

Entertainment

BILLIE ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

"Soul Man" Blind To Real Issues

NEW PORT NEWS, VA. HARVARD'S BLACK LAW STUDENT. The National Ass'n for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, the conglomerate body of some 120 Black institutions, The H'wood Branch NAACP, with the blessings of the Nat'l office, education officials, students and Civic Rights activists have voiced a strong desire to take the heart of "Soul Man," Hollywood's latest attempt to be 80-minutes funny and 10-minutes serious about racism. Members of all the groups above have gone on record that prejudice isn't a laughing matter. The Harvard Black Law Students were very vocal in their condemnation of the film's simplistic approach to racism and are suggesting a boxoffice by-pass. Millicent Hodge, prexy of the body, found it particularly disturbing that the 'hero' character's girl friend, Rae Dawn Chong, was a Black single mother. To her this was the ultimate stereotype

and further cut the heart out of "Soul Man." In case you're not up on this latest dude from the tinsel city of make believe it has to do with a rich yuppie dude who darkened his skin to get a Harvard Law School scholarship which was earmarked for an Afro-American out of Calif. The flick does however attempt to make up for its attempt to poke fun at the fruits of the struggle. The hero's cliché, "This is the Cosby generation, America loves Black people." In his disguise he soon learned that such is more fiction than facts. His landlord wants to evict him. He's arrested for no reason at all. His classmates consider him academically inferior and white women tighten their purses when he steps on the same elevator. Though the film spotlights many of the stereotypes about the race, "The film's anti-racist message was too subtle. Only the most astute watcher would pickup on the

problems," stated Connie Watson, spokesperson for the H'wood NAACP. In view of the furor the words from Stephen Bernardi, the law school's assistant dean for academic administration, are that the movie has scripted a false situation at Harvard as the school offers no such thing specifically for Blacks.



Rev. Jesse Jackson

NEWS NOTES:—The Rev. Jesse Jackson insiders are telling all an sundry to have no fear because the "Country Preacher's big city know-how will prevail in that \$10,000,000 legal action filed against him by the Agency for Performing Arts. The suit filed in L.A. alleges Jesse refused to perform or comply with APA's agreement covering various forms of bookings, a syndicated column and a book publishing deal. The agency has named Dick Griffey as codefendant and is asking for an additional \$115,400 for aborted commissions...Columbia pix ch'man, David Puttnam, himself has put apart-hate South Africa on notice that no more flicks will it get come May for any of its segregated theatres...Dr. Bill (Huxtable) Cosby show is expected to deliver a syndicated record baby of a half billion dollars...NBC teevee has benched the "A-Team" and sideliners are wondering

about the fate of "Mr T" who has been temper 'bad-mouthed through the waning season...The tipped hat is to Mary Maples Dunn, president of Smith College. She has set in motion a 7-point program to combat campus racism. The program includes the naming of an outside investigator to look into an incident of a racial slur which was painted on a college bldg. The Smith incident followed the baseball fans' brouhaha at nearby Amherst of the U. of Massachusetts between, mostly white, Boston, and mostly Black Mets rooters. Ten students were injured...Dean Sayles, Barbara Jacquet, their fellas, Carl Green and Sam Williams, and best friend Shirley Rhodes, the Sammy Davis, Jr. executive will do Honolulu to spice the "good cheer" season. James Baldwin, author lecturer, brought most of the 1700 who packed into the Performing Arts Center of the State U. of N.Y. at Purchase to a standing applause posture. He astutely word painted the folly of racism and warned that we have just 5000-days until the end of the century to redefine itself or face a new version of "The Fire Next Time." Cornell U. Medical College's "Minority Student Comm. will honor John H. Johnson and Dr. James L. Curtis as the centerpieces of its all out annual fun and fund drive. Tennis legend Arthur Ashe chairs the luncheon. Dick Tidrow, Rose Morgan, Dr. Aaron Wells & Roosevelt Zanders are founding members...They have dusted off the welcome mat for Abby Lincoln at the Jazz Center in lower Manhattan. She will be putting on two advance singers work-shops in Dec. The J/C will also honor Sarah McLawler with

Cameo Here With Full Force, Boogie Boys

Tickets are still available for the November 29 'Cameo' concert scheduled in the Thomas and Mack Center. Appearing with 'Cameo' are 'Full Force' and 'The Boogie Boys.'

Concert time is 8 p.m. Where fearsome funk is concerned, according to the LA Times pop music critics,

its newly created Alberta Hunter Award and Dakota Staton with its Dinah Washington memorial Award.

CONVERSATION ROWE:—Cicely Tyson, Mrs Miles Davis, has teamed with a couple of men of experience and plans to open a Cotton Club style cabaret on the posh downtown East side. Understand it will not be private, but chic and exclusive...Ophelia DeVore Mitchell is revving for a rest of the year celebration of her 40th anniversary as a pioneer female entrepreneur

Cameo's "Word Up" is one of the year's best albums.

Tickets are available at the box office, all Ticketron outlets and by Teletron (1-800-992-2128). Box office hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays. The box office is also open on Saturday night, November 22, and one hour into the event for last minute ticket purchases and upgrading of seat selections.

Please call the Information Line (739-3900) for further information.

Theatre Pearl Harbor Day...The other press has started its downgrading of Black super stars. Billboard's Nelson George is quoted in many print areas that "There is no single Black artist dominating the market place. Lionel Richie and Tina Turner have current products, but the excitement level generated by their previous efforts is not there." Perhaps this kind of bias off the wall coat pulling will signal our stars that their support is from the Black Press to which they should pay more loyal attention. We were first to call attention to Lionel when the Commodores could not get arrested without our constant support. However now we only see him in the other folk's environment...It looks like Spike Lee has got it behind his flick, 'She's Gotta Have It.' He got the call to direct the Miles Davis video "TuTu," a short for Sat'dy Nite Live with Brandford Marshall and Diahanne Abbott. Let's hope he will not wait until the well runs dry before he misses his water. STAY LOOSE...BILLY ROWE IS A SYNDICATED COLUMNIST.



Cicely Tyson



Mr. "T"

in the Big Apple...Kodak really cut its ties with Aparthate South Africa. It's getting out and taking all its products along...B.B. King dropped his musical bomb shell on stage of the Apollo

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PRELIMINARY COMPATIBILITY SCREENING

- 1 I am easily irritated when required to stand in line
- 2 My level of refinement is average
- 3 Off-color language is embarrassing
- 4 Perfection is often just an accident
- 5 Most people would consider me unsophisticated
- 6 I dislike having to get dressed up to go out
- 7 Early hotel check-out times are annoying
- 8 People place too much emphasis on sex these days
- 9 Moral values are lower now than ever before
- 10 Love and commitment should precede sex