

Entertainment

BILLIE ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

Off With Their Heads! Students Demand Justice

N'YORK CITY-You've doubled up on me this time, between Sammy Davis, Jr.'s fling and flare at Harrah's Mariner in "The Other Atlantic City" and the Willie May's "Say Hey" Foundation Celebrity Tournament at Briar Hall Country Club, you have had little time to become acquainted with this typewriter. However it's a

good thing I am on speaking terms with time and can inform your loyal readers that you would have pen-point the fact that Ango Abduhalli, vice chancellor, Nigeria's Ahmadu Bello University is facing criminal charges along with several riot policemen who may be tried for murder. All is an out growth of a student uprising in May during which campus leaders claim that 19 students were killed and 20 injured by police using tear

gas, live and plastic bullets ammunition. Zaria's government, headed by General Ibrahim Babangida, disputes these numbers and defends the police who had to use force in order to break through roadblocks and dismantle barricades to contain the disorder. The findings were made public by a commission appointed by the General to quiet a public outcry following the incident. The entire event was the opening of an old wound dating back to '78 protest march during which eight students were killed by police. The May '86 event was to commemorate their death. It was sanctioned by

the government. However during the demonstration several women's dorms were allegedly occupied. That resulted in the expulsion of two student leaders. This action drew immediate widespread criticism from faculty members who were already hot under the collar over the administration's proposed cuts in their benefits. Encouraged by this group, allegedly, the students became more militant toward the administration and started constructing a fortress which is said triggered the calling out of the Nat'l police.

drought stricken south to sail on the cool waters of the Hudson. Some were left on the dock, but those who made it aboard included: M/M Dick Campbell, R&B singer Ruth Brown, writer Major Robinson, Shoman's Cafe topliner Jimmy "Preacher" Robbins and former choursliners Norma Miller, Thelma Prince, Bridie Lou Woods, and Sammy's mom Baby Sanchez, who just happened to have a pocketbook full of pic's from granddaughter Tracey's wedding. Deliah Jackson used this outing to introduce Daily News critic David Hinley to some of the innovators of tap dancing...."You Write The Songs," the TV game show hosted by Ben Vereen has cleared 118 stations including almost all the top markets....Trustees of financially embattled Shaw U. have asked for the resignation of Pres. Stanley H. Smith, who has been at the helm for eight years.

SUMMER READING—Mr. R. when you finally settle down you should cast your eyes on the Nat'l Inst. Against Prejudice and Violence's book "Striking Back At Bigotry: Remedies Under Federal And State Law For Violence Motivated By Racial, Religious, and Ethnic Prejudice." It will make good column material. Beside's that you are a member of the Bd. of Dr. and NYC Police Comm. Ben Ward is a vice-chair....Joe Attles will sang "Memories of You" at Hilda Haynes Memorial on July 30th....Writer Lem Wells wrote a note to Anthony Lewis, Bean-town reporter for the NY Times, asking him when he'll travel to So. Africa to report like he did in China. He replied "I was denied a So. African Visa in April!" The late Josephine Baker's stepson, Jean-Claude Baker, has opened an eatery on Theatre Row in honor of her. It bears her name....Well Known Motown act El

DeBarge and label newcomer Troy Johnson will be the apple of the eyes of the pre-teen set. They have that "too pretty look." While El is a proven vocal talent the other's look should entice young record buyers to give him their money and lend him their eartime.

WRITE BRIEF—"Sam-



Sammy Davis, Jr.

my Davis, Jr., whose recent engagement at Atlanta's Chastain Park amphitheatre with the city's Symphony Ork. was sold out. He continues to remain in great voice," reports Mr. R. "The audience brings tables, chairs and candles and as day fades the candles are lit to make a pretty sight, and when they really appreciate an artist, flares are sent off to flash their de'light. They make it appear as if stars have landed on earth, with an abundance of shooting ones to applaude Mr. D's talent"....The "Color Purple has grossed over \$30 mil. during its domestic release. The flick has been on Variety's "50 Top Grossing Films" list for 27 wks., while Richard Pryor's "Jo-Jo Dancer" quick-landed on it and disappeared....The Nat'l Endowment for the Humanities has gifted Xavier U., Louisiana, \$64,000 for and edition of Quadilbet VII of the medieval philosopher Henry of Ghent....While the Nat'l Institutes of Health has granted F. Valley State College \$39,459 to study cardiovascular effects of anriopeptin III, Meharry Med. College \$58,688 to examine the role of C-AMP in renin release, and Morehouse College of Med., \$496,368 to enhance the institute's capacity for biomedical research....As usual IT BEEN REAL nice for Nancy Hite to typesit for very busy syndicated columnist Billy Rowe.

MOVIN' ON—Friends of writer A. Peter Bailey, who is now doing publicity chores for the off-off B'way and road hit "Mama I want to Sing," already know that he's leaving the Apple to become Dr. of Sports Info. at Virginia Union, but the new news is that he plans to instutite a course on The Black Press...Essence Mag.'s investigative reporter Jill Nelson is headed for DeeCee, where her 9-to-5 is as assignment editor for the Wash. Post's Sunday Mag.



Ossie Davis

....Ossie Davis will take over Cleavon Little's role in the 3X Tony Award winner "I'm Not Rappaport" on Sept. 2nd....Alfe Woodard, everyone's favorite OB-GYN on TV's "St. Elsewhere," can be seen in the soon to be released "Extremities.".... Bubba Smith has gone down under to topline the action thriller "Black Box."....The Copasetics boatride was just like a family reunion with Honi Coles acting like everybodys bro, cousin or uncle. Folks came from the

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