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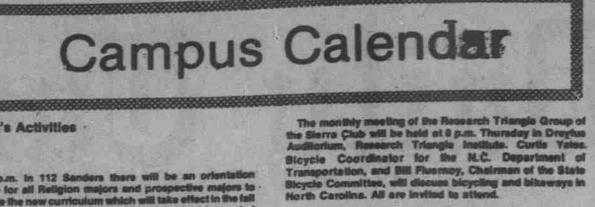
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At 4 p.m. in 112 Senders there will be an orients program for all Religion majors and prospective majors to introduce the new curriculum which will take effect in the fall of 1976. The Department urges all majors and interested students to attend this informative meeting.

There will be a meeting of all Freshman and Transfer Orientation Counselors for Contact '76 at 7:30 p.m. In 106 Carroll. Morrison Orientation Counselors are requested to attend a short meeting tonight in Carroll Hall Immediately following the campus wide meeting. It unable to attend either meeting, please contact Beth or Richard.

Scottish dencing lessons will continue tonight at 7 p.m. in Morehead Cellar, Cobb Dorm. Inquiries, call McWilliam at 933-6028

The Student Academic affairs Committee will meet at 9 p.m. In Suite C of the Union.

Professor Raiph Croisler of SUNY-Brockport will present an illustrated lecture "Political Art in the USSR and China" at 7:30 p.m. In Room 202-204 of the Union. Sponsored by the Triangle Universities East Asian Center.

The Coastal Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. In the South Lounge of the Union. Final plans for the panel discussion on water quality will be made. All members are urged to attend.

The Association of International Students is Holding their timate "Foreign Gourme! Dinner," the Chinese Dinner, at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Church on Masontarm and Puretoy Roads. Tickets are available for \$2.50 at the Union Desk, Ledbetter-Pickard and the International Center, Bynum Hall. Everyone is welcome. Next week-the last dinner-Latin-American.

The Recreation Outing Program will hold a bicycle tour to Union Grove Church to admire the spring countryside from 5:15 to 7 p.m. Meet at the Old Well on campus. To register call 928-1111.

Upcoming Events

Charleen Whisnant, a former editor of the Carolina Quarterly and a graduate of UNC-CH will give a poetry reading at 8 p.m. Thursday in 223 Greenlaw. Ms. Whisnant is the author of "Poetry Power" and "Word Magic." The reading is sponsored by The English Club and the Carolina Quartert

Alpha Phi Omega (APO) will hold its annual Comput Chest Carnival from 6 to 11 p.m. Thursday on Ehringhaus Field, Festured at sunset will be a jump by the USEC Parachute Club. Later, a beer chugging contest, tree beer, games and prizes for all. Support Comput Chest!

Dr. Walter Roberts' lecture on Yugoslav Guerfila Warfare in World War II has been reschedided and will take Wartare in World Warlinse been rescretened and min setter place at 2 p.m. Thursday in Rocen 217 of the Union. Dr. Roberts is the author of "Tho, Minaslovich and the Allies," published recently by the Ruigers University Press, considered to be the best work on this sensitive subject.

John Byrne will be selling hand crafted jeweiry, feather work and Indian arblacts Thursday and Friday in the South Gallery of the Union.

The School of Education will hold pre-registration advisement sessions for all undergraduate Education majors Thursday. Students should check the notices posted in Peabody Hall for time and location of these salons.

UNC Collegiate 4H Club will have a meeting at 9 p.m. Thursday in Room 206 of the Union.

The Association for Women Students (AWS) will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Room 206 of the Union. All Interested

Black art songs in full bloom

persons are urged to attend as plans for next year will be

Gloris Emerson, former fersion correspondent for the New York Times, will speak on "Covering the War" at 4:15 p.m. Thursday in 201 Flowers, Duke University campus.

A YM-YWCA Pottuck Dinner Discussion meeting will be held this Friday at the home of President William Friday. President Friday will lead a discussion on "The University of North Carolina". All students and faculty are invited to attand. Check by the Y office to sign up for the polluck

Minority pre-med/predent students: BALSO, Black and Letin Student Organization of Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeona, is sending Ronald Henry, a second year med student, to talk with interested students from 2 to 5 p.m. Friday in Room 208 of the Union.

The Order of the Golden Fleece, UNC's highest honorary society, is having its tapping ceremonies at 7:30 p.m. on Friday in Gerrard Hall. Ed Joddar, Associate Editor of the Washington Star, will be the guest speaker. Everyone is invited to attend.

Phi Delts Thets will hold a Spring Beer Chug, proceeds to Compus Chest, from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday in the Phi Delta Theta

by Lawrence Toppman **DTH Arts Editor**

"SHE" needs writers, ad people and a circulation manager for next year. Interviews will be held from 2 to 4

p.m. Thursday in the "AWS" office, Suite D of the Union.

Potential writers please bring a sample of your work-it doesn't have to be published. If you can't come, please calt Lynn Garren at 942-5389 or Susan Orcutt at 967-2968.

Y.O.G.A. offers Laura Haman's class from 7 p.m. to 9

p.m. Thursday in Room 206 of the Union. All are welco

Every so often an artist reminds us that there's more to traditional black music than spirituals. Soprano Martha Flowers, voice instructor in the UNC Music Department, reminded us Sunday with a concert that kicked off the Black Arts Culture Festival with stylish beauty and verve.

Flowers can sing spirituals. She can also sing opera, lieder or the most refined French drawingroom pieces, as she demonstrated in a versatile and lengthy recital. But what she does best are the pieces her program called "Afro-American art songs."

I'm still not sure what an Afro-American art song is. If the criterion is a text written by a black poet, or music by a black composer, these songs qualify: Harry Burleigh and Howard Swanson have set Langston Hughes to music here and Samuel Coleridge Taylor has written music for his own text, "Life and Death."

Yet the experiences described are universal; even Hughes' "Lovely Dark and Lonely One" goes beyond a feeling of black isolation to a melancholy reflection upon being cut off from a flow of emotion. If there is an element here that only a black artist could have provided, it is the thoughtful, brooding quality of the music. The songs are full of cautious joy and introspective sorrow mixed with the knowledge that good things-here, the experience of deep feelingscome to an end all too soon.

Flowers sings these art songs robustly, throwing her compact body and confident grin into the music. She has what I think of as a stereotypic "American" voice for the classics-a rich bold timbre, quivering with emotion, vigorously imprecise in attack and uncertain in her pronunciation of a difficult bit of French or German.

Such a technique stands her in good stead with the English texts but restricts her singing of Mozart and Schubert. She gives an unusually intense reading of Debussy and Ravel, and exhilarating approach to those cool Frenchmen that adds almost too much raw strength to their elegant works. She seems most at home with a song like "Voici que le Printemps," a surprisingly gay vigorous melody from the languid Debussy celebrating the fertile arrival of spring. One of Flowers' most endearing qualities-both

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when it succeeds and when it occasionally disappoints-is her freshness. All of the music she sings has a new edge to it, a strangeness that sets her rendition against more traditional stylizations.

When she brings her low, resonant voice-at times almost that of mezzo-soprano-to spirituals, she reverses the effect created in the lieder. Her evident formal training and precise delivery of the lyrics lend an air of grace, a calm demeanor to music usually performed in either mad rapture or frenzied anguish.

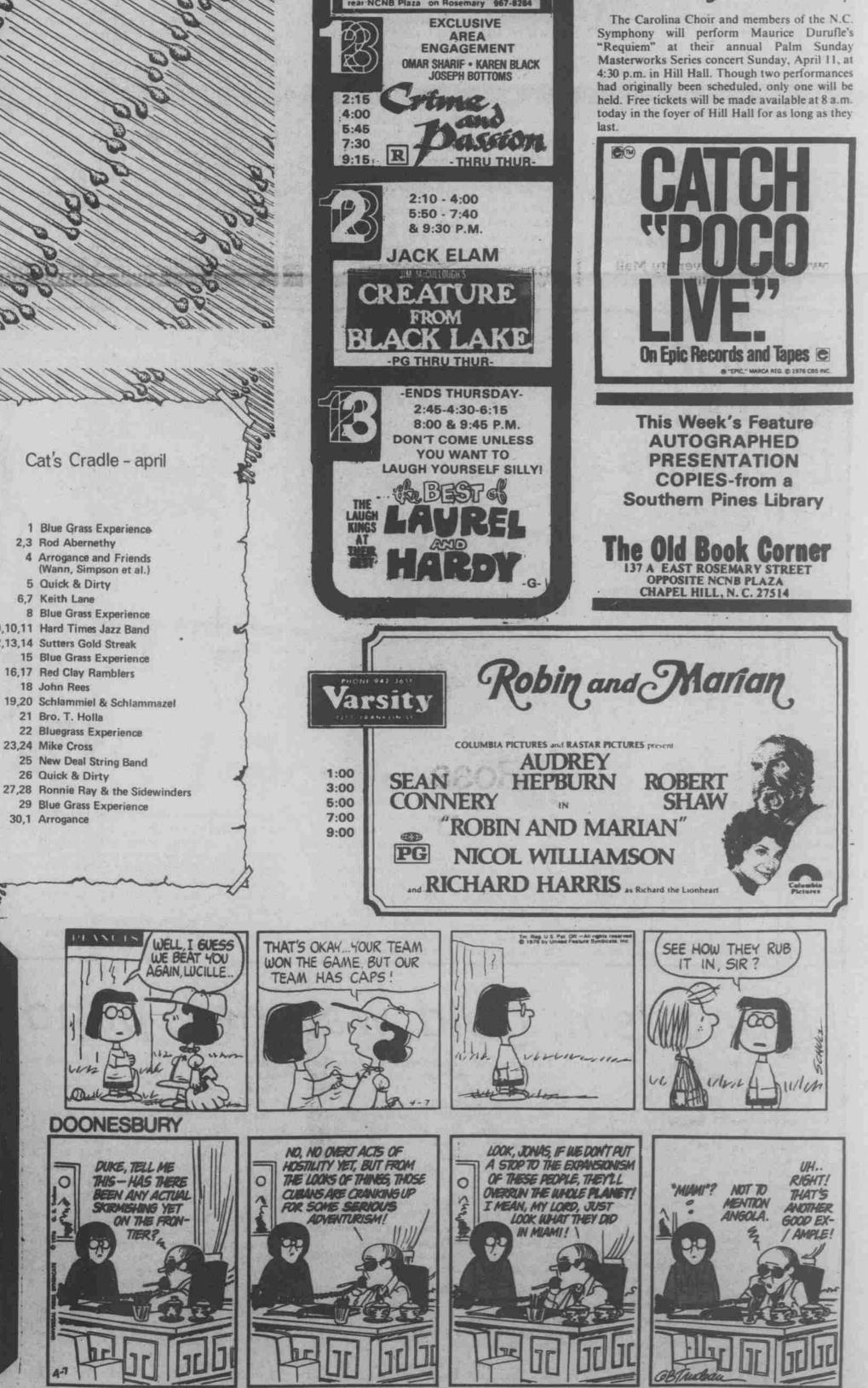
Backed by the intelligent, understated accompaniment of pianist Michael Zenge, Flowers adds a plaintiveness, a gentle but sincere sorrow to "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?" and a quiet assurance to "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley."

Though the spirituals were lovely enough, they overshadowed a lesser-known art form last Sunday. I could wish there had been more examples of this unfamiliar genre, the Afro-American art song, so that we might become acquainted with a school of music that offers potentially board rewards for study.

At present, however, the audience will have to be satisfied with the display of Flowers' talent and a whetting of its musical appetites by the sponsors of the Black Arts Cultural Festival. Black classical composition in America runs beneath and beyond the work of Ray Charles, Keith Jarrett or Earth. Wind and Fire in a myriad of diverse modern and neo-romantic forms, and has long been a neglected pool of music. The Black Student Movement has my thanks for taking their first dip into that pool.

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