

Afro-American Cultural

Center To Sponsor Disco

The Afro-American Cultural Center will sponsor a fund-raising disco Friday, July 7, at the Excelsior Club, 921 Beatities Ford Rd. The music starts at 9 p.m. Admission is \$1.50.

For more information call the Center at 374-1565.

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The Afro-American Cultural Center is a non-profit organization founded to preserve and promote Black culture. Tickets are available at the Center on the third floor of Spirit Square, from members and at the door.



The FUNKY MONKEYS attack in a scene from the Broadway production of the Tony award winning musical version of "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz."

July 14 - 16

"The Wiz" Is Coming To Town

With An All New All-Star Cast

By Cynthia Bell
Post Staff Writer

"The Wiz" opens at Owens Auditorium on Friday, July 14 for a run of five performances to extend through July 16. In New York critics have been praising the show throughout its over extended Broadway stay.

An all new cast is used for the L. Frank Baum classic's Charlotte performance. Bobby Hill who plays "The Lion" in the play feels that the cast on tour is one of the best.

Bobby is a Winchester, Tennessee native who has been in theatre since 1971. He made his Broadway debut in "Don't Bother Me, I Can't Cope" at the First Edison Theatre in New York. Since then he has performed in "Your Arm's Too Short To Box With God," "Bubblin' Brown Sugar," and now "The Wiz."

When asked how he likes his part as the lion, Bobby replied, "I love it. I'm the best one ever!"

"Wiz" artistic director, Vinnette Carroll, is person that has had a great deal of influence on Bobby. In fact she was the person to discover him. He has appreciated her work as well as her philosophy.

A religious person who says belief is the key, Bobby was with the Alice Bradford Gospel Singers prior to coming to Broadway. With them he toured 26 countries abroad at the youthful age of 22.

Since his Broadway debut, Bobby has put together his own night elub act that can be seen at Vincent's Place, Striker, and the Bannister in New York.

When not performing, Bob "The Lion" enjoys horseback riding, movies, backgammon, card games, and intimate parties.

Bob and other characters from Ozland can be seen during the five performances of this national production of the Tony and Grammy Award winning Best Musical. "The Wiz" also has a Tony Award for "Best Cast Album." It has been viewed by more than 5 million people and grossed over \$50 million.

Performances are scheduled for Friday and Saturday nights at 8:30 p.m. The Sunday performance will begin at 8 p.m. with Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.

Tickets are on sale at the Coliseum box office for \$12.50, \$11.50, and \$10.50. Matinee tickets are \$1 off of the regular orice.

Ebony Group To Present "An Evening Of Comedy"

"An Evening of Comedy" featuring the Ebony Group and Company will be presented on Friday, June 30 at 8:15 p.m. at Rowe Auditorium on the campus of UNCC. Three plays sponsored by the Chi Eta Phi Sorority's Iota Chapter will be performed during this evening. "Train Ride Ends Here," "Soul Gone Home," and "Happy Ending" all promise to take you from a chuckle to a wild burst of laughter. National Rorie will be directing these performances.

Tickets for the performance are \$3.

Hold That Trash

There will be no curbside trash collection the week of July 3, so please don't put your curbside trash out until Tuesday, July 11.

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