

Entertainment



BILLIE ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

CANADA SMEARED BY ITS VERSION OF AMERICAN RACISM

N' ROCHELLE, NY—HI, BOSS!!! - Canada, once considered a haven for African-Americans seeking freedom during America's ugly days of slavery, has caught this country's contagious disease of racially motivated violence on college campuses. A coindropper who lives up that way reports that Jeremy Paris, a student at Nova Scotia Community College at Stellarton, claims that he was held down by two

students while Tim Connell beat him as 100 others looked on. The police have charged Connell with assault causing bodily harm and to its credit, the college has suspended him. However, unlike in the United States, where students support this type of action it's reported that 150 plus students protested Connell's suspension. They demanded that either Connell be reinstated, or that Paris also be sus-

ended for starting the fight. Due to suspicions of racism, the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission is investigating the campus. Meanwhile Dalhousie University, in the same city, is giving considerable thought to instituting an aggressive recruitment campaign to attract more Black and Micmac Indian students. The Univ. is also contemplating including of the history and culture of both groups in its curriculum.

PHONELINES: — While most folks were celebrating Walter H. Annenburg's \$50 million gift to the United Negro College Fund, this office was flooded with people wondering if Miles College, Birmingham, Ala., and Paul Quinn College, Waco, Tx., will benefit from this donation. Both colleges are in trouble...Like the phoenix that rises from the ashes, Bishop College will soon be back in the education business. Closed in 1988

because of insurmountable debt, the campus has been purchased by businessman Comer Cotrell, owner of the Pro-Line Corporation. According to the brother, Bishop will be back on the block soon as the board of trustees is in place and the campus is cleaned up...So far the Mildred D. Brown Journalism Scholarship Fund has collected over \$1200.00. Brown, who was publisher of the Omaha Star, was a firm believer in the power of the press. Contributions should be made payable to: Mildred D. Brown Scholarship Fund, c/o Dr. Marguerita L. Washington, The Omaha Star, 2216 N. 24th Street, Omaha, NE 68110...A more gracious and dedicated lady never lived...Columbia U's plan to demolish the Audubon Ballroom, the site where Malcolm X was assassinated, has got the Harlem community's back up. However, some are asking why it took activists so long to oppose the plan. One lady, pointing to the vacant Renaissance Ballroom, located at 138th St. and Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Blvd., said "We had better grab it now before other outsiders come along and we're fighting another losing battle..."The recent outbreak of unrest in the Ivory Coast has caused many African watchers to predict that the people power that forced changes in Eastern Europe and South Africa, may do the same thing in Sub-Sahara Africa...I know that you were thrilled to tell Sammy Davis, Jr. about the lovely program that students at the Maggie L. Walker School in Brooklyn put on in his honor. In addition to the students' own talent show, theatrical historian and major Sammy Davis fan, Delilah Jackson, gave the students a treat by letting them eye "Rufus Jones For President." Mr. D's first movie. At some point throughout the month-long "I Live Sammy" observance, visitors included you, his mom, Elvera "Baby" Sanchez, and sister, Ramona Davis...Those involved with the study and preservation of African and African-American history are too happy that the African Heritage Studies Assoc. (AHS) will take place at NY's City College in April. Others are saving bucks in

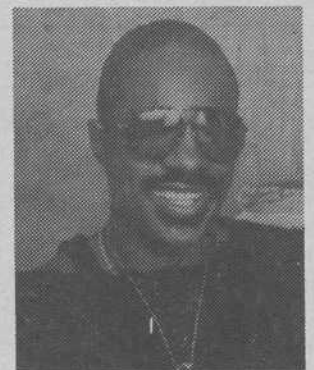
order to attend the 4th Annual World Melanin Conference at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel later that same month.

STARGAZING: — While most Jackson watchers are trying to get an early peek at Ola Stillman Rockefeller's and Mark Kostabi's portrait mural, scheduled to hang in the family's music museum in Las Vegas, others want to be the first to view LaToya's movie. Called "Playback," she'll share the big screen with Erik Estrada. Besides



LaToya Jackson

the cost of the movie ticket, LaToya fans may have to jet to Italy, as that's where the backers are located...Although Stevie Wonder won the \$25 million suit charging that he plagiarized "I Just Called to Say I Love You" from a tune written by Lloyd Chiare, he's too much of a gentleman to rub the loser's nose in it. After it was all over, Wonder



Stevie Wonder

said that he would like to copen a ditty with Chiare for charity...All fan letters to Ike Turner must now be sent in care of the California State Prison system. He has been sentenced to four years on cocaine charges...As quiet as it's kept, the Substance Abuse Intervention Division (S.A.I.D.) is doing a bang-up job. As part of the NYC Dept. of Corrections, the 10-month old program is geared towards preparing inmates for the treatment community. While

some get the cure in other facilities, others are released to independent programs, depending on the decision of the judge. The powers that be are so impressed that 50 new counselors have been hired. We viewed the Biby Resolution docked at pier 36 in the East River...All of New Rochelle, New York is gearing up for an ambitious anti-drug event. The Flyer's Track Club is planning an 11-leg relay from New Rochelle-to-Washington, D. C. to encourage a drug free lifestyle. Word is that City Hall is getting ready to really get involved.

NO APRIL FOOL'S JOKE: — DeeCee based Trans Africa will bestow its first Nelson Mandela Courage award on singer/activist Harry Belafonte. The ceremony is scheduled for



Harry Belafonte

April 1. Bill Cosby will host the \$250-per-person gala at the Beverly Wilshire. Trans Africa is a major Congressional lobbying force and was responsible for arranging the highly publicized demonstrations in front of the South African Embassy...Education Sec'y Lauro F. Cavazos has formed a committee with a mandate to end ethnic and racial discrimination on America's college campuses by the year 2000. Leonard L. Hayes, III, asst. sec'y for postsecondary ed., and William L. Smith, acting asst. sec'y for civil rights, have been picked to co-chair the committee. A summer meeting is currently on the drawing board and invites are expected to go out to college presidents, deans, professors and students in the hopes of gaining clear ways to eliminate racism...Southern Univ. and A&M College, Alabama A&M, Jackson State and Prairie View A&M Univ. have formed the Science & Engineering Alliance. The coming together will allow its members access to almost 400



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Top Ten STRONG SINGLES



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| 1. Janet Jackson | Escapade |
| Quincy Jones | Secret Gardens |
| Babyface | Whip Appeal |
| Luther Vandross | Treat You Right |
| Troop | Spread My Wings |
| EWF | Heritage |
| Bell Biv DeVoe | Poison |
| Christopher Williams | Promises Promises |
| Lisa Stansfield | All Around the World |
| Stacy Lattisaw & Johnny Gill | Where Do We Go |