

Battalion Review

Broadway show a 'clear winner'

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Broken hearts, lost dreams and forgotten pasts gave all three the right to sing the blues, and singing they did — to the near capacity crowd at Rudder Theater Tuesday.

"Blues in the Night," presented by MSC Town Hall Broadway is the musical story of three women who live in a cheap hotel and sing the blues to get them through the long rainy night. The scenery allows them to have their separate rooms, telling their similar stories separately, and coming together a few times to sing together.

Blues opened with a number

that explained why all three are blue. Della Reese, the star of the show plays the lady of the road who used to be at the top but now is nowhere. Her room is a museum to her past, her costume trunk in one corner and a screen covered with programs of her old shows and memorabilia. She's waiting for a call from TOBA.

"You know, Theater Owner's Booking Association," she told the audience. "We always called it Tough on Black Asses."

Reese was clearly the hit of the show, singing upbeat comical tunes such as "Kitchen Man," to a moving number "Wasted Life Blues."

Dialogue in the show was al-

most non-existent, but the music was well chosen. The music was a combination of tunes from the 20s and 30s, and even though it was not written for the musical, it carried the story.

The woman of the world, played by Cynthia White, had a once-posh life and now has nothing but memories and the four walls in her rented room. White sang well early in the show, but began showing her true talent in Act Two. She has an ability to sing sad songs like "Low," and belt out gutsy tunes like "Rough and Ready Man," about the kind of man she wants.

Christina Baker filled in for Neva Small to play the third

woman, the girl with a date. Baker, who looked a little too old to be a girl, sang well, but wasn't as convincing as her two co-stars. She opens the first act anticipating a date and by the end of the act is singing the blues after being stood up.

All three sing the blues while the saloon singer, played by Clem Moorman, watches on. In the middle of the musical, he breaks in singing "Wild Women Don't Have the Blues."

"Blues in the Night," nominated for a Tony for best musical, was a clear winner. The combination of sad, upbeat and satirical blues songs sung by talented women made the evening a success.



Photos by JOHN MAKELY

Della Reese, Cynthia White, Christina Baker (left to right) perform in "Blues

in The Night" presented by Town Hall last night in Rudder Theater.

Horses die from lead poisoning in feed

United Press International
CAMP GRADY SPRUCE — Veterinarians Tuesday were

trying to determine the source of lead contaminated feed that killed 19 of the 50 horses at a West Texas YMCA camp since December.

Dr. John Reagar, chief of toxicology at the Texas Veterinarian Diagnostic Center in Bryan, said the lead poisonings at the Palo Pinto County camp west of Fort Worth appeared to be accidental and isolated.

"All the horses consumed the lead, but none of the survivors

shows severe clinical signs," Reagar said. "There was lead contamination in an ingredient of the horse feed."

Graham veterinarian Dr. Glen Rogers said the latest of 19 deaths occurred Monday, but he expects seven more may have to be destroyed because of side effects.

YMCA President John Davis in Dallas said the horses may have consumed the contaminated feed as far back as Octo-

ber but the first death did not occur until Dec. 20.

Reagar said officials did not pinpoint the cause of the problem until the second week of March, but did not think the poison was mixed intentionally.

Correction

Two candidates for Residence Hall positions were left out Monday's Voter's Guide. The candidates are: Gina Harlow, candidate for president; and Michelle Fisher, candidate for vice president. The Battalion regrets the omission.

Police beat

The following incidents were reported to the University Police Department through Tuesday:

- MISDEMEANOR THEFT:**
 - A black Schwinn ten-speed bicycle was stolen from the Moore Hall bike rack.
 - A Sony Walkman stereo was stolen from 216 Memorial Student Center.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:**
 - Several campaign signs near Houston and Ross Streets were knocked over and broken.
 - Someone kicked the left door panel of a car parked on Logg Street, leaving several dents.
- BURGLARY:**
 - A jewelry box containing \$10,300 in gold jewelry was stolen from a student's dorm room in Cain Hall.

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