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DULUTH -- "The Rape of the Belt," a comedy by Benn Levy based on an episode in Greek mythology, will be presented at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday (March 4, 5, 6) in UMD's Old Main Theater.

The play exposes the warrior reputation of the Amazons in the story of the eighth labor of Heracles, played by Terry Markovich of Calumet. He is joined in his adventure by Theseus, played by Thom Peterson of Duluth.

The two journey to the island of the Amazons intent on making off with the queen's belt. It turns out there are two Amazon queens, Antipe played by Carolee Sabin of East Grand Forks and Hippolyte played by Elizabeth Welo of Duluth.

The queens refuse to give up the belt without a fight but don't believe in fighting. According to legend, the Amazons were great fighters and never lost a battle. The play reveals that the reason they never lost a battle was they never fought one.

"The Rape of the Belt" is the last scheduled production of the UMD Theater during winter quarter. The student actors will join the music department in presenting an opera during spring quarter.