By Bettye Moss

If you ask me

Hats off!

Our salute this week goes to the personable young black man who greeted us when we entered the spanking new Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Baltimore.

He stood out. He was handsome in his coffee-tan bellman uniform. He directed us to the tenth floor tour group we were seeking.

We learned that his name is Dana Camak. He is in his twenties and is a 1978 graduate of Coppin State College. Until he began work at Hyatt, he was unemployed, having been laid off from Bethlehem Steel.

If you ask how come a college grad can not find employment in the education field, you have only to look at the high unemployment rate in this area.

More important, we think, is that young Mr. Camak performs the job he has found with dignity. With his kind of personality, you'll likely hear that he has moved up the Hyatt Regency job ladder.

Hats off to Dana Camak!

Continue your nominations for this Hatss Off section. We seek here to salute young black men and women you observe doing an outstanding job at work.

Reason: Too many adults are quick to criticize our young people, and too few take the time to praise them when they do well. Hats off!

More on Hyatt

Baltimoreans of all races have flocked to this new hotel to tour and admire.

We have visited Hyatt hotels in other cities and we wanted to see how Baltimore stood.

While not as plush as Houston or Atlanta, Baltimore's does offer for most guests a beautiful view of the Inner Harbor.

Our tour guide advised that 80 percent of the 500 rooms provide this view.

It's a breathtaking sight at night!

We expected to see more black employees since advance notice played up that local residents could expect jobs because city funds helped to build the hotel.

Since our visit was short, we can not report on the number of black employees.

Those we did meet included: George Haynes, who was in charge of the bar on the second level. He is with the Hyatt chain out of N.Y.

In the Cascades Restaurant, the handsome young bus boy in our area was Maurice Oliver, a graduate of Lake Clifton High who attended the Culinary Arts program at Community College of Baltimore.

Also spied at work, 19-year-old Darryl Grant, a Patterson High grad and the youngest of six children. He is a former AFRO carrier.

He plans to enroll at the U. of Md., wants to be a dentist. His disarming smile, revealing beautiful teeth, should stand him in good stead.

Also at work: Carolyn Stewart, restaurant cashier, a graduate of Harbor City High; and Arnetta Covington, a Lake Clifton High grad, employed as waitress.

Love at Hyatt

Among diners at Hyatt Regency on Friday afternoon were the newlywed Henry R. Beatheas.

She's the former Kitty Harris, a Baltimore County teacher. He's a Brown Super Market manager in East Baltimore.

They stood out because they were wearing their corsages — hers, yellow roses, which complimented her print dress. His was white carnation.

They revealed they had tied the knot in a civil ceremony at City Hall earlier in the afternoon.

They're at home in Parkville.

Also dining in the area: Louis L. Hughes Jr., Quality Assurance manager with Westinghouse in Hunt Valley.

Mr. Hughes purchased one of the $1 houses on W. Barre St. in downtown Baltimore, is committed to city life. He, like many of us, had watched Hyatt go up, and had come to see for himself.

A native of Norfolk, Va. Mr. Hughes is a graduate of Hampton Institute. He's been with Westinghouse 16 years.

More diners: Velma Branch Evans, the retired teacher, and her hubby, Randall (Randy) the retired government employee. They live on Copely Rd., in northwes Baltimore.

WBAL there

If you wonder how this writer was able to meet those fine people on such a short visit, you learn here that the hostess seated all the black guests who arrived at that hour in the same area.

Plus, we all wanted window seats to look out over the afternoon traffic, and the people coming and going.

Before leaving, we looked in on the Constellation Ballroom.

It was being readied for an evening banquet hosted by WBAL.

The red, white and blue lights and color scheme were a sight to behold.

Ballroom can accommodate 1400 persons for banquet, 2,000 for reception.

In WBAL's VIP room, John J. Gilmore, vice president sales, extended a cordial welcome. He said WBAL helped build Hyatt.

We reminded him that all taxpayers had a hand in it since city funds underwrite the loan.

Bull Roast

Shortly after church was out on Sunday, members of Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church and friends flocked to the Forum for the 12th annual Bull Roast.

This benefit, sponsored by the Men's Club, raises funds for the church's Christian Education program.

Clyde Rucker 2nd chaired the event.

Over 400 persons attended. The Forum was arranged so there was ample room to partake of the delicacies, to dine in comfort, and enjoy dancing to the music of Bill Cummings.

Of course, Madison Ave. pastor, Rev. Reginald Daniels, and his wife, Marguerite, were there, being most supportive as usual.

In fact, they had a number of out-of-town guests. Among them, James Minus, the Ardmore, Pa., mortician. He transported 24 friends from the N.J. - Pa. area.

Benefit - chair's brother, James Rucker, came from Chicago, as did Preston Beck.

Here from D.C., Mrs. Daniels' sister and brother-in-law Estelle and David Jackson.

Also from D.C., Rose and John Tillery, Dr. and Mrs. Richard Thorpe, (Angela); Alice and William Bell.

Dr. Turpin

"A master teacher... a teacher's teacher... a stickler for hard work who set the highest standards... one who made others work but worked harder herself..."

These were the tributes paid Dr. Jean Fisher Turpin on Friday, (Oct. 9) by the English Department of Morgan State University.

The occasion was to mark Dr. Turpin's retirement from Morgan after 47 years on the English faculty. (She graduated from Morgan — then a college — in 1931).

Over 250 persons attended what was called a Benefit Retirement Banquet.

Monies went to create the Jean Fisher Turpin Scholarship Fund to be administered by the English department.

Brilliant

It was a brilliant affair, not because it was held in the Belvedere ballroom, but because speaker after speaker sounded like they were those whose lives have been devoted to teaching English.

No one on the program was pedantic. No one competed with another to show all he or she knew.

But the mastery of language, the allusions made, and the sheer respect for "The King's English" were simply beautiful.

Dr. Turpin's response followed this same tone... simple and moving.

Tributes came from U.S. Congressman Parren J. Mitchell, Morgan President Andrew Billingsley; Dean of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Talbert O. Shaw.

Three former English Department chairpersons, Dr. Nick Aaron Ford, Dr. Ruthe T. Sheffey and Dr. Harry Jones, also spoke.

So did Dr. Thelma Cox, for the Md. State Board of Higher Education, and Mrs. Bettye Williams for the Baltimore City Department of Education.

Dr. Burney J. Hollis, current English chair, presided.

The surprises

Among presentations to the Turpin Scholarship Fund was a $500 check from her Alpha Kappa Alpha sorors.

Basileus Gilda Garrett, of Epsilon Omega Chapter, acted on behalf of the sorority.

This surprise gift brought sustained applause which was topped only by that for unprogrammed verbal tribute from the honoree's daughter, Rosalie Belcher, the Philadelphia teacher.

She went to the mike and said simply, "For my brother, (John Edward Turpin, and myself, and the grandchildren, I want to add our word of tribute.

"She has been a real mother... she set standards, we had chores... we had love... and she spared what I mean), she was a real mother..."

Cherry Hill

Other presentations included framed resolution from the Morgan faculty Senate, presented by Mrs. Cynthia Harvey, president, silver tray from the English faculty; plaque from the Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church, by Mrs. Lena Ferrell.

Dr. Turpin has played the organ at the Cherry Hill Church every other Sunday for years, even though she belongs to Madison Ave. Presbyterian.

Her pastor, the Rev. Reginald J. Daniels, offered the prayers.

Dr. Hilbert Stanley, the new aide to Mayor Schaefer, gifted Dr. Turpin, and read the proclamation declaring Oct. 9 her day in Baltimore.

Soloist was Professor Joseph Eubanks, accompanied by Dr. John A. Sweeney.

More honors for Dr. Turpin came next day, (Saturday), at Morgan.

A large crowd attended the first Zora Neal Hurston Forum sponsored by the English Department.

And the first Hurston Memorial Award, given to memorialize the famed author, was presented to Dr. Turpin.

Wasn't that thought-ful!

EMS week

The Md. Institute for Emergency Medical Services System marked EMS Week with awards banquet at International Hotel at Baltimore-Washington Airport on Monday, Oct. 12.

(Oct. 11-18 is EMS Week in Md.)

Banquet attracted a number of national, state and city leaders, including U.S. Senator Paul Sarbanes. They were cited for their efforts at supporting life service programs to people.

Among honorees, Jon Franklin and Alan Doelp, the journalists who wrote the book on Md.'s Shock Trauma Unit.

Over from D.C. was Rich Adams, the Channel 9 editorial director, saluted for volunteer efforts with D.C. area rescue squad. (He was only black honoree).

Dr. R. Adams Cowley, who heads the U. of Md. Shock Trauma Unit presided.

Leo Schwartz, chief of the EMS Branch with the U.S. Department of Transportation, came from D.C. to congratulate Md. leaders on the role they've played in providing emergency services and called for greater cooperation among all agencies.

Aris Allen

Spied in audience State Senator Aris T. Allen. (He drew much applause when he was introduced. He makes an imposing picture wherever he goes, being so gracious as he greets one and all).

He told this writer he is excited about his upcoming job.

As of Nov. 1, he will head the Health Standards and Quality Bureau of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (President Reagan named him.)

He will have offices in D.C. and in the Social Security complex here in the Baltimore area. He plans to continue his residence in Annapolis, where he is a practicing physician.

Also in the audience: Sherry Adams, R.N., with the Division of Emergency Medicine at George Washington University Medical Center in D.C.

WJZ-TV personnel present included, Phyllis Shelton, director of public affairs; and Rick Reese, a news editor.

A. Paul Moss represented U. of Md. Board of Regents.

In new post

New vice president in charge of business and financial affairs at Bowie State College is Edwin R. Golden. He assumed his duties on Oct. 12.

Previously, he was number 2 in the business and finance division at Morgan State University, where he had been since 1968. (He's a 1957 Morgan grad).

To mark his promotion, Morgan's business services staff honored Mr. Golden at a buffet supper on Thursday in McKeldin Center.

McKeldin director, Richard E. Robinson, presided.

Others paying tribute included Willie Nichols, book store manager; Dr. Gus Adair, Political Science chairman; Dr. Abraham Moore, vice president for business and finance.

Also, Dr. Horace

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Theme: "Women Exalting God's Presence Through Love, Grace, And Harmony."
9:30 A.M.
Sunday School — Mrs. Barbara Tate — Supt.
10:40 A.M.
Morning Worship — Guest Speaker:
Mrs. Jessie B. Gladden, Educational Specialist in Social Studies, Baltimore City
Music: The Women's Choir
Dinner Served Free By Men of Church following Morning Service
Afternoon Service
3:00 P.M. Musical Program,
Memorial Service, Report of Captains, THE PUBLIC IS INVITED
Mrs. Barbara Barnes — Gen. Chairperson
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Dr. Bertha Everett — Honorary Chairman
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Rev. IRVIN C. LOCKMAN, Pastor
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9:05 A.M. — CHURCH SCHOOL —
Ms. Juanita Gaither, Superintendent
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— Little Innocent Lamb
— Marshall
Bartholomew, arr.
11:00 — Blessed be the Lord
— Thomas Tallis
— I Wan't To Be Ready
— William Dawson, arranger

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Theme Discussion by Wm. Jones
Music by Junior-Intermediate & Teen Choir.
Breakfast served after the 8:00 service.
Morning Service 11:00 a.m.
Speaker, Rev. Jesse Frazier of Mt. Sinai.
Music: Mass Youth and Young Adult Choir
Evening Service 5:00 p.m.
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9:15 A.M. Church School
New Members Class
10:30 A.M. Open Heart Service
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship
Sermon By Rev. Joseph Culp, Pastor of New Friendship Baptist Church
6 P.M. BTU and New Members' Class

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9:00 A.M. Church School
11:00 A.M. — Choral Eucharist Sermon
The Public is Cordially Invited To Attend

SHOWTIME

IDA PETERS

What's Happening

Arena Players will present "It's So Nice to Be Civilized", a new urban musical by Micki Grant, author of "Don't Bother Me I Can't Cope".

Miss Grant will be feted opening night, Oct. 30 at 7 p.m. at the Playhouse.

"Civilized" examines the "civilization" of an urban street through a series of vignettes with music ranging from blues to country western, and dance numbers from soft shoe to disco. The lives of the inhabitants on "Sweet Bittersweet, USA", are illustrated using scenes of satire, sentimentality, social comment and humor.

In addition to "Cope" and "Civilized", Ms Grant, has also composed "Your Arms Are Too Short To Box With God" and the lyrics for "Eubie". The play is being co-directed by Edward Terry, artistic director for Arena Players and Sevalyn White.

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Morgan

Morgan University presents Trazana Beverly in her new play "Git On Board", tonight (Friday), Oct. 16, 17 & 18 at The Little Theatre on Morgan's campus. The play starts at 8 p.m., with a 3 p.m. matinee on Sunday, Oct. 18.

Due to open in New York in December, "Git On Board" uses music and dance and song to show a woman's struggling to rear her children and to stand by her man in a morally corrupt community.

Daryl Waters is conductor and pianist; Leofoldo Flemming, percussionist; Keith Chaka, flautist. Otis White is stage manager; Peter Kass, director and Craig Moore, choreographer.

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Gallery 409

Sylvia Hardison with Infinite Experience (Lionel Jiggetts, Morris Dow, Bobby Ward and Joe Holsey, tonight, (Friday), Oct. 16, 8 p.m. at Gallery 409, 409 N. Charles St.

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Painters Mill

Patti LaBelle is the hottest show in town at Painters Mill, Friday, Saturday and Sunday with BB&Q Band. Baltimore has always been in love with LaBelle and she'll be singing songs from her new Philly International album, "The Spirit In It". Her version of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" is better than Judy Garland's and will send chill bumps up your spine.

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Walbrook

J.D. Fowler and Company presents their new, original gospel musical play, "Ready Or Not, Here Comes Jesus", Saturday, Oct. 17 at Walbrook High School Auditorium, 2000 Edgewood at 7:30 p.m. J.D. Fowler is a student at CCB where his major is Radio and TV. He is also a instructor at Weight Watchers, Inc. and a professional musician.

Musicians are Walter Caldwell, Joseph Jones, Carey Wright and Richard Yerby.

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Teddy Wilson

Teddy Wilson, that most elegant jazz pianist, will return to the Maryland Inn's King of France Tavern, Thursday, Oct. 15 thru Sunday, Oct. 18.

A product of the music of Fats Waller, Art Tatum and Earl Hines, Teddy Wilson's music is elegant. He plays a soft, neat, clean type of intimate jazz, always the master technician. He bends and turns a tune and shapes it to his own personality and style, improvising with dignity and intergrity. It is this distinctive style that helped to shape a whole school of rhythmically and harmonically sophisticated lyrical pianists from the 1940's on.

Teddy Wilson is in demand the world over as an accomplished soloist. Well known for accompanying the great "Lady Day", Billy Holiday, he has played with other such luminaries as Benny Goodman, Gene Krupa and Lionel Hampton.

Micki Grant here

Micki Grant coming to Arena Playhouse.

Cloisters

Edgar Allan Poe. Too scary for young children? On Oct. 17 at 2 p.m., Susan Yaruta-Foyder will tell the children two stories by Poe: "The Purloined Letter" and "The Devil in the Belfry". She will also read several poems by Poe in the literary tradition of Poe, Mrs. Yaruta-Foyder will tell a modern "scary story". The session will conclude with the group of children creating their own short story which will be taped, played back and later, transcribed.

All of the activities at the Cloisters this weekend will be in celebration of Poe's birthday. There will be a "Treasure Haunt", taped readings by Basil Rathbone, courtesy of the Poe House, and a "Quoth the Raven" puppet making session.

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Date Data

Bill Addison, Gregory Braxton and Jeanne Bacon are presenting a Buffet Dinner - Disco-Fashion Show at Pharoah's Lounge, 29th and Greenmount, Oct. 17.

The Royal Arch Masons annual Father-Son Banquet will feature Lenny Moore, director of promotions and community relations for the Baltimore Colts, Saturday, Oct. 31, 6 p.m. at the Arthur J. Payne Christian Center, Edmondson Ave. and Schroeder St. H. Love, 945-4262; L. Wilkins, 466-8120 or M. Stanley, 947-6391 for information.

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The Chancel Choir of Sharp Street Memorial Methodist Church, Dolphin and Etting presents the Morgan State University Concert Choir, Nathaniel Carter, director in concert, Sunday, Oct. 25 at 5 p.m. Morris Queen is Minister of Music; Rev. John W. Coleman, pastor.

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The Minority Truckers Association honors Thurman Person in a testimonial Oct. 31, 7-10 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Security Blvd.

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Gil Scott-Heron is now on a national tour promoting his new Artista LP, "Reflections". He will at the Kennedy Center in D.C., Thursday, Oct. 22 and at Baltimore's Hilton Hotel, Friday, Oct. 23.

Patti LaBelle at Painters Mill

Gil-Scott Heron coming to Hilton

Dynamic Boppers in 'Sesame Street Live'

Photos by Vanessa Johnson

By Ida Peters

Derek Jackson has the role of Grover; Geron Canidate his pal is the front end of Fred the Wonder Horse. Steven Silver is the back end of Wonder Horse; Verrane Tucker is the Cookie Monster and Bill Cortez is Oscar the Grouch.

The guys are all members of the Dynamic Boppers; they have been on "Soul Train" lots of times and Derek, the leader with his partner Geron were featured in an issue of "Right On" magazine and they taught Michael Jackson, Jeffery Daniels the dance steps to "Pop Locking".

They opened Wednesday in Bob Shipstad's "Sesame Street Live" in Big Bird's Super Spectacular Totally Amateur Show a 90 minute production filled with bigger-than-life, roller skating puppets.

This show is the kick-off of a tour that plays Baltimore thru Oct. 18; Cincinnati, Oct. 21; Phila., Nov. 4 ending in Madison Square Garden for 4 weeks, Dec. 16.

Derek Jackson as Grover is providing some hilarious fun in the show as Marshal Grover as he comes out of the West riding his Wonder Horse, Fred, backwards... Pop locking and bopping.

Derek has brown eyes, curley hair and was born in Detroit, July 23, 1961. He graduated from Saddleback High School in Santa Ana, California.

He has been a dancer in productions at Disneyland and appeared in dance sequences in the motion pictures "Xanadu" and "Roller Boogie".

He is a regular performer on "The big Show" and "Soul Train" TV series. He has performed with Sha-badoo Dancers, the L.A. Lockers, the Dynamic Boppers and with the singing group Shalaamar.

He received his vocal training with the singing group Shalaamar which led him to teaching Jeffery Daniels the dance steps to "Pop Locking". He also taught the show stopping steps to Michael Jackson who has incorporated the steps into his on stage act.

Derek Jackson and his buddy Geron Canidate have a new record in the making, possibly on Solar Records, "Invasion of the Body Poppers".

Geron Candidate Front of Horse

Derek Jackson Grover

Derek credits Anita Mann the busy director-choreographer of the "Muppets Go Hollywood" and "The Great Muppet Caper for putting him and his Dynamic Boppers in "Sesame Street Live"

Ariania Bellygrams

Anita Nock... stage name Ariania, the Naval Academy is a belly dancer who delivers Bellygrams for all occasions in the BaltimoreWashington area.

She works for the Eastern Onion Telegram Service and it is usually wives who order Bellygrams for their husbands as a surprise.

Ariania or Anita became fascinated by belly dancers while watching cartoons on TV when she was a little girl. She took lessons for two years from the Tahia School of Belly Dancers in Randallstown.

Last week she danced for United Way Fund at the Annual Report-O-Thon at USF&G Plaza. She has danced for the elderly at the House of Pines, for a Gas and Electric Co. retirement party; the Koreans Businessmen's Assoc. and various private parties.

Black image on TV conference at Morgan, Bethel AME

A two day conference on Black Image on Television will be held Friday, Oct. 23 at the McKeldin Center at Morgan State University and on Saturday, Oct. 24 at Bethel A.M.E. Church.

The keynote speaker on Friday at Morgan will be Mal Goode, U.N. correspondent and National Black Network. The occasion will be given by Dr. Samuel Hay, chairman Department of Communication and Theatre Arts, Morgan State University.

Friday program participants include Dr. Lucia Hawthorne, Dr. Andrew Billingsley, president of Morgan.

At the Saturday session to be held at Bethel A.M.E. where Robert Hooks, actor and media activist will be the luncheon speaker, program participants

Also, Dr. Jannette Dates, Mrs. Patty Grace, FCC, Pluria Marshall, National Black Media Coalition; Rev. John Bryant, pastor Bethel AME.

Other participants include Kweisi Mfume, WEEA-FM; DeWayne Wickham, WBAL-TV; Russell Johnson, Dwight Ellis, Al Stewart, WEAA-FM; Patricia Lawson, WBAL-TV and Ida Peters, AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers.

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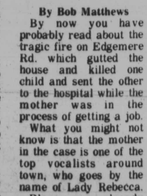
will include Anthony Robinson, lawyer; Mankekola Mahlangu, South African refugee; Paula Matabane, Howard University and Ntando U'Mbotha, South African journalist.

Other program participants will include Askew Sanders, ITT'S; Charlotte Kennedy, Children's Hospital, Memphis, Tenn.; Cecilia Bryant, Bethel A.M.E.; Mary Carter Smith, WEAA-FM; Pat Russell, Allan Kennedy, Morgan; Judge Robert Bell and Judge William Murphy.

Also, Paul Yates, general manager WJZ-TV; Judy Girard, Regan Henry, Zimira Jones, WJZ-TV, and Frederick Breitenfeld, M.P.B.

—Night Scene Seen—



By Bob Matthews

By now you have probably read about the tragic fire on Edgemere Rd. which gutted the house and killed one child and sent the other to the hospital while the mother was in the process of getting a job.

What you might not know is that the mother in the case is one of the top vocalists around town, who goes by the name of Lady Rebecca.

Plans are already underway to hold a benefit for Becky, and it is hoped that local musicians will come to the fore as they have done on many other occasions

This is one of the biggest sessions of the season for the Left Bank Jazz society, which brings in the Maynard Ferguson big band for the set this Sunday.

This time, there are advance tickets on sale, available by contacting Ruth Binsky at Sparky's Cleaners on Liberty Hgts. Ave. and Gwynn Oak; Eunice Flash, 276-8415, or Yvonne Williams, 276-8417. The fee has been upped a trifle for this engagement only, it will cost 10 bucks for regular session-goers, and 9 dollars for subscribing members.

Had to query LBJS on why the increase in cost, and after finding out how much it costs to bring in such a large aggregation, was surprised they could hold the cost down to this figure.

It goes without saying that it will be wall to wall people, so plan to get there early for choice seating. Guess it really won't matter too much about where you sit, for Arthur Howard seems to have solved all the problems with the sound system, and the last few concerts have been beautiful to hear.

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The phone rang while we were putting this column together, and the message was that there will indeed be a benefit for Lady Rebecca this Saturday night.

It will commence at 7 p.m. at Lydell Mitchell's Point After, and go on until closing time. Already commitments have been made by Louis Hamlin and his big band, along with Ruby Glover; Mickey and Shirley Fields; Dennis Fisher, John Lamkin and a list of others too numerous to name.

Admission charge will be just $2, and of course there will be a hot bowl available for those who want to make additional contributions.

At The Sportsmen's Lounge, Bill Harris continues as the week end attraction, along with Bobby Ward, drums; Charles Arnette, keyboards; Butch Coleman, bass; Benny Russell, sax and Jennelie Fisher, featuring Libby Stevens.

The Saturday afternoon jazz jam will have the group known as The Jazzmen, which comprises Tim Murphy, piano; George Gray, drums; Tom McCormick, tenor sax, and Jeff Andrews, bass.

This, incidently, is the group which also plays at The Closet on Thursday nights as a part of the $1.99 sets Wednesdays, the group serves free hors d'oeuvres.

On Friday and Saturday nights, Brenda Alford and her Trio are featured, so you can see that jazz is alive and well downtown.

The Ritz this weekend presents a group called Review; the Park Plaza goes with vocalist Janet Lawson who will be doing 3 shows each night.

A fantastic session is scheduled for the One Step Down over in D.C. where Lee Konitz headlines, backed up by Reuben Brown, piano; Steve Novosel, bass; and Dude Brown, drums.

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Have been hearing about a lot of concerts being held by a group called The Associates, Inc., which has presented concerts beginning at 5 p.m. on Sundays.

It all happens at 156 S. Calverton Rd., off the 2100 block Frederick Ave., and this week they are scheduled to have O'Donel Levy Will have to check this out.

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Was delighted to hear that Maceo's over on N. Monroe St. is once again featuring food they are calling it a fantastic buffet lunch each weekday from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Another thing we'll check out personally for you.

Charles Patterson... ...on racism

Charles Henry (Chuck) Patterson now starring in "A Lesson From Aloes" at Center Stage thru Oct. 25 is an articulate young man.

He says that Athol Fugard's play about South African apartheid is about "people trying to survive in a most severe inhumane environment".

Chuck attended the University of Illinois from 1966-70 where he majored in Theatre Arts. He worked his way thru school as a barber. In 1974 he was Artistic Director of Mayor Daley's Summer Youth Program and later served as DirectorCoordinator of State-Wide Free Drama Workshops for the Illinois Art Council.

Chuck is presently of Actors Equity and a member of Screen Actor's Guild and AFTRA. For Equity, he is Chairman of the Ethnic Minorities Committee.

This committee a month ago ran an ad in Variety signed by over 400 actors and actresses protesting racism, consciously and unconsciously by various critics in their reviews.

They singled out John Simon because his reviews of theatre are read throughout the nation and called on him to cease and desist or be fired.

The ad protested such comments as "He's making a vain attempt to be white" and "Black actors should not play classics".

Chuck says his committee is fighting the rascist attitudes that blacks and hispanics cannot play roles in Shakespeare and "they can't do it inherientl".

He says our committee "wants fair and equal opportunity, a fair shake and no special treatment".

He continued, "A special effort is needed to right the situation as it exists" in the theatre today because many actors and actresses do not get a chance to audition and show what they can compete.

Chuck Patterson is a resident actor with the New York Negro Ensemble Company and when he leaves Baltimore after Oct. 25 he will be doing a directional stint on Oscar Brown Jr.'s "In 'de Beginning".