

## Chronicle Profile

### "Play It Again, Sam"



Birmingham Sam enjoys acting -- both on the baseball field and in movies.

Birmingham Sam picked his name and his game, and he's happy with both.

He's an infield player for the Indianapolis Clowns, the "Harlem Globetrotters of Baseball" Sam explains, but his most recent fame came from playing on another team: Bingo Long's Traveling All-Stars.

Birmingham Sam was one of the professional baseball players in the movie "Bingo Long and the Traveling All-Stars." He says he gave baseball lessons to Richard Pryor, Billy Dee Williams, and James Earl Jones, and in return they gave him tips on acting.

"They showed me how to look away from the camera, when to come in, and how to make an entrance," he recalls.

His baseball lessons consisted of the fundamentals of the game. Neither Pryor, Williams, or Jones had ever played baseball before, says Sam, but he won't say which of them had the most talent for the game.

Predictably, Sam is from Birmingham,

Alabama, where he learned baseball on city teams. He always knew he wanted to make baseball a career, so he left Birmingham, lied about his age, and joined the Philadelphia Stars.

He had a shot at the pros in the mid-sixties, playing with the farm teams of the Cincinnati Reds and the Milwaukee Braves, but he didn't make it to the majors. "They said I was to flashy -- a showboat," says Sam, "but that's how I play with the Clowns, and it's the only way I know how to play."

The game Thursday night between the Clowns and the Philadelphia Stars will be like old home week to Sam. He played with the Pond Giants from 1970 to 1975 as a team-mate of some of the same players he'll face in this game.

He likes barnstorming, he says, and although the Clowns put comedy into their game, it takes talent to do it. "Hank Aaron got his start with the Clowns," says Sam. He never played with Aaron.

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## Sigma Gamma Rho

### Clark Gets Sorority Scholarship

Valeria Clark is the 1977-78 recipient of the annual Alpha Mu Sigma-Gamma Rho Scholarship.

Valeria is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert P. Clark of Winston-Salem. She is a senior at Winston-Salem State University, here she will wear the crown of Miss Homecoming for the 1977-78 school term. Valeria is an active



Valeria Clark

member of the Rho Chapter of Sigma Gamma

Rho Sorority, President of the University Ushers, Past President of Kappa Omicron Tau Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa and a member of the Student N.C. Association of Educators.

Alpha Mu Sigma presents an annual scholarship to an undergraduate who excels in academics and extra-curriculum activities.

Mrs. Mary Muldro is Basileus of the chapter.

## Reynolds Park Host Program

The Reynolds Park Advisory Council in conjunction with the Teen Council of that Center held a night of song and dance, Sat. June 11, 1977. Before the festivities began, the Karata and Boxing teams held an exhibition. After which, the teens that frequent the center livened up the crowd with song and dances. Ms. Elaine Parmon had the crowd in her hands with her rendition of Natalie Cole's "Inseparable" for which she won the 1st place trophy. The dance group with the groovy name of Twin

City Funk carried away the 2nd place trophy. They really socked it to the crowd with their fancy steps. Sweet Evil walked away with third place. Tonya Thomas sang Everlasting Love while Deb and Jackie, another dance group, was really shaking it up. Curtiss Hairston with his girls were out of sight with their rendition. Last, but not least, the Unity Band set the crowd on fire with their selections. After all had displayed their talents, the Hydraulic Funk Band took over to let the crowd jam until the

wee hours. The chaperones who were seen shaking a leg were: Mrs. Dorothy Garner, Mr. Larry Womble, Mr. James (Bunker-D) Garner, Ms. Dorothy Wingate, Mr. Whit Lowery, Mr. Giles, Mrs. Margie McEarchen, Mrs. Minnie Evans, Ms. Mary Robinson and Mrs. Earline Parmon, President of the Reynolds Park Advisory Council. The Council would like to thank everyone that came out and assisted with the activities, and would like to commend the teenagers for their good conduct.



Gloria A. Flynt

## RJR Names Financial Analyst

Gloria A. Flynt has been named intermediate financial analyst in the financial department for RJR Foods, Inc.

She joined the company in April 1974 as a junior financial analyst, a position she held before her promotion.

Flynt is a graduate of Winston-Salem State University with a B.S. degree in business administration.

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## NCNW To Meet In Greensboro

by Barbara Eikner  
Journalist for NCNW

The third meeting of the North Carolina State Mechanism of the National Council of Negro Women will be held on June 18, 1977 by 10 a.m. in the Providence Baptist Church, 1106 Tuscaloosa Drive in Greensboro. All members of the NCNW throughout the state of North Carolina are urged to attend this very important meeting. New members are invited to come and join this organization dedicated to service. The Greensboro-Section of the NCNW will host this meeting.

The Winston-Salem Section of the NCNW will sponsor its' second annual Honors Banquet on June 25, 1977 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kennedy Dining Room on the Winston-Salem State University's campus. The guest speaker will be Mrs. Evelyn Terry, Director of ESR Problem Center.

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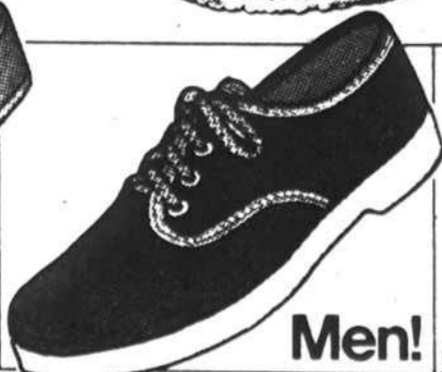
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## YWCA Support Group For Battered Women

The YWCA has organized a support group for battered women. The purpose of the group is to give women an opportunity for self-help through the support of women who have had similar experiences of abuse from men. All support group

meetings are kept confidential and participants are free to remain anonymous.

Facilitator for the group is Ms. Sue Sparks, Chaplin Intern for The Department of Pastoral Care at Baptist Hospital. Ms. Sparks has a Masters of Divinity and is presently receiving training in counseling and hospital Ministry.

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