



RODGERS

Rod Rodgers Dance Company to Be Presented at N. C. Central U.

DURHAM—Rod Rodgers Dance Company will be presented at 8:15 p.m., Thursday, March 8, in North Carolina Central University's B. N. Duke Auditorium.

The presentation is a part of NCCU's annual Lyceum Series. Admission is free.

Rodgers, a young black choreographer, appears himself as part of the troupe. His own extensive experience in dance enables him to achieve critically acclaimed performances featuring the entire troupe.

Dance Magazine says, "Rod Rodgers' dancers perform, with an obvious pride, works which are worth going out of your way to see."

"Rodgers' big talent in rhythm—natural, never forced. He does not follow the beat, he plays with it, travels in and around it, and his counterpoint always feels right."

Rodgers, says the New York Times' Dan McDonagh, "can create a beautiful exercise in de sign like 'Percussion Suite' or use a contemporary theme successfully as in 'Now!!! Nigga.'"

Rodgers and his troupe, the nucleus of which consists of choreographers in their own right, will also present a master class for students of the dance at 4 p.m., Wednesday, March 7, in R. L. McDougald Gymnasium.

HILLSIDE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI TO SPONSOR FABULOUS REUNION

The Alumni, Class of 1940, of Hillside High School in Washington, D.C., is sponsoring a "Fabulous Forties Ball" on Saturday, April 21st from 10 to 2 at the Mayflower Hotel, Grand Ball Room, 1127 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. Dress is Semi-Formal.

The D.C. Chapter and Hosts are: E.D. Lloyd, Lula Graham Carr, Nola McCloud Perry, Dr. Warren Strudwick, Ray Buie, Henry Williams, Geraldine Williams Lee, Ruth Smith, Alma

Ruth Davis Jones, Dr. David H. Weaver and Marvin Tuten.

Hillside alumni of any class who wish to attend this affair or who want further information, should contact Mrs. Nola McCloud Perry, 6501 14th St., N.W., No. 102, Washington, D.C. 20012, by March 10th.

LONDON — A centuries-old crypt beneath London's ancient guild hall has been opened to the public after extensive restoration. The crypt, believed to date back to 1250, was partly destroyed by the Great Fire of London in 1666.

Genocide in Black Community Topic for Black Youth Forum

Ken Beckford, program director for Help House in Durham, spoke to the Black Youth Forum on January 20, 1973.

Brother Beckford's discussions centered on "Genocide in the Black Community; Narcotics." The discussion focused on the Historical Analysis of Drugs, Politics of Drugs and The Economics of Drugs.

The Historical Analysis of Drugs, Politics of Drugs as Brother Beckford explained began with the Opium Wars, around the 1840's. In talking to the Youth Group he gave dates, events and an analysis on Narcotics and its rise to popularity and concern. Brother Beckford stated that, "Drugs or Narcotics and loud colors did not reach the South until the 1960's and 1970's 'Pop Rock' such as, I Wanna

take you higher, Cloud Nine, Pseudellie Shack and others enhance the use of Drugs by our people."

The politics of Drugs was another area that was focused on in the Discussion. Brother Beckford explained that, "Narcotics has been in the Black Community for a long time. Recent commercials ads, and tough laws emerged from the present concern of other communities to demolish their Drug problems. Brother Beckford was asked to respond to the movie Superfly. He explained that Superfly was an enemy of the people. Brother Beckford went on to say that junkies not only ruin themselves but also the community."

The last point of discussion by Brother Beckford involved the Economics of Drugs. He

Thompson Will Not Drop Out

RALEIGH, N.C.—(UPI)—North Carolina State basketball star David Thompson said here recently he intends to play out his eligibility at the university and not drop out to play professional ball.

"At the present time, I am not interested in pro ball, nor am I interested in talking with any pro agents," said the 18-year-old sophomore, currently averaging 25.3 points a game. Thompson said he was issuing the statement "only to clear the air."

SEVERAL newspapers during the past two days had carried stories quoting Marty Blake, operator of a network of professional scouts, as one of only a half dozen college basketball players ready for the pros.

Blake was quoted as saying he didn't understand why Thompson remained in school, and that "I don't think he has anything to gain, except he'll probably blow \$100,000 by staying in school."

Bugner Coming Champ

LAS VEGAS, NEV. Muhammad Ali is willing to admit he made a mistake in assessing Joe Bugner.

"Give Joe two more years," he said following a close 12-round unanimous decision over the 23-year-old Englishman, "and he will be the world heavyweight champion."

ALI, 33, HAD predicted another St. Valentine's Day massacre and a seventh-round knockout but he was lucky to escape with a victory. The surprising Bugner wasn't even on the verge of a knockout.

Posting his 10th straight victory since his 1971 loss to smokin' Joe Frazier, Ali was a 58-52, 57-54, and 55-53 winner on the three judges' scorecards. "It was 'my condition' and speed that pulled me through," boking's folk hero said. "If I had been carrying 10 extra pounds, I could easily have lost."

IMPROVING his record to 41-1, the former Cassius Clay took the last three rounds on the cards of judges Roland Dakin, Lou Tabat, and Ralph Moss, by 5-4 scores on Nevada's five-point must system.

If Ali, who came in at 217½ compared with Bugner's 219, expected an easy fight, he found out early it wasn't going to be that way. Bugner sent Ali back off-balance with a right early in the opening round.

Then he tagged the ex-champ with a series of lefts and rights to the head that sent Ali back on his heels.

THE HUNGARIAN-BORN Bugner, who won the European heavyweight crown for the second time in October, was cut over his left eye in the second round and it stayed open most of the rest of the way.

Bugner was in command until the sixth and the seventh, when Ali attempted to make his knockout prediction come true. But although Ali won the sixth and the seventh, Bugner came back until the 10th - Ali's best round. Ali belted his former sparring partner around the ring and had his face a mask of blood.

BUGNER, WHO was a 20-1 underdog in his own hometown of London, said Ali never had him in trouble.

A crowd of 5,700 paid a gate of \$298,000 for the fight at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

SPORTS



SMITH & QUIETT

Willie Sherrod Smith Named Head Coach at N. C. Central U.

Willie Sherrod Smith, a native of Portsmouth, Virginia has been tapped as the new football coach at NCCU.

At his first news conference held on Monday, February 19, the newly appointed football coach impressed upon those present the confidence and pride bestowed upon him to carry on the winning tradition in football that has been established by retiring former coach George Quiett, in the MEAC Conference. Smith also has the reputation of being one of the most respected coaches in the Mid-Eastern Conference at Maryland-Eastern Shore.

He stated frankly that "with-out apprehension and with confidence as head coach, he felt the outstanding tradition started by Coach Quiett would continue." Smith continued "I see it as a great challenge—one which I welcome. I feel quite fortunate to become affiliated with an institution which has a reputation of athletic and academic excellence."

The 41-year-old Smith, brings with him a coaching philosophy which is based on dedication, hardwork and simplicity. Asked about possible types of formation he would use, Smith said he would probably use the Wisconsin offense and many other variations of it that might produce the winning combinations. He also reported that from scanning the Central returning football players, there appeared to be a

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Newly appointed NCC head football coach, Willie Smith, is congratulated by former head coach (right) George Quiett.

Eastern Shore" was the best in black college football."

Philosophy elaborated upon by Smith revealed his philosophy about football indicated that the coach should be a teacher first. Usually, all good coaches are good teachers as well, and he certainly would like to think he would be both. Queried about his fencing judgement, Smith related that he felt the coordination and agility used there would help most a ny player in the sports arena. Smith had served as a Fencing judge at one of the meets.

Smith's educational training includes the B.S. from West Virginia State College, M.S. from University of Illinois, Champagne-Urbana and additional studies at New York University. He also attended the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation School, located at Fort Gordon, Georgia.

Coach Smith's experiences are quite varied. They include Assistant Football Coach and Teacher of Health and Physical Education at South Charleston High School in South Charleston, West Virginia; Graduate teaching Assistant and Assistant Freshman Football Coach at the University of Illinois; Assistant Football and Basketball Coach, Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va. Assistant Head Football and Basketball at Norfolk State College, Norfolk, Virginia and Head Football Coach and Asst. Professor of Physical Education, Univ. of Maryland-Eastern Shore. Administrative duties were also included in his many tasks as well.

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tions."

Ben Pratt had been instrumental in picking 'n choosing her books—good old cheap Ben—he knew how to pick good-reading material but he never offered to pay for a single copy: "The Harps of God, The Devil Around the Stump, The Pot Calling the Kettle Black, Bed Too Short and Blanket too Narrow."

Her belongings might be old, but they were tried and true. Curt 'n the rest of her folk always said she was the dumping ground for the Kaypot's junk. "Fools feed on foolishness," and she just let Curt and the others have their fill. Unlike most people, she didn't have an assortment of pictures hanging everywhere gathering dust. She was taking with her a one and only picture; a picture of Frederick Douglas in a frame of carved wood exquisitely designed in bunches of lilies. She had removed the Carlo Dolce's Mater Dolorosa from the fame. The picture wouldn't look right without the pedestal in marble, supporting a statue of the Cytie; so, she "brung" that along.

She didn't know "A" from "B" on the little cottage piano that John III had given her when he moved into his brick 'n stone mansion, but she wouldn't "depart with it for all the Chinamen in China." Too, there was the violin case that had belonged to her sister Pattie who had died of pneumonia a week before graduating from high school; Pattie, had loved her violin so well, it seemed a pity for it to be left behind, the violin was buried with Pattie. Miss Madie told herself over 'n over that it was plumb foolish to keep an empty violin case, but, as time passed, she found a real use for the case. It became a her valuables in. Nobody—would ever think of looking in a violin case for her dainties. Therefore this item was add to the thing to be taken to the "big-house."

A music stand, hymn book, family Bible, and her shallow china dishes with their pretty handpainted violets 'n sweet peas were made ready for moving. She was trying to decide what to do with the couch 'n reading chair—except for a few sprung springs the couch was in good condition. A pillow in the place where it sagged covered up a multitude of fault. Parting with this two-some, chair 'n couch, would be like losing all of her hair—when a loud knock sounded on the front door. Miss Madie was laughing at her own joke when she opened the door and faced Mrs. Emma Lou Perkins.

Smith also has published several articles in professional journals and presented papers at professional meetings and conferences. Many honors have

been bestowed upon Coach Smith. Smith is married and is the father of two daughters, 13 and 5 months.

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