

FEATURES...

Freshmen featured in 'The Wiz'

Anthony Davis, a freshman at St. Augustine's, was featured as the Yellow Brick Road in Raleigh Little Theatre's production of the raucous soul musical, "The Wiz" which played at the theatre on Pogue Street until September 25.

When not providing the "path" for Dorothy and her pals' journey to the Emerald City, Anthony appeared as a Winged Monkey and a citizen of the enchanted city.

"The Wiz," the Geoffrey Holder-Charlie Smalls takeoff on L. Frank Baum's classic "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz," retells Dorothy's fantasy with saucy black urban humor, colorful innuendo, imaginative dance and songs ranging from gospel to blues to ballads.

All the familiar characters and situations have been given a hip and very funny twist, while maintaining Dorothy's innocence and sense of wonder.

Witches, good and bad, still live in Oz, along with crows and winkies and kalidahs, battling flying monkeys and brave mice, and the baddest dude of all, the Wiz.

For RLT, "The Wiz" is another in a series of very demanding popular musicals. Following the hugely successful and critically acclaimed productions of "Evita" and "Little Shop of Horrors" in the previous two years, Director Haskell Fitz-Simmons has put together an outstanding twenty-seven member cast.

"The Wiz" opened on Broadway in 1975 to cautious reviews that quickly turned to raves.

This Top-40 style romp down the yellow brick road wound up with seven Tony awards, and was made into a hit movie starring Diana Ross before it closed in 1979 after 1,672 performances.

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Saint Aug Community Theatre receives funds for 1988-89 year

Edited by Brenda Young

Saint Augustine's College Community Theatre has received grants totaling \$12,500 to assist in this year's program.

According to Mrs. Lulu Robinson, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Capital Area Arts Foundation gave the program a \$10,000 grant.

With the support of the Wake County Grass Roots Arts Committee, the N.C. Arts Foundation and the Grassroots Arts Bill added another \$2,500 that will assist the College's Community Theatre program in financing its 1988-89 year.

The Saint Augustine's College Community Theatre was founded in 1985 with the intent to fill an entertainment void in Wake County by providing quality theatre, by employing the talents of professional and amateur artists from the Raleigh Community.

Mrs. Robinson said, this vehicle was also

designed to promote and increase public knowledge and appreciation of the theatre arts, emphasizing the contribution of the Black experience to the theatre.

The program is mainly funded and supported by Saint Augustine's College.

The project was initially funded in part by the City of Raleigh Arts Commission through the Grassroots Arts Program of the N.C. Arts Council, a state agency.

Over the past three years the program has received funding assistance to the tune of just over \$24,000 including the current grant, and funding from International Business Machines (IBM).

Community Theatre Director, David Mitchell says, "We have produced productions, that have been well received by the community with excellent participation from the community in all of the productions, as well as our student body."

Saint Augustine's Community Theatre 1988-89 Season Schedule

Production I
October 20-23, 1988

"The Glory Road"
By David Mitchell

Production II
March 9-12, 1989

"The Night of Baker's End"
By Ted Shine

NC Black College
Theatre Festival

April 7, 1989

Production III
April 20-23, 1989

"A Star Ain't Nothin But
A Hole In Heaven"
By Judi Mason-Williams

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