



FAMU PR MAN GETS PLAQUE—David C. Collington, right, assistant director of public relations and coordinator of special activities for the Orange Blossom Classic, receives a plaque (left) from the B&C Associates, High Point.

Sammy Davis Discusses Plans And Goal for His TV Show

NEW YORK—Three months ago, Sammy Davis, Jr. told NBC Radio Network's "Monitor" that he would never do a weekly television series—that he preferred "mixing up" his appearances on such shows as "Hullabaloo," "The Dean Martin Show," "Bonanza" and "The Man from U. N. C. L. E."

On Friday, Jan. 7, "The Sammy Davis Jr. Show" will have its premiere on the NBC Television Network (8:30-9:30 p.m. EST; in color). Obviously women aren't the only ones who have the prerogative to change their minds.

Sammy claims he didn't really change his mind. "I made that statement because I never dreamed I'd be offered my own show," he explains. "I thought such a circumstance was unattainable. When NBC offered me the weekly series, stating I could have complete control over the show, I flipped. There was a question of no or maybe. The answer was an immediate yes."

Sammy Davis classifies himself as a variety performer. As he books his show, he is reaching for the top names in the

entertainment industry with which to surround himself. He wants to be able to move in many directions on the show.

"That's why I chose my producer and director (Joe Hamilton and Clark Jones, respectively) with great care," says Sammy. "They had to agree with my concept of what I feel the show should be. I want it to look fairly loose with a feeling of spontaneity about it. I want parts to look unrehearsed even though we may spend days rehearsing them. I want freedom to move in every type of format. If I want to dance, I'll dance; sing—I'll sing; act in a sketch, then I'll do it. In other words, I'm going to be in this show. I'm not going to sing just two songs, introduce the guests, grab the check and run for the bank. If this show fails, I want the public, the critics and everyone else to look to one person—me."

As the first Negro to star in a full-network television series of his own, Sammy is aware that his is a gigantic breakthrough. Yet, he doesn't feel he is under any particular

pressure. "It's no different," says Sammy, "than when I was the first Negro to play Miami Beach or any of the other places formerly closed to members of my race. I've lived with that kind of pressure all my life. The only pressure I feel now is . . . will the public buy what I have to sell, which is my talent? That is all I hope to be judged by. After all, I'm an entertainer who is Negro. I'm not a Negro entertainer. There's a world of difference in those two."

Local Births

The following births were reported to the Durham County Health Department during the week of December 6 thru 11:

Etsel and Gracie Dillard, girl; Harold and Frances Winstead, boy; Jethro and Louise Hodges, boy; James and Christine Williamson, girl; Lonnie and Mammie Crawley, girl; Charles and Ruth Leathers, girl; Leon and Mary Graham, girl; Hubert and Rosa Smith, girl; Ollie and Mable Daye, girl; Reuben and Valinda Parker, girl; Donald and Dorothy Johnson, boy; Willie and William Ann Green, boy.



WHO'S WHO AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S—Fourteen St. Augustine's College students have been elected to membership in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges for the 1965-66 school year. Membership is based upon outstanding character, leadership, and scholarship. Pictured from left to right (seated) Miss Grace Horne, Farmville; Miss Anne L. Gaskins, Vanceboro; Miss Selena King, Raleigh; Miss Juana Lopez, Canal Zone, and Miss Alma Thomas, Raleigh. Standing from left to right are Napoleon Fox, Fort Pierce, Florida; Miss Ollie Jones, Macon, Georgia; Miss Glenda Bennett, Key West, Florida; Miss Judith Moore, Fayetteville; Miss Maurvane DeBerry, Raleigh; and Bill Noble, Darien, Georgia. Students not shown are John Larokin, Jersey City, New Jersey; Miss Mary McNeil, Godwin, and Erick L. Maye, Jr., Raleigh.

Vets Questions and Answers

EDITOR'S NOTE: Below are authoritative answers by the Veterans Administration to some of the many current questions from former servicemen and their families. Further information on veterans benefits may be obtained at any VA office.

Q.—Will my son, now serving in Korea, be able to obtain the new GI insurance?

A.—A new law provides insurance coverage for servicemen. This insurance is automatic, unless the serviceman signifies in writing that he does not desire the insurance.

Q.—Will the Veterans Administration give families of veterans the right to make purchases at military commissaries?

A.—The Veterans Administration has no connection with military commissaries and cannot grant purchase privileges.

Q.—My husband is receiving a nonservice-connected pension from the VA. I would like to know if I start working would it have any effect on the amount of the pension that my husband now receives.

A.—In determining the veteran's income for a nonservice-connected pension, none of the earned income (wages, salaries, etc.) of a veteran's spouse will be counted as the veteran's income.

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