



"MIGHTY BIG"—Willie Mays, (L.) got together with Steeler owner Art Rooney, center, and Steelers, Joe Greene at the annual Dapper Dan sports banquet here. Mays referred to Greene as "Mighty Big." Green who on the playing field was given the name of "Mean Joe" was honored at the dinner as the Dapper Dan of the Year.

### THEATRICAL WORLD

"Sesame Street," the educational TV series for preschoolers featured Richie Havens on its latest show. The series is now seen outside the U.S. in the following countries: Antigua, Australia, Barbados, Bermuda, Canada, England, Ethiopia, Hong Kong, Ireland, Jamaica, Japan, Liberia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Northern Ireland, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, St. Kitts and Trinidad.

At least three top movie companies are bidding for the distribution rights for "That's The Way of the World" Sig Shore's film probing behind the pop record business and featuring the music of Earth, Wind & Fire. Robert Lipsyte, former New York Times sports columnist wrote the original story and screenplay.

After Muhammed Ali declared he will donate all his profits from future title bouts to the black poor and challenged black show business successes to emulate his charitable example, fight promoter Don King of Cleveland said he would give up \$500,000 in proceeds from the Muhammed Ali-Chuuck Wepner world heavyweight title fight to help Blacks throughout the U.S. Some folks, however, look on the ballyhooed plans with skepticism.

Unlike many TV shows for children, "Big Blue Marble," the worldwide series designed to appeal to youngsters in the 8 to 12 group has no commercial interruptions. The show visits three different countries each week. The show is named after Astronaut Frank Borman's description of the earth as shown in a photograph he snapped from moon orbit. ITT sponsors it as a public service.

Bobby Bell, who owned the Wonder Bar in Atlantic City and was once a member of the old vaudeville team the Sweet Peppers, died in Atlantic City.

The Temptations have been signed to perform at the "Tribute to Hal Jackson," the popular radio personality and originator of the "Miss Black Teenage" contest. Tribute will be held April 11 at the New York Hilton with Smokey Robinson as emcee.

Veteran stage performers Avon Long, Mary Louise and Joe Attles are in "Bubbling Brown Sugar," the musical journey through 1960 now being presented by the AMAS Repertory Theatre at NYC's Church of St. Paul & St. Andrew through March 2. Musical was co-authored by playwright Loftin Mitchell and actress LeNoire, the latter also director of AMAS.

Redd Foxx has 52 stitches in his left knee, hurt originally playing football and aggravated, he says, by the arthritic shuffle he uses on TV while playing Fred Sanford. "And, I've been taking therapy for my spine since I fell on my head out of a hammock in Las Vegas three years ago," Redd reveals.

The estate of Jimi Hendrix, the late guitarist, has filed a \$10,000,000 suit in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles for the removal of four records purportedly made by the guitarist. The records, "Roots of Hendrix," "Rare Hendrix," "The Genius of Jimi Hendrix" and "Mood," all consist of tapes made long before he became a star.



FAMED JAZZ TRUMPETEER DIZZY GILLESPIE shows two Fayetteville State University coeds his famous trumpet at a recent concert held on the campus. The students, senior music majors at FSU, are (L-R), Denise Ward and Sandra Leary. (FSU Photo by John B. Henderson).

### MEAC Cage Race Is A Sandwich

By EARL MASON

The basketball race in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference has become a "sandwich" of a problem. The top and bottom teams in the seven-team league are settled but the teams in the middle are really battling for positions for the upcoming 4th annual MEAC Tournament. Feb. 27, 28, and March 1 at the Baltimore Civic Center.

N.C. A. & T. clinched at least a tie for first place by winning two of three conference games last week. The Aggies must defeat North Carolina Central Friday night in Durham to claim the visitation title outright and receive the first round bye in the tournament.

The Aggies own a 9-1 conference record by virtue of an 82-78 win over second-place (Continued On Page 8A)

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### Rufus Stars On Soul Train This Week

Rufus, a rhythm 'n' blues band with a different sound, guest stars on Soul Train this weekend.

Bohanon, winds up the show with his colorful version of "South African Man." As usual, the Soul Train gang keeps the action lively with their high-stepping dances down the Soul Train line, and host-producer, Don Cornelius, will be on hand to welcome the guests.

Beginning with a medley of "Please Pardon Me," "Pack My Bags" and "Stop on By," they set the pace with their electronically charged beat on television's fastest-paced, weekly musical dance show. Adding to their appeal is female vocalist Chaka Khan with her classy song stylings of "I'm A Woman" and "Once You Get Started."

Making his Soul Train debut is Canadian singer-songwriter Gion Vannelli. Backed by his versatile sextet, he will perform "Powerful People," the title song from his second album, and "People Gotta Move."

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### Co-Capt. Takes Game Seriously

By JOE FAUST

For Eva Patterson, the co-captain of the North Carolina A&T State University Women's basketball team, the sport has always been more than just a game.

The sophomore history-education major from Red Springs, used to practice hours a day perfecting her game. By the time she entered high school, she was so proficient that she started entertaining the idea of playing professional basketball.

And with her play so far this season she just may become A&T's first woman in the pros.

"I wrote a letter to the Philadelphia team to find out what they had to suffer.

### Spruill Named MEAC Player Of Week

Allen Spruill of North Carolian A&T was named Player of the Week in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) by the Sports Information Directors in the conference.

Spruill, a 6-5 senior from New Bern, scored a total of 94 points, grabbed 16 rebounds, had 16 assists and three steals. In four games last week leading the Aggies to three victories.

The All-MEAC backcourt performer scored 23 points in A&T's 82-78 win over Morgan State last Monday night in Greensboro. Betterknown as "Wizard," Spruill canned 28 points in the Aggies 81-76 win over Johnson C. Smith Tuesday night.

In a pair of weekend road games Spruill scored only nine points against Morgan State Friday night in Baltimore but had eight assists as Morgan

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