# Davis, Dancers Give Stellar Performance

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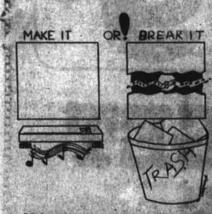
Chuck Davis and the African-American Dancers were at Davidson College Wednesday and it's a pity that more people weren't in attendance.

Those who were there though, received a cultural experience, both rich and unforgettable.

Few events cater to the entire family; however, the Chuck Davis ensemble is an exception. It was an exception in every sense of the word. Five dancers, two musicians and Mr. Davis himelf held a captive audience in the

Opening the program, Davis in welcoming the audience, explained what the audience would he seeing and explained certain meanings of the dancers bodily restures to the audience.

The dancing, I must say was electrifying. Whether dancing



Make it or Break it is back and we've got a few new tunes that

we've reviewed.

So let's get started. Fela Anikulapo-Kuti, who calls himself the king of afro beat makes it with his new release, "Teacher Don't Teach Me No Nonsense". The album is a mixture of funk, jazz, highlife highlife and African roots

Next? Teja Sevelle has made her debut with an album of the same name. She's got a strong influence from Prince who contributed to her album, so it's not surprising that her sound mimics

the Purple Rain man. Still we're calling it a make it.

Do you remember Slave? Do you remember Aurra? Well, now the group calls itself Deja, but evidently from the opinion of the MIBI member who reviewed the lip, no matter what permethants.

In member who reviewed the lp, no matter what name they go under they still know how to make good music.

We've got another rap group for you and while we don't expect a lot of uniqueness from rappers, we feel that Velore & Double O musicing it as a lot of uniqueness from rappers. alifies it as a make it, bec its lyrics are a lot cleaner than a ot of other rappers out there.

singly or as a unit, the Chuck Da-vis Dancers performed with both enthusiasm, and skill.

Personally, I find that there is something highly stimulating about the African dance. Often throughout the evening I found myself unconsciously moving to the beat, losing my self in the music, in the movement, in the chants and in the words.

This performance required participation of the audience who were clearly instructed to respond 'Amaa" each time Davis said

The highlight of the evening came when dancers selected nearly a fourth of the audience to dance with them. Where were these people's inhibitions? Somehow I got the feeling that inhibitions flew out the window as soon as the dancers began swaying to

"Love, Peace, Respect For Everybody," cried Davis who had the audience to repeat his words and then to give hugs to the person

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