

NCCU Opens Theatre Season With Tragedy

By Tom McDonald
A diverse, talented and hardworking cast, under the direction of Assistant Professor Karen Dacons, is busily preparing for the opening pro-

duction of the 1982-83 season of the NCCU Department of Dramatic Art, **Death and the King's Horseman**. It is slated to run October 13-16 at 8:15 p.m. and October 17 at 3:15

p.m. in the University Theatre at the corner of Fayetteville and Lawson streets.

Written by the world renown Nigerian playwright, Wole Soyinka, the play is bas-

ed on events which took place in Oyo, ancient Yoruba City of Nigeria, in 1946. That year, the lives of Elesin (the dead king's chief horseman), his son, and the Colonial District Officer intertwined with the disastrous results set out in the play.

Filled with dancing, drumming, chants, and traditional Nigerian dress in a festival-like atmosphere the show promises to be what Director Dacons calls "a wholly stimulating experience. The script is magic."

To assist in creating an authentic atmosphere through music, costumes, and a thorough understanding of the language for the production, Nigerian born Shola Olaye has been brought in as a consultant/artist in residence. Olaye, who believes that the script is "classic", is a member of the Yoruba tribe. Drummer, dancer, choreographer, actor, writer, singer and stage technician, his talents run the gamut of the theatrical profession. Olaye will lead the orchestra of drums for the production.

The choreography is being staged by Sadiyah Abd-Shakur, a former member of the Chuck Davis Dance Company. She presently runs a studio in African Dance at St. Joseph's Performance Center.

Walter Norflett will play the lead role, Elesin Oba. Norflett, a theatre veteran whose credits include **Our Town**, **Ain't Suppose To Die**

A Natural Death, and **Benny** says that the chance to portray Elesin Oba is "a rare opportunity for an actor. It is a very educational and emotional experience," he added.

Cassandra Simmons-Hunter will play Iyaloja, the elder woman.

"This play deals with a serious, tragic traditional ritual that we people of the western culture may view as sadistic, but 'living' the play has introduced us to the Yoruba culture, a very rich and colorful lifestyle," she said.

James "Wiz" Williams will play the Praise-Singer. He has appeared in **Child of the Sky** and **Purle Victorious**.

Michael Kilman, a professional actor from San Bernardino, Calif., will play Simon Pilkings. Kilman has had major roles in **One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest**, **Canterbury Tales**, **Our Town**, and **A Midsummer Night's Dream**.

Kevin Dill, a sophomore dramatic arts major will play Olunde, Elesin's son.

Other members of the cast include: April Jones, Donna Buie, Denise Coleman, Ivy Burch, Millard Church, Jimmie Green, Yolanda Jones, Venita Ashford, Ramona Long, Louis Manor, Angela Oliver, Jeff Shubert, and Peggy Solveson, and William Strowder.

For reservations call 683-6242 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Monday-Friday Daytime

October 11-15, 1982

	WFMY CH. 2 Cable 11	WPTF CH. 28 Cable 3	WTVD CH. 11 Cable 6	WUNC CH. 4 Cable 9	WTTG CH. 5 Cable 10	WRAL CH. 5 Cable 12	WTBS CH. 17 Cable 13	WGHP CH. 8
7:00	Good Morning	Today	Captain Kangaroo Morning	AMWeather	New Zoo Revue Great Space Coaster	Good Morning America	Fun Time	Good Morning America
7:15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7:30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7:45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8:00	Andy Griffith Mary Tyler Moore	...	...	Gen. Ed. Dev. Electric Company	Porky Pig Bugs & Popeye	...	My Three Sons That Girl	...
8:15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8:30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8:45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9:00	Hour Magazine	Richard Simmons Woman's Page	Donahue	School Television Previews	I Love Lucy My Three Sons	Hour Magazine	Movie:	A. M. Carolina
9:15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9:30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9:45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10:00	One Day At A Time Tattletales	Diff'rent Strokes Wheel Of Fortune	One Day At A Time Alice	...	Leave It To Beaver Andy Griffith	Frog Hollow Edge of Night	...	Richard Simmons Carter Country
10:15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10:30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10:45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
11:00	Price Is Right	Texas	Price Is Right	...	Tom Cottle Chico & The Man	Love Boat	Movie:	Love Boat
11:15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
11:30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
11:45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
12:00	Think You Got Troubles Young & The Restless	The Doctors Search For Tomorrow	News Young & The Restless	...	...	News Ryan's Hope	...	Family Feud Ryan's Hope
12:15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
12:30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
12:45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1:00	As The World Turns	Days of Our Lives	As The World Turns	...	Movie:	All My Children	Movie:	All My Children
1:15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1:30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1:45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2:00	Capitol	Another World	Capitol	...	...	One Life To Live	...	One Life To Live
2:15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2:30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2:45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3:00	Guiding Light	ScoobyDoo	Guiding Light	Over Easy	Popeye	General Hospital	Fun Time	General Hospital
3:15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3:30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3:45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4:00	Mork & Mindy Gilligan's Island	Laverne & Shirley Wonder Woman	Charlie's Angels	Sesame Street	Odd Couple Rhoda	Bugs Bunny Happy Days Again	Addams Family Ozzie & Harriett	People's Court Good Times
4:15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4:30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4:45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5:00	Eight Is Enough	News	Mary Tyler Moore Jeffersons	Mister Rogers Electric Company	Carol Burnett Star Trek	Beverly Hills 90210 Andy Griffith	Partridge Family Hazel	Sanford & Son M.A.S.H.
5:15
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5:45
6:00	News	Star Trek	News	Dr. Who	...	News	My Three Sons	News
6:15
6:30	CBS News	...	CBS News	Doctor In The House	Happy Days Again	ABC News	Father Knows Best	ABC News
6:45

Monday Evening

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7:00	CBS News	NBC News	Jeffersons	MacNeil/Lehrer N.C. People	Three's Company M.A.S.H.	Sanford & Son P.M. Magazine	Green Acres Andy Griffith	Entertain Tonight Tic Tac Dough
7:15	P.M. Magazine	Family Feud	M.A.S.H.	...	...	...	...	...
7:30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7:45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8:00	Square Pegs Pvt. Benjamin	Little House	Square Pegs Pvt. Benjamin	Previn And The Pittsburgh	Star Trek	That's Incredible	TBS Movie:	That's Incredible
8:15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8:30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8:45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9:00	CBS Movie:	NBC Movie:	CBS Movie:	Great Performances	Merv Griffin	NFL FB:	...	NFL FB:
9:15
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9:45
10:00	News	...	TBS News	...
10:15
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10:45
11:00	News 2	Benny Hill	News	Alfred Hitchcock Dave Allen At Large	Soap	News	All In The Family	News
11:15	Quincy	Tonight	M.A.S.H.	...	Kojak	Nightline	TBS Theatre:	Nightline
11:30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
11:45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
12:00	...	...	Rockford Files	...	...	Late Movie:	...	Late Movie:
12:15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
12:30	Columbo	David Letterman	...	...	Starky & Hutch	...	...	...
12:45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Final
- Chapeau
- To and —
- In
- Form of "to be"
- Method
- Diplomatic
- Pony
- Barrel maker
- Hideout
- Voucher
- Excite
- Urgent
- Boy's name
- Blast
- Negative prefix
- Towing vessels
- Beige
- Tardy
- Yale
- Urge
- Grates
- Dismay
- Goddess of discord
- Beam
- Bacchanalian cry
- Juice
- Pronoun
- Withered

DOWN

- Speech defect
- Against
- Upright
- Sway
- Owens
- Fortify
- Instructors
- Flick
- Roué
- Loner
- Plans
- Age
- Clamor
- Package
- Perch
- Greek letter
- Serving dishes
- Penetrating
- Conjunction
- African antelope
- Brag
- Exaltation
- Elevates
- Epoch
- Refreshments
- Girl's name
- Cut
- Without funds
- Dagger

Answer to Puzzle

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