



**JAZZ AT JORDAN**—Last Friday, Jordan High School students gave an enthusiastic response to music provided by North Carolina Central University's Stage Jazz Band. The group is part of NCCU's special Jazz Program which was featured in February 5 issue of The Carolina Times. Some band members form the New Central Connection group which will appear on the program headlined by Donald Byrd and the Blackbyrds next Friday at Dorton Arena (Photos by Black-shear).

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

**Friday, March 16:**  
King's Club will sponsor A Bingo, every Friday night at King's Lodge on Harmony Road.

**Saturday, March 19:**  
8:15 p.m. — Gary Graffman will join the North Carolina Symphony in its first concert since its Carnegie Hall debut. Graffman will perform Rachmaninoff's Concerto No. 2 in C Minor, Op. 18 in the concerts scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, March 20 at 3:30 p.m. in Raleigh's Memorial Auditorium. For further information on the concerts contact the Symphony office at 733-2750.

**Saturday, March 19:**  
10 a.m. - 3 p.m. — A Bake Sale will be held at the Lake-wood Shopping Center, sponsored by Ms. Marcia Hayes and friends. Proceeds will go to the King's Club in preparation for the Black and Gold Ball.

**Sunday, March 20:**  
6 p.m. — The Hillside High School Class of 1947 will meet at the home of James Wall, 1840 S Alston Ave. Plans for the 30th reunion will be discussed. Please attend or call 682-3509.

**Sunday, March 20:**  
5:30 p.m. — Durham Aggies are invited to join in fellowship at the special Aggie "Round-up" at Durham College. The topic for discussion will be DOLL (Development of Lasting Leadership). President Susan Norman and other team members are developing and implementing programs in the Durham community that are assisting youth in keeping up with the real world. Come out and join the team - develop your leadership ability as well as contributing to the fun and growth of Durham youth.

**Monday, March 21:**  
2 p.m. — Durham Orange Employment and Training Committee (Durham County Health Department Bldg.)  
4:30 p.m. — Recreation Advisory Committee (Civic Center)  
7:30 p.m. — City Council

**Tuesday, March 22:**  
7:30 and 9:30 p.m. — Jazz horn player Chuck Magione at Stewart Theatre's Spring Jazz/Pop series. Tickets at the Stewart Theatre Box Office for the March 22 performances. Call 737-3105 for more information.

**Tuesday, March 22:**  
6:30 p.m. — Sixtieth Annual Dinner Meeting of the Durham County Red Cross will be held at the Red Cross Center, 1000 East Forest Hills Boulevard.

**Tuesday, March 22:**  
11 a.m. — Board of Adjustment

**Wednesday, March 23:**  
9:30 a.m. — Community Services Committee

**Thursday, March 24:**  
1:30 p.m. — Finance Committee

**Thursday, March 24:**  
7 p.m. — The "Yale Alley Cats", an undergraduate singing group from Yale University will appear in concert at the N. C. Museum of History in the auditorium of the Archives and History/State Library Building, 109 E. Jones St. The Thursday program is the only public appearance of the group in Raleigh. Admission is free.

**Sunday, March 27:**  
8 p.m. — The Music Man marches into Raleigh's Memorial Auditorium. This is the last presentation of this year's Stewart Theatre Musical Series. The Music Man is a show that appeals to the whole family. Tickets are available now at the Stewart Theatre Box Office on the second floor of the North Carolina State University Student Center. Tickets may also be purchased at the door at Memorial Auditorium on the night of performance. Call 737-3105 for more information.

**Sunday, March 27:**  
2 to 5 p.m. — The Chapel Hill Preservation Society will hold an Art Auction, at the Horace Williams House, 610 East Rosemary Street in Chapel Hill. The works, all by North Carolina artists, will be exhibited at the Horace Williams House daily from 1 to 5 p.m. beginning March 20th and ending the day of the auction. Parking space will be available.

## Omega Fraternity Announces Mardi Gras Schedule

The Beta Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. of Durham the graduate chapter with 105 members and still growing, will sponsor the Second annual Mardi Gras Festival to serve the communi-

ties of Durham/Raleigh and Chapel Hill, March 20 through March 26.

Festivities will begin in Durham with worship services on March 20 at St. Joseph's AME Church. On

Thursday, March 24, a Que Roudup will be held at the Royal Oak Club House at 7:30 p.m. Friday's schedule includes a concert at Dorton Arena in Raleigh at 8 p.m. featuring "Donald Byrd" and the "Black Byrds" the

"Tramps", "New Central Connection Unlimited." A Mardi Gras queen will be named Friday night. On Saturday, March 26, a parade is scheduled for downtown Durham beginning at 10 a.m. Entries will include several high school marching bands, ROTC marching units, regular Army, Navy and Air Force Units, Scouts and Floats.

A post parade show will be held from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the Durham Athletic Park featuring the parade bands in concert.

At noon, a Fashion Show Luncheon, sponsored by the Quettes of Beta Phi, will be held at the Washington Duke Inn.

Saturday night the Queen and King of the Mardi Gras will preside over the Grand Ball at the Royal Villa in Raleigh. Governor James B. Hunt and Mayors of Durham, Raleigh and Chapel Hill have been invited to be guests at the Ball, along with National Fraternity officials.

## FIFTH ANNUAL MISS BLACK TEENAGE WORLD PAGEANT TO BE HELD IN ROANOKE, VA.

DANVILLE, VA. — Pageants, Unlimited, Inc., and Touch A Teen Productions announced recently that the Fifth annual Miss Black Teenage World Pageant will be held in Roanoke, Virginia, during the month of July.

Ronald Charity, Founder and Producer of the pageant said: "1977 looks like our banner year, with prospects of more states and countries represented that ever before. Our program remains outstanding among pageants in America for we offer teenagers of color an opportunity to display their talents and abilities. This year we will once again offer some \$62,000 in college scholarships

to our top 15 finalists.

We are grateful that so many American colleges and universities have seen merit in our program to offer these outstanding teenagers scholarships and a chance to attend college."

The Miss Black Teenage World Pageant is open to teenagers 15 to 17 years. It is not a beauty pageant nor is it connected with any other pageant program. Teenagers compete in sportswear, talent, eveningwear, personal projection, and creative expression.

Scholarships are awarded to the top 15 contestants, as well as, other prizes and trophies.

## Durham Chamber Players Present Concert

The Durham Chamber Players will present the sixth in their current concert series on Sunday, March 27 at the Pilgrim United Church of Christ corner of NC 751 & 15-501 Business. The concert will feature members of the North Carolina Symphony in a widely diverse program of chamber music.

The program will open with a violin duo by Honegger. It will feature Jan Gayer and Pat Banko, who are both members of the violin section of the North Carolina Symphony. Following that, a contemporary piece of chamber music by Lamont Downs will be

performed. The piece is a whimsical setting of several E. E. Cummings poems for tenor, trumpet, trombone, and percussion. The work will feature James Hopkins, tenor; Tim Stewart, trumpet; Terry Mizesko, trombone; and Lynn Bernhardt, percussion.

After intermission, the concert will conclude with the great Mozart Flute Quartet. The work will feature Cathy Knight, flutist.

Admission to the concert will be by season admission or by \$2 individual ticket. Tickets are available at the Durham Arts Council, Page Box Office, or at the door.

## Benefit Show At Civic Center

Fashions from Marzella's Boutique will be shown at the Civic Center on April 1 for the benefit of the N. A. A. C. P.

There will be live entertainment and a dance following the fabulous fashions. Music will be by the Boogie Master.

Tickets may be purchased

at Marzella's Boutique, 204 Corcoran Street.

Wanda Garrett will narrate the show.

Three dance groups from Greensboro will perform in addition to the dance group from North Carolina Central University.

Floyd McKissick will give the introduction.

## LaBelle Split To Be Expected

By Elaine Welles

"LaBelle", the flashy group comprised of Patti LaBelle, Nona Hendryx and Sarah Dash, have split, leaving many to wonder — why? In the midst of what is — or was — a fantastic career, each member of the group has decided to go their own route. They said it had been planned a while ago. Now seemed to be the right time to make the move.

"It was a nice 'up' time to quit," said a spokesperson from Wartoke Concerns, which has handled the group's publicity for the past few years. The announcement was made on February 9 in press release form, saying that each member had decided to pursue "solo careers." "The concept of LaBelle was to develop as individuals," said Jennelle of Wartoke. That had happened, so the three members of the group decided to make the move which had been anticipated.

In an interview which had been conducted in December of 1975, Nona Hendryx indicated that each member had her future dreams based on various other degrees of entertaining.

"I'm interested in so many things," said Nona

during that interview. "I think I will write for as long as I can hold a pencil, and I will sing for as long as I can sing without looking any more ridiculous than I do look now — I mean, at a certain age you can't be a rock 'n' roll star, I don't think."

"But I think we will adjust ourselves so that we can go off into different areas," she continued. "For instance, Sarah is interested in acting, and I think she would be a very good actress. And Pat does art work and she wants to have more children. And I think I would be interested in films, but not particularly as an actress — on another level in direction or production."

Nona's comments at that time coincide with what is coming from Wartoke. The spokesperson there said Sarah will pursue acting, while Patti and Nona will pursue composing and writing. Vicky Weckham who had been LaBelle's manager since they made the transition from Patti LaBelle and the Bluebells in 1969, will manage each of their individual careers also. The group had been together for 16 years.

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