

By Bob Johnson

# What's happening!

**THEATER OPENING** ... Last Thursday evening, Oct. 11, this reporter sat in the audience at Charlotte's Little Theatre thoroughly enjoying The Little Theater of Charlotte's season opener, "On a Clear Day You Can See Forever." "What Did I Have That I Don't Have" and "Come Back to Me" are just some of the enduring songs from Alan Jay Lerner's and Burton Lane's hit musical. The music is as imaginative as the story itself - a young girl with ESP who through hypnosis can become her 18th century self.

Daisy Gamble, the young girl, goes to Dr. Bruckner, a psychiatrist, for hypnotherapy to rid her of her neurotic chain-smoking. She regresses too far and goes back to her 18th century self, Melinda. Unfortunately, Dr. Bruckner begins to fall in love with Melinda rather than Daisy.

Richard Nagle as Dr. Bruckner and Laura Saldivar as Daisy/Melinda were terrific in the lead roles. However Samuel

Thomas (Dr. Conrad Fuller), a student at UNCC and Lucera Blount (Patty), an assistant buyer at Ivey's

were the two Black performers that rendered strong supporting roles.



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The Theatre's next production will be "Philadelphia Here I Come!" This imported play was written by Brian Friel. It is a funny, gentle and bittersweet play, about a young man on the edge of hope, on the brink of promise, the night before he is to leave Ireland for Philadelphia, a new job and air conditioning.

The play is scheduled to run from November 14-25, 1979.

**ALL DAY FEAST** ... There will be an annual barbecue feast presented by the United Presbyterian Men of Memorial United Presbyterian Church, Saturday, October 20. The barbecue will be held at the church, 2600 Beatties Ford Road, and will last from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m.

Here's an opportunity to show your appreciation for your cook.

**TIME FOR HONOR** ... It is said that nature creates merit and fortune brings it into play. Arthur Wallace earned his merit through service and performance, and last Saturday fortune played its hand. Arthur was one of 10 men honored at Friendship Baptist Church's Annual Brotherhood Banquet.

Mr. Wallace's honor came as a result of 43 years on the church choir. His friends tease him about having sung through 3 wars and 9 presidents. Arthur's good natured reply is, he expects to sing through 8 more. I wonder ... does he mean wars or presidents???

**SPOOKY FUN** ... The Iota Chapter of the Chi Eta Phi Sorority is sponsoring a Halloween Masquerade Disco, Friday, October 26, at the National Guard Armory.

This bewitching disco will get underway around 9 p.m. and end around 1:30 a.m. A cash prize will be awarded for the best costume.

This is a good opportunity to use your creative imagination.

**MARDI GRAS '79** ... Pi Phi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity hosted its annual Autumn dance last Friday night at Charlotte's Civic Center.

The very popular dance, as usual drew a throng of people, however, instead of bouncing out with hums of the band's last tune sounding through their lips, utterances of dissatisfaction were heard. Atlanta's Fabulous Rockers Revue left a lot to be desired was the permeating feeling.

This reporter found out that the discosers couldn't show their latest steps because the band's performance wasn't flavored with disco music. But for those non-discosers the band was cool. What can you say?

Anyway, for the most part, the dance was still enjoyed by the guests which included Mr. and Mrs. George Duran, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. David Potter, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Jordan and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Summers.

**FALL 4-BALL** ... Sunset Hills Golf Course, 800 Radio Rd., will be the sight of the Par-Busters Golf Group's second annual Fall 4-Ball Tournament.

The tournament will feature 36 holes of medal play golf, Saturday and Sunday, October 20 and 21. There will also be six amateur flights with trophies awarded first, second and third place teams in each flight.

Registration starts Friday, October 19, from 8 till 11 p.m. at the Par Busters' club house, 515 West Summit Avenue. Saturday night, October 20, a social gathering will be given at the Par-Busters' social club house.

**HAPPINESS** ... There is one way of attaining what we may term, if not utter, at least mortal happiness; it is by a sincere and unrelaxing activity for the happiness of others, because true happiness renders men kind and sensible and that happiness is always shared with others.

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## Conference On Black Studies Honor 40 Black Community Leaders

Forty black community leaders were honored in Charlotte last weekend as part of the fifth annual N. C. Conference on Black Studies. Meeting at the Sheraton Center Oct. 12-13, the conference brought together 150 teachers, students and community leaders from across the state.

The purpose of the conference was to support those engaged in black studies and to make black studies an institution in North Carolina.

"Black studies is not just an academic discipline, but a vital part of black community development," said Dr. Bertha Maxwell, director of the Afro-American and African Studies Department at UNCC.

In keeping with this theme, the conference honored 40 leaders who had made a significant contribution to black community development.

Those honored Friday evening were chosen for their contributions to the black church and the black family. They were: Rev. D. G. Burke, retired Presbyterian minister and author of "The Brooklyn Story"; Rosie Cannon, founder of the Cannon Cathedral; Dr. Mildred Baxter Davis, head of the national Black\*Presbyterians United organization; Rev. J. A. Humphrey, minister of First Baptist Church; Rev. Thomas Jenkins, minister of Statesville Avenue Presbyterian Church; Rev. Devia Thinisee, first ordained woman in the United

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### Black Institutions

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with these funds then you can see the end approaching. Fisk, Tennessee State and Lincoln are just a few and only the beginning.

The reason I point this out is so somebody can take appropriate actions to possibly change this collision course. College administrators, alumni, and students have shown no signs of concern about this situation occurring. Until somebody realizes that the future of black institutions is dependent upon striving towards self sufficiency with a minimum amount of government help, then I guess I'll just have to keep on criticizing.

More on this next week, but I must stop now and ready myself for the campaign ... dog catcher sounds appealing.

### Black Accountants

The monthly meeting of the Charlotte Chapter of the National Association of Black Accountants will be held on Thursday, October 18, at 6 P.M. in the Fairview Plaza Restaurant, 5950 Fairview Road. Hoyle Martin, Housing Development Director for the City of Charlotte, will address the group during the dinner portion of the meeting.

For more information concerning this meeting, please contact either Peggy Ward at 373-8117 or Avis Toppin at 364-5706.

### Junior Great Books

The Charlotte - Mecklenburg PTA Council has assumed sponsorship of the Junior Great Books program. Mrs. Barbara McMahon will coordinate the program for the council. Training sessions will be held on Tuesday, October 30 and Wednesday, October 31, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the Education Center.

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Presbyterian Church; Ali Shah, founder of Muhammad Masjid Mosque No. 36; Rev. J. W. Smith, retired minister of Seventh Avenue Presbyterian Church; and Lula Moore, who at 104 is the oldest member of First Baptist Church.

At Saturday's luncheon members of the media were honored for their contribution to black community development. They were: Bill Johnson, editor and publisher of The Charlotte Post; Charles Hardy, The Charlotte Observer staff writer; Milton Jordon, editor of View South; Clara Lowry, WBTB community affairs specialist; Hattie Leeper, first black woman



Phil Berry  
...School Board Chairman

radio announcer in the southeast, known as "Chattie Hattie" on WGIV; Inez Parker, educator and author; Eugene Potts, first black D. J. in Charlotte; and T. J. Reddy, artist, poet and political prisoner.

During the conference banquet on Saturday evening a number of awards were made to people who have pioneered in the area of community development.

Honored for their work with political prisoners were Rev. James Barnett, head of People United for Justice; Rev. Ben Chavis, member of the Wilmington 10; James Ferguson, defense attorney for the Wilmington 10 and Charlotte 3; Dr. Helen



Bill Johnson  
...Charlotte Post Publisher

Othow, educator and human rights activist; and Julius Chambers, chief officer for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.

Honored for their contribution to N. C. political life were State Senator Fred Alexander, first black elected official on Charlotte's City Council; Phil Berry, Chairman of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education; Charlie Dannelly, Harvey Gannt and Ron Leeper, members of the Charlotte City Council; Mayor Thebaud Jeffers, first black mayor of Gastonia; Howard Lee, N. C. Secretary of Natural Resources; and Rev. Robert Walton, first black county



Dr. Helen Othow  
...Civil Rights Activist

commissioner of Charlotte-Mecklenburg.

Also honored for their contributions to the community were Khadijah Abdullah, community organizer; Mamie L. Brewington, first chairman of the Afro-American Cultural Center; Kathleen Crosby, member of UNC Board of Governors; Dr. Reginald Hawkins, civil rights activist; Rev. Coleman Kerry Jr., Baptist minister; Rev. George Leake, bishop of AME Zion Church; Phyllis Lynch, founder of the Youth Council; Dr. Joseph Russell, educator; Jerry Springs, community organizer, and Sarah Stevenson, first black president of Charlotte-



Rev. James Barnett  
...Community Leader

Mecklenburg PTA.

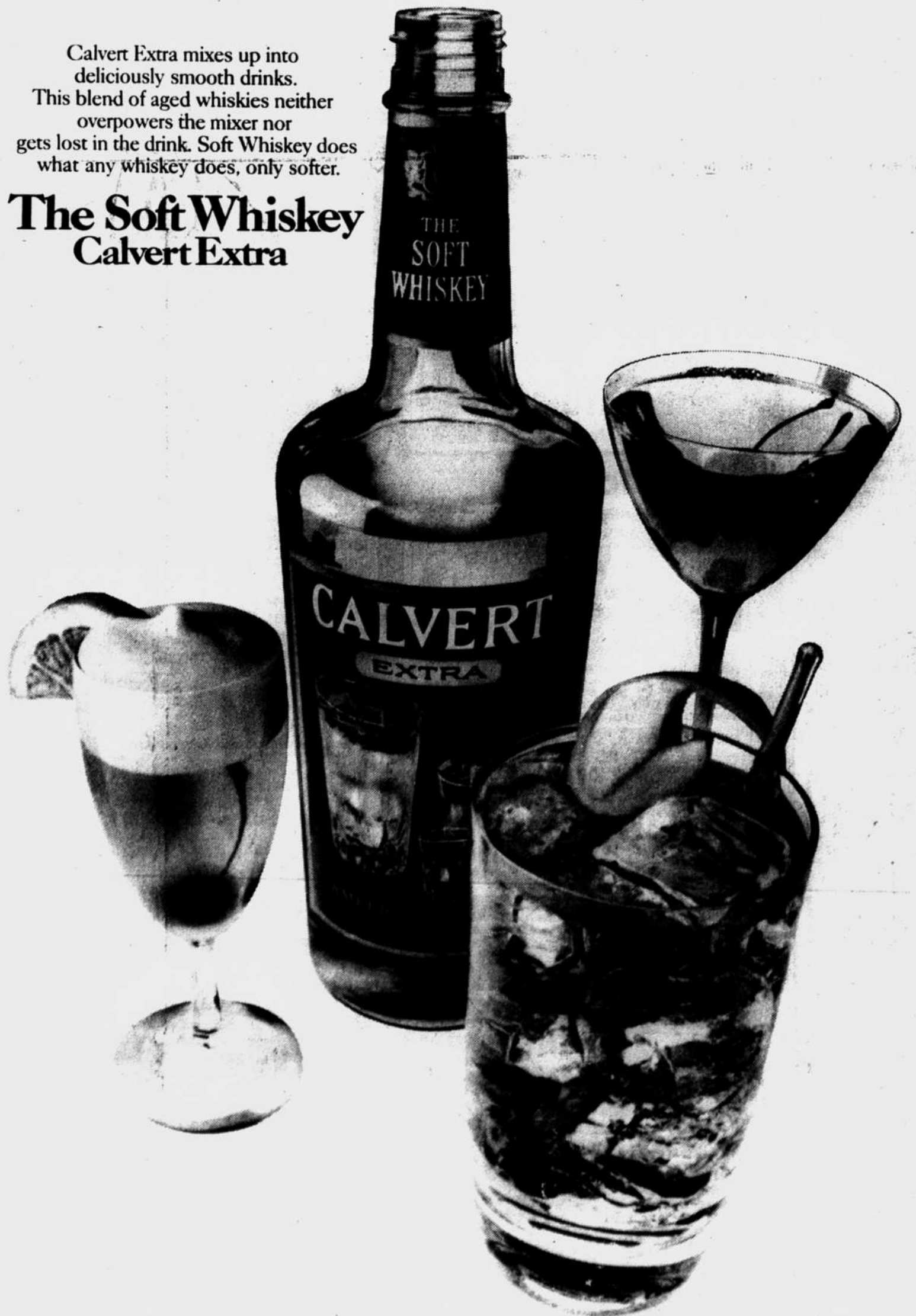
Guest speakers at the black Studies Conference included Evangeline Redding, candidate for governor of N. C.; Hoyt Fuller, editor of "First World," an international journal of black thought; and Dr. William Nelson, director of Black Studies at Ohio State University.

The Southeastern Regional meeting of the National Council of Black Studies will be held Nov. 16-17 at the University of Tennessee, according to Dr. Maxwell. A national conference will be held in Milwaukee, Wisc. in March of 1980.

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