

Riverdance is great entertainment for all

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Sometimes we complain that Raleigh has nothing to offer, but I was proven wrong just a few days ago.

Running until Jan. 26, *Riverdance - The Show* is a great mix of music, song and dance that carries its audience through a river of emotions. Lacking much dialogue and replacing plot with a simple theme, *Riverdance* still manages to keep its audience satisfied with its lyrical dance, poetic songs, and the breathtaking folk music of the Irish.

The dancers were each amazing in their own right, and those in the principle roles shone brightly. The flamenco dancer, Rosa Manzano Jiménez, shows that traditional Irish dance can be integrated well into another cultural style.

However, the greatest example of a cultural mix

is found in "Trading Taps." In the scene, three black street dancers juxtapose their style against that of three traditional Irish dancers. The six men duel each other and show off their skills, stealing cheers and laughter from the audience. In the end, they come together as one unit of talent, personality and beauty.

Any seat in the house is great, and tickets should still be available for the last few shows. Call Raleigh Memorial Auditorium or Ticketmaster to get tickets and information.

As for future shows, the Broadway series in downtown Raleigh has *The Full Monty*, *Grease* and *Phantom of the Opera* on the schedule. Tickets are on sale now through the auditorium box office and Ticketmaster.com for these spring productions.

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protest is just one among many organized by the group ANSWER (Act Now to Stop War and End Racism). They currently have protests in 25 countries throughout the world. The Rev. Jesse Jackson spoke in Washington saying, "Let's choose mind over missiles and negotiation over confrontation."

Canberra, Australia, is in a state of emergency with four people dead and 400 homes destroyed because of fires. The worst fire Australia has seen in 50 years unfortunately came as it also faces one of its worst droughts. Firefighters continue to try to control the fire.

Twenty people were injured and seven died in India after a cable that was holding up a cable car broke. This was one of many cable car accidents to occur; in 1999, 20 people were killed in a cable car accident at a French resort.

In Afghanistan, six American soldiers were wounded this week.

Military officials said that five of the six injuries were possibly caused by Afghanistan's Al Qaeda supporters. Two of the injuries occurred when a bomb went off under a vehicle, and another soldier was shot in the leg while patrolling in Afghanistan.

The United Kingdom has also begun to deploy soldiers to the Gulf in its first military action towards Iraq. Troops should be stationed in Kuwait sometime in February.

Study Abroad Information Fair

One Day Only:
Tuesday, Jan. 28, in the Cate
Center Lobby
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- Talk to students and faculty who have participated!
- Ask questions about financial aid, language requirements, credits and more!
- Get all your questions answered!

COOKIES PROVIDED!

Campus Events

The class of 2003 will have its 103rd Night celebration on Saturday, Jan. 25, at 6:30 p.m. in Belk Dining Hall.

The Meredith International Association will show the movie *Amelie* on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the lounge on 2nd Cate. The movie is being shown as part of MIA Week and is free for all Meredith students. On Friday, MIA will host a bake sale on 1st Cate from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The Firefly Coat Drive for the Raleigh Salvation Army will be collecting coats through Saturday, Jan. 25. You can drop off your gently used coat in the lobby of the new Science and Math Building or outside the Learning Center (122 Jones). Contact Alicia Schlitz for more information.

