The tragedy Macbeth, or the “Scottish Play” as it is called, was written by William Shakespeare in 1606. The story tells of an ambitious man driven mad by prophecies. A classic play studied by most students before they arrived to the College in high school, Shakespeare in the Dark’s production worked to focus on new aspects.

Shakespeare in the Dark is a student-run organization “devoted to promoting interest in classical theatre, specifically the works of William Shakespeare” according to the group’s website. Created in 1997, the club normally presents one show per semester. Actors are taken from all facets of the campus; undergraduates, graduates, and even faculty members make up the cast and crew of a normal Shakespeare in the Dark production. Performed as an early spring semester production, the club put together a memorable performance of Macbeth.

Director’s Note:
Shakespeare’s audience believed in the existence of supernatural beings. It was also accepted that every now and then, a bit of that supernatural world can overlap with our natural one - that fairies happen, and so do witches. The three witches in the Scottish Play interact with the Macbeth twice, and often retreat to their supernatural world between and after, but our witches are more than incidental. They are a constant presence whether they are merely watching events unfold, subtly shifting the odds in their own favor, or breathing down a man’s neck unnoticed. They are dark elemental forces that no human has power over, because they inhabit a higher order of the world.

Now, what happens when a man tries to step into that order and gets in over his head? The Macbeths try; they believe they can deal with the aftermath of accepting the Witches’ prophecy, but like an ant marching across a child’s hand, they never realize who is truly in control.

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Keegan Cassidy
Austin Piette
Ryan Suders

Macbeth
Lady Macbeth
Macduff
Ross
Lennox
Malcolm
Banquo
First Witch/Gentlewoman
Second Witch/Third Murderer
Third Witch
Duncan/Steward
Angus/Lord
Lady Macduff/Doctor
Messenger/Second Murderer/Young Steward
First Murderer
Porter/Servant
Seyton/Sergeant/Old Man
Macduff’s son
Honey