

Thoughts ad Shadows of a Native Son

Armed Robbery

Calling all cars, calling all cars be on the lookout for dangerous Sam His looks can be considered extremely dangerous.

Taken from their homes, Stolen from their soil brought to the New Land to suffer and toil,

Chained and shackled hand and hand Sold on the auction blocks, as mere contraband Black seed, black gold, black Wealth, Capitalism Red, black, and green dashikis, Handcraft, Manufactured, Commercialism Who are these robbers that continue this crime?

The chains were unlocked in 1863, but two links remained still holding secure a nation of People that still survives. Thrown behind bars, put in the hole, beaten in their heads until blood hath shed. But we're still here,

Now today as many years has gone by, these victims of despair have still survived. Can't they see that we'll never die or Succumb to their evil ways? With all the corruption and destruction in this world, who knows, we may be living in the last days.

II

For these crimes a charge was brought to order in the Court of the Universe:

Trial: Evil vs. Law of Nature

Date: The time is no longer significant for evil and corruptness has taken its boil for those who have abused the "Law of Nature".

Crime: Stealing, armed robbery, and abusing the Law of nature.

Defendent: Evil

Complainant: Law of Nature

Charge: The defendent is charged with stealing, armed robbery, and iniquity.

The judge of the **Universe** presides:

"The defendent has been charged with stealing, armed robbery and iniquity. The verdict has been decided. You shall receive for the remainder of your life's existence the truth of "**Revelations**", because evidently when you went to alien shores to commit your crime, and proclaimed in the name of God to denounce African heathenism;* you forgot to read the Chapter of "**Revelations**", and by-passed "**Genesis**".

The case is dismissed:

And so the case ended Evil spent his remaining days reading the Bible.

Merriam-Webster writes:

***heathen**-a person who does not believe in the God of the Bible; one who is not a Jew, Christian, or Moslem:

A person thought of as uncivilized or as worshipping false gods.

Handwritten in 1973

A REFLECTION OF MY PUBLIC SCHOOL YEARS THRU 1973

For blacks in America the 1976 bicentennial year will not mark 200 years of independence. It will rather mark 200 years of struggle, of despair, and of historical moments of "trial and tribulation". A mere textbook of American History cannot present the reality of black folk in

American history. Nor can CBS document the subjugation of blacks, or the moment when a black child was taken from his mother to be sold on a mohogany auction block. At least they haven't in their minute film clips of the way it was 200 years go. So I ask you CBS and your sponsors, is this the way it was 200 years ago for all Americans?

POST MORTEM: A NATIVE SPIRIT IN '76

As I reflected back on my years of reading and writing from 12 years of public school education, I found that somethings, like most things in my public school American History texts, need rewriting. This year marking a bicentennial celebration in America inspires me to write "a book of changes." Since it will take a devoted "time and mind" to write, I only plant a few inspired thoughts.

Respectfully yours, from a Native Son,
Eric L. Jackson

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FRED CHAPPELL

FOR A POETRY READING

8:15 Monday-February 16th In

Founders Lounge by the Fireplace Fred Chappell is Professor in the MFA Program for creative writing at U.N.C.G., teacher of film studies, and a well-published poet as well as novelist. His works appear in the Greensboro Review and are available at The Prodigy.

It's "Poysonal!"

"Snicker, snicker!!!"
You know who

Good luck to the Shore Buns on the court - Go get 'em!

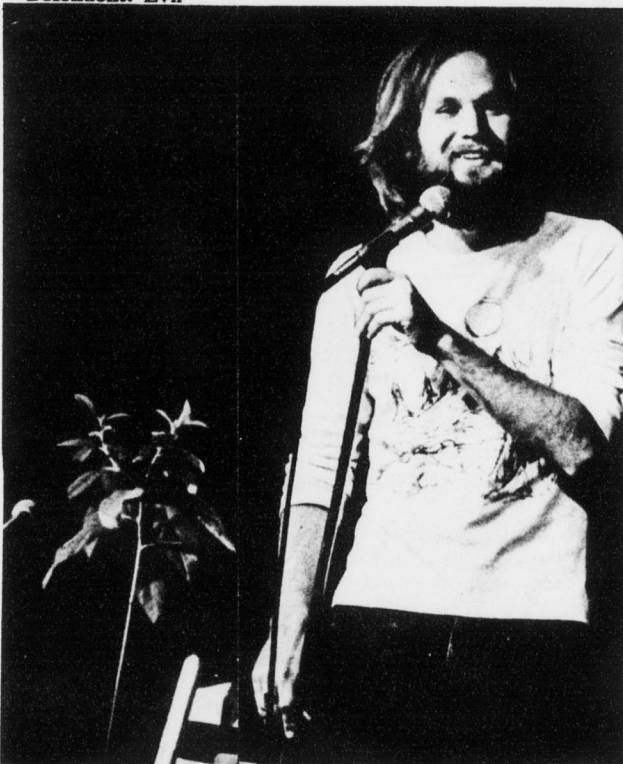
Is there really a guy named Al in 104?

Good luck to the Four Musketeers in their basketball games, especially the bench warmer.

Ed

Sex Roles Discussed

The Women's Center would like to invite both men and women interested in discussing the changing sex roles to a discussion in the Women's Center (upstairs Founders, in the suite next to the Passion Pit) on Wednesday, February 11 at 6:00 p.m.



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