

Entertainment



"The Glass Menagerie"

by Winnie Kennedy

The Winston-Salem State University's Drama Guild under the direction of Dr. Fred Eady recently presented "The Glass Menagerie," a drama written by the late Tennessee Williams.

The characters were Amanda Wingfield played by Miriam Frazier and her two children, Tom and Laura Wingfield played by Blair Page and Sharon Edmond. Joseph Brinton played the part of Jim D. O'Connor the gentleman caller who had a small part at the conclusion of the play.

Amanda is a woman living in her daydreams of past glories, which consisted of many beaux and possibilities of marrying and continuing her genteel Southern lifestyle. She cannot face the reality of her hopeless existence of dire poverty in the St. Louis slums.

Deserted by her husband she has become a frustrated, nagging woman driven by her desire to push her children into succeeding where she has failed. In this pushing she has caused Tom to escape into alcohol and the unrealistic world of the movies and shy, crippled Laura has her illusions, she plays with her glass animal collection and listens to records day in and day out.

Hopes for the future comes with a gentleman dinner guest. Amanda immediately sees him as a husband for Laura and Tom would then be free of his obligation as caretaker of his mother and sister.

This dream is shattered when Jim announces he is engaged to be married. The despair eventually pushes Tom to his limit and he at last leaves his home, mother and sister.

I was very impressed with Sharon Edmond's portrayal of sad Laura. She did a great job as the oppressed, crippled daughter of an overbearing mother.

This was the third time I've had the privilege of seeing Miriam Frazier on stage. Miriam has great talent, but I suspect there's a bit of the comedian buried under the dramatic roles I've seen her do. The role of Amanda was a very demanding part and she did it well. But I believe her flair for comedy kept her from making Amanda the true despairingly tragic figure which she was. I hope someday to see Miriam in a comedy just to see if my suspicions are correct.

Along with the audience I enjoyed the play very much. I have long been a fan of Tennessee Williams and enjoy the depth and intensity of the characters he has created. It's always a pleasure to see one of his plays and my hat is off to the Drama Guild for a tough job that was well done!



Congratulations Creative Writing Contest Winners

Poetry

1. Benita Perry - "A Crowded Rain"
2. Cynthia Stivender - "Black Woman"
2. Michael Reid - "Growing Up"
3. Karen J. O'Linn - "Carnival Bells"

Fiction

1. Felecia Mosely - "Hmmm..."
2. Cheryl Lide - "The Learning Process in Black-N-White"
3. Cynthia Stivender - "Blacker Than My Hair"

Honorable Mention

- Anthony Billings - short story - "Back From War"

WSSU's Dance Troupe Holds Spring Recital

by Karla B. Barksdale

The WSSU Dance Group held its Annual Spring Recital recently in the K.R. Williams Auditorium.

The dancers performed a variety of selections, one of which was dedicated to the late Marvin Gaye.

Graduating senior, Pam Smith, danced her final appearance with the dance troupe. She danced to "Out Here On My Own."

The members of the WSSU Modern Dance Class were guest performers for the evening. Two members of the class, Elliot Lowery and Kim Williams performed a duet.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of a token of appreciation to the group's advisor, Mrs. Vivienne Conley. This is the last year Mrs. Conley will advise the group.



The "Gospel" performed by the WSSU Dancers.

Lip Sync Contest

by Mike Taylor

Lip Sync Contest

The News Argus' "An Evening With The Stars," a Lip Sync Contest, was a big success on April 15, at the K.R. Williams Auditorium.

There were nine acts which included: The Time, who won 1st place; (\$50.00); The Gotham City Rockers, 2nd place (\$25.00); WSSU for Africa who won (\$15.00) 3rd place; The Supremes, The Mary Jane Girls, Ready For The World, Run/DMC, Roxanne Shantes & UTFO, and Jeffrey Osborne. The music consisted of Soul, Top 40, Rap, and Punk Funk.

The Time stole the show, with dance routines taken from Prince's "Purple Rain" movie. Kent Beatty, the choreographer for The Time, says that their goals for the lipsync contest were "to win 1st & 2nd place, but he really didn't think it was possible." "We decided to enter the show because we already practiced our dance routines for the Gotham City Club's show which was postponed," explained Beatty.

The members of The Time included: Kent Beatty, Mike King, Chuck Bennett, Tony McKay, Greg Gillis, Terry Brox, and Albert Tapp, are all members the Gotham City Club of WSSU, and they are all from Fayetteville, N.C. The money they won was put in the club treasury.

Deborah Sharpe, came up with the idea for WSSU for Africa.

The news media was constantly talking about the famine in Ethiopia and the song, "We Are The World," was a hit.

Many of the participants in this group dressed similar to the actual singers who had specific parts in the song.

The New Argus would like to thank all of the participants in their first lip sync contest. They would also like to thank all of the people who attended the program.

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1st Place

"Gotham City Rockers"

2nd Place

"WSSU For Africa"

3rd Place

From The News Argus Staff