbe
Clip.....	Lynn Neuman
Snip.....	Mandy Woolfe
Drip.....	Amy Rothman
Mortar.....	Nicky Margolis
Spade.....	Jennifer Scheer
Sledge.....	Charu Juneja
Dwelf.....	Alan Pilosof

