

## Great performances bring *Widow's Row* to life

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*The Dance on Widow's Row* will be performed at Raleigh Little Theatre Feb. 5-8 and Feb. 12-15 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 9 and 16 at 3 p.m. The show will be at the Cantey V. Sutton Main Stage Theatre on Pogue Street.

The story follows four black widows, rich from insurance pay-offs from their nine deceased husbands. The widows, who have rightfully been given a reputation for being "husband killers," decide to throw a party for four handsome bachelors in order to save their reputation while having fun in the meantime.

The play's writer, Samm-Art Williams, gives his play comedic appeal from cunning one-liners and characters full of personality. With only seven cast members, each actor equally shares the spotlight.

Magnolia Ellis, played by Barbette Hunter, is the hostess of this dangerous party. She has outlived two husbands and one boyfriend but has no reservations about jumping back in the saddle.

Simone "Simi" Jackson, played by Andrea R. Smith, is a confident actress who believes she has not only outlived her husband of many years, but also has outgrown the small town of Port Town, N. C.

Annie Talbot, played by Angela Ray, is a dedicated churchgoer who treats the audience to a dramatic change under the influence of one handsome deacon. Unfortunately, men rarely approach her because they know she buried four husbands.

Lois Miller, played by Sherida McMullan, is a beautiful woman with the unfortunate reputation of poisoning her previous two husbands.

All three women blame their bad luck on the neighborhood. Supposedly all their problems began when they moved to Widow's Row. The street is home to several widows who have given up on trying to save their reputations. But these four women will not give up so easily.

The lucky gentlemen invited to this party include Deacon Hudson, portrayed by LaMark Wright. Deacon Hudson has no fear of attending this party and soon finds that he is admired by not only his hostess Miss Magnolia, but the reserved Annie Talbot as well.

Newly Benson, played by C. Delton Streeter, unwillingly attends the affair and is uncomfortable throughout the evening because of the widows' nonchalant referrals to their husbands' untimely deaths.

Kenneth Hinton plays the handsome and fashionable Randolph Spears, who will gladly get to know any of the four beautiful widows better.

The performers are incredible and promise two and a half hours of laughter and mystery as you wonder if the gentlemen will survive the night.

For ticket information, call the Raleigh Little Theatre box office at 821-3111 or 821-4579, ext. 230 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

## World News Briefs

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- Heavy rains in Indonesia resulted in deadly landslides. The landslides submerged the island of Java and blocked a railway line that connects Java to Jakarta. At least 14 people are dead but as of last Wednesday, rescue workers were still looking for survivors.

- Spain, Italy, Portugal, Hungary, Poland, the Czech Republic and Denmark have said they will join Tony Blair and the UK in the battle to disarm Saddam Hussein. Spain is the only one of these countries, however, that is a member of the UN Security Council. A spokesperson for Prime Minister Blair said there was a link between al-Qaeda and Iraq supporting the claims of the U.S.

- A United States Federal Court sentenced Richard Reid to life in prison. Reid boarded American Airlines Flight 63 on Dec. 22, 2001, with plans to blow the plane up with shoe bombs. While Reid did plead guilty to the charges filed against him, he said, "I pledge to Osama bin Laden. I'm an enemy of your country." Reid faced eight charges, including

carrying weapons of mass destruction and attempted murder.

- Police in London arrested a possible terrorist before he could act. Last Tuesday, British police officers arrested 27-year-old Kamel Bourgass. He has been charged with violating the Criminal Law Act for trying to produce a chemical weapon and also for violating the Terrorism Act for having articles that could be used for terrorist attacks.

- In Sydney, Australia, a train derailed during the peak passenger time leaving many injured and some dead. Rescue efforts have been difficult because the wreck site is only accessible by foot and because embankments are present on both sides of the wreck. As of last Tuesday, rescue workers knew of eight dead and 16 people who were trapped. It is not yet known what caused the crash.

- Iraq has invited the UN inspectors back into Baghdad. Hans Blix and Mohamed El Baradei, two chief UN inspectors, will be presenting their report to the UN Security Council on Feb. 14. The invitation comes from Iraq following a briefing last Monday in which inspectors said, "Iraq had not shown 'genuine

acceptance' of the UN's demands on disarmament."

- In Britain, 4,500 more reservists are being sent to the Gulf to prepare for a possible war with Iraq. British Prime Minister Tony Blair said, "There has been plenty of opportunity for Saddam to comply with the weapons inspectors. He has not done so at the moment." It is estimated that Great Britain will ultimately have 30,000 troops in the Gulf.

- Botswana has sent several illegal immigrants back home to Zimbabwe, approximately 1,600 per month. Citizens leave Zimbabwe, which is plagued by political turmoil, economic hardships and food shortages hoping to find work in Botswana. Botswana and South Africa are the wealthiest countries in the area. Botswana accepts about 125,000 legal immigrants every week.

- Cambodian government officials have apologized for riots that forced hundreds of Thais to flee their country. The attack was said to be infiltrated by extremists who were angered over attacks on Cambodians in Bangkok. The Cambodian government plans to pay for the rebuilding of the Thai Embassy and to protect those who fled the country.

- A U.S. helicopter crashed in Kabul, Afghanistan, killing all four crewmembers. The Black Hawk helicopter came down near Bagram Air Base, but the cause of the crash is not known. Military sources did say that they did not believe it was caused by an enemy action. Crew members' names have not yet been released.

### Black Emphasis Month 2003 Meredith College "The Fabric of Our Heritage"

Thursday February 6th  
*Rhapsody In Black: An Evening of Poetry* 6:30 pm Chapel Common Room  
Poets are welcomed to perform!! Refreshments will be served

Wednesday, February 12th  
*Black Emphasis Month Worship Service* 10:00 am Jones Chapel

Sunday, February 16th *Gospel Fest "Uniting Community Through Song"*  
3:30 pm. Jones Auditorium

Thursday, February 27th *Soul Food Cinema School Daze*  
(Dinner and a movie) 6:30 pm Chapel Common Room

All events are free!!!

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