‘Desire Under the Elms’ Tests Love

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“Desire Under the Elms” opened yesterday at the Lied Education Center for the Arts.

This play is about an older man, Ephraim Cabot, who marries 35-year-old Abbie. In a twist of love, Abbie falls head over heels for Eben Simeon, Cabot’s son.

The plot thickens, as many surprises unfold within Eben and Abbie’s love life, creating quite a stir in the play.

The cast members include a range of undergraduates, including senior Mark Bentzen and senior Mindy Hammontree.

Tim Reilly, a senior, has taken on the title of dramaturge, who researches the background of the play. As dramaturge Reilly is completing his bachelor of fine arts (BFA) thesis.

Ann Silvester designed the lighting for “Desire Under the Elms” as her BFA thesis requirement. Freshman Helen Stunkard is stage manager.

Nicole Cannon, Arts & Sciences junior, says the set is a spectacular replica of a 21-foot high house.

“The play is a very difficult script, because it is written in 19th century New England dialect,” she said.

Admission to “Desire Under the Elms” is $5 for seniors, faculty and students and $7 for general admission.

It will show April 10-13 and April 16-19 at 8 p.m.

At a Glance
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When: 8 p.m. April 10-13, 16-19.
Where: Lied Center Stage
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