## Donna Summers Talks About Racial Prejudice in October Playgirl

Despite the latest available (1980) U.S. census figures revealing a dramatic 47 per cent rise in the number of inter-racial marraiges, an article in **Playgiri** magazine's October issue notes that racial prejudice is still alive and well and thriving in progressive America.

In the article "Inter-racial Love," writer Ben Fong-Torres, a contributing editor to Rolling Stone who is Chinese and married to a white woman, claims "I've heard of mixed couples being spat on or harrassed out of a truck stop."

He unveils from his own personal experience—and from interviews with other mixed couples—the stigma attached to marrying out of one's kind as exemplified, says Fong-Torres, by the classic "raised eyebrows (at the least) that a mixed couple gets."

Singing superstar Donna Summer, married to Brooklyn-born Bruce Sudano, is quoted in **Playgirl** as saying "My husband is a very handsome man, so when people look, I think they're looking at him, not because I'm black." She continues, "We've been

She continues, "We've been all over. We've been to Georgia together," but adds, "I don't know if I'd want to go into the deep South. Another black singer, Annie

Sampson, of the white rock group 'Stoneground,' alleges, "There's more animosity now than in the sixties."

And her lover, Geoff Torrens, the band's manager, admits, "People look at you like daggers. Or at a restaurant you might not get a table asquick as a 'regular' couple. The racial thing is there."

For the record, other celebrities who have married

out of their kind' include George Harrison, John Lennon, Lena Horne, Diana Ross, Michael Caine, Redd Foxx and Pearl Bailey.

Playgirl magazine is published by Ritter/Geller Communications, Inc. and the October issue carrying the "Inter-racial Love" feature is available on newsstands now.



## **This World Is Hers**

Columbia recording artist Cheryl Lynn took her hometown Los Angeles audience by storm recently at the Roxy, her first-ever headlining engagement in the city. "Instant Love", Cheryl's fourth Columbia LP, produced by Luther Vandross, took off earlier this summer via the title tune single that featured both artists in a duet; at the Roxy, Luther was onstage to duet with Cheryl on the album's second single, "If This World Were Mine", the 1967 gem by Marvin Gaye and Tammi Terrell that closes the "Instant Love" album. Shown backstage at the Roxy on opening night are, from left: Patti Austin, Luther Vandross, Cheryl Lynn, and Deniece Williams.

## WFSS Holds Groundbreaking

FAYETTEVILLE — Fayetteville's Public Radio Station, located on 'the campus of Fayetteville State University, recently held groundbreaking ceremonies on the site where the new broadcasting tower will be erected.

The 480 foot tower will be located in the wooded area in the rear of the Rudolph Jones Student Center. Once the tower is completed, WFSS will increase power from 10 watts to 100,000 watts. The station will then be the only 100,000 watt public radio station in Southeastern North Carolina. The WFSS signal will encom-

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pass all of the eight North Carolina counties and some areas of South Carolina, reaching as many as 350,000 Carolinians.

According to Architects Moorman, Little and Kizer, the construction is scheduled for completion by January at the latest. If so, station officials project that they will be broadcasting full power by mid-January.

On hand to witness the occasion were members of the Fayetteville State University Family as well as supporters from the community.



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