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THE STAGE NORTH production of *Play It Again Sam*, a romantic comedy about the adventures and misadventures of a newly-divorced man will begin a five-night run at Northern Lights College on March 30, with other performances on March 31, and April 5, 6, and 7. Shown here are John Geary (standing) who plays Humphrey Bogart, Catherine Roberts (centre) and Terry Cowles, who plays the lead in the Doug Xenis-directed play.

Stage North sweeps drama awards

DUPS

Stage North's play, "Play It Again, Sam" took the prize for best production at the Peace Zone drama festival in Dawson Creek and is on its way to the Mainstage '90 competition in Chilliwack, June 4-10.

The Fort St. John group won six other awards: outstanding direc-

tion, Doug Xenis; outstanding performance, Terry Cowles; best actress: tie, Catherine Robert, Marian Truscott; excellence in acting: Deirdre Chater, John Geary; best sound and lighting.

Groups chosen to go to Mainstage '90 receive travel assistance from

its sponsor, Theatre B.C.

Dawson Creek's Dionysus Theatre's play, "Bedroom Farce" was selected to go to Chilliwack for scene development, which means the cast will work with a professional director. It also won for best supporting actors, Robert Loucks

and Don Cameron, best supporting actress, Retta Pitt and best costumes.

"The Nerd", produced by the Phoenix Theatre in Fort Nelson, won the best set award. The adjudicator was Laurie Lynds, a retired drama teacher.



Tom Kirschner, Sandi Allan, Chris Gordon

Stage North production well received

By Deborah Butler

Stage North's first production of the season, Ernest Thompson's "Twinkle, Twinkle", was light-hearted entertainment, well received in the informal atmosphere of the Pioneer Inn last weekend.

The play is of a small town mother-of-two, Andrea (Sandi Allan), who unexpectedly realizes her fantasy and meets her soap opera heart throb, Ted Talbot (Chris Gordon). The rather shallow soap star is in the habit of looking up attractive female fans, and after Andrea's husband, Bo Jackson (Tom Kirschner) leaves to go bowling, romance fires up between Andrea and Ted, leading the audience to wonder whether she will or won't succumb.

Sandi Allan's efforts as director as well as leading lady, prove beyond doubt her ability as a talented and engaging actress..

The performance of Tom Kirschner as the somewhat red-necked mechanic, Bo, was delightfully comical. Chris Gordon's imitation of soap actor Ted Talbot was entirely convincing.

The set design and construction was flawless. Although temperatures dipped below -30 both evenings, enough interested people turned out to appreciate the one-act comedy in support of the Arts Centre, to make the dedicated efforts of the Fort St. John drama club worth while.