Celts ink Graham

BOSTON (UPI) — Guard Mal Graham, the former NYU star being groomed to succeed veteran Sam Jones after next season, signed his 1968-69 contract with the Boston Celtics last week after completing a stint in the armed forces.

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DIAHANN CARROLL
Awaits own-TV series

Luscious Diahann awaits fall TV series

NEW YORK — Diahann Carroll was a winner even before she won the title role of "Julia" on the NBC Television Network's series.

Miss Carroll as Julia Baker plays a 26-year-old beauty, widow of an Air Force captain killed in Vietnam, who tries to make a new life for herself in the big city with the couple's six-year-old son, Corey. Julia is a registered nurse.

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THE COVETED Julia role is by no means Miss Carroll's first triumph.

For her efforts as a nightclub singer — her bread-and-butter profession — Cue Magazine named her "Entertainer of the Year."

When she braved Broadway, as the star of Richard Rodgers' "No Strings," she won a Tony Award.

And when she tried television, in an episode of "Naked City," she won an Emmy nomination.

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DIAHANN, in fact, has been a winner since she was 10.

Born in the Bronx, N.Y., daughter of a subway conductor, her early life was comfortable and happy. For as long as she can remember, she wanted to be a singer. This led to her acceptance at the High School of Music and Art and, after graduation, New York University.

THERE, SHE considered a non-singing career, but not for long. She auditioned for showman Lou Walters' all-colored revue "Jazz Train."

Nothing came of the show, but something came of the audition. Walters hailed Diahann as "the greatest natural talent I've seen in 5 years."

HE GOT her a spot on Dennis James' talent competition show, "Chance of a Lifetime," where she became the first girl to win three weeks in a row.

On the strength of these victories, Diahann was booked into the Latin Quarter for a week and was held over for four. A follow-up triumph at Ciro's on the opposite coast established her as a top nightclub attraction.

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TELEVISION appearances in this country ("The Red Skelton Show") and on England's BBC ("Intersational Cabaret") led to the role of Ottilie in the Broadway musical, "House of Flowers." It was on her later return to Broadway in "No Strings" that Diahann won the Tony.

She also appeared on "The Strollin' Twenties," "The Danny Kaye Show," "The Judy Garland Show" and other variety series before turning dramatic in "Naked City" to win the Emmy nomination.

Cosby signs contract to work for Cosby

HOLLYWOOD — Bill Cosby has discontinued his association with Warners-7 Arts Records to sign an exclusive five-year deal with his own company, Tetragrammaton.

Tetragrammaton is a subsidiary of Campbell, Silver, Cosby Corp., of which he is a full partner.

Pair for Rattlers

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — (FAMU) —The Florida A and M University Rattlers will play two classics in the State of Florida this fall. The 36th annual Orange Blossom Classic and festivities will be held in Miami December 6-7. The sixth anual Tampa Classic will be played in Tampa November 30.

STARS AID CORE

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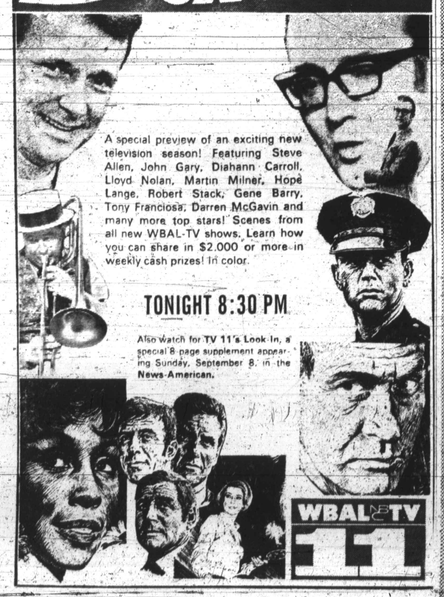

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NEW OFFICERS — Southern University cadets commissioned recently, (left to right) Glen Doston, Regular U.S. Army Military Intelligence; Lionel Butler, Signal Corps; Paul B. Domingue, Artillery and Kenneth S. Henderson, Quartermaster Corps, in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Rioting GIs burn stockade buildings

LONG BINH, Vietnam — Hundreds of American GI prisoners rioted and burned down three buildings including their mess hall, today at the biggest U.S. stockade in Vietnam.

Reliable military police sources said racial tensions among the camp's 750 inmates probably sparked a fight among inmates which touched off the riot.

Returning GI's have told stories of large numbers of servicemen being placed in stockades for refusing repeated calls to front line duty when they felt others were being given combat breaks.

Guards charged into the prisoner brawl with billyclubs and tear gas and one prisoner died of a fractured skull. At least 64 men, five of them guards, were injured in the 90-minute melee, 24 seriously enough to require hospitalization.

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THE STOCKADE, known to servicemen as "LBJ" for Long Binh Jail, was built for 550 inmates suspected or convicted on charges ranging from murder to narcotics possession to being absent without leave.

It was the worst U.S. stockade violence in Vietnam and followed riots Aug. 16-18 by 150 prisoners in the U.S. Marine Brig in Da Nang.

The Marine rioters burned entire cell blocks to the ground, demanding better treatment and the lifting of rules that required them to call their guards "sir."

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Long Binh, 15 miles northeast of Saigon, is headquarters for the U.S. army in Vietnam.

Military police sources said the riot apparently started with a fight among inmates in the detainee area of the medium security compound. Guards went inside to investigate and did not return. The 32 guards on duty called another 100.

A fire alarm went off inside the compound and military police guards waded into the melee, billyclubs swinging. They fired tear gas into the mobs but did not use their guns. Five guards were hurt, and in 90 minutes the riot was over and fires were under control.

"It was a typical prisoner disturbance that got out of hand," said one U.S. official. He declined comment on possible racial aspects.

"We have no evidence it was planned," another said. The matter was under investigation, he said.

The rioting came on the first day the stockade was under the command of Col. William Bradenburg of Elloree, S.C.

Cost of living rises sharply in June, July

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The cost of living for American consumers completed its sharpest two-month rise in 11 years during July the official government index showed this week.

Higher medical costs and home mortgage interest rates pushed the consumer price index up half a percent in July alone, according to the Labor Department's Bureau of statistics.

The report said this matched a half a percent increase in June and took the consumer price index to 121.5 percent of the 1957-1959 base period.

The overall one percent increase for June and July equals the record two month increase for the same months set in 1957.

The increase means that the same market basket of goods and services which $10 would buy in 1957-59 costs $12.15 today. In 1939 terms, the comparative cost would be $2.06 today.

ARNOLD CHASE of the Statistics Bureau told newsmen he expected the cost of living in August to increase by a far smaller amount than in June and July. He predicted that the recently passed tax increase would be taking effect and holding down inflationary price pressures.

Chase said higher mortgage interest charges were a key factor boosting the price index during July.

Lisle Carter joins Cornell University

ITHACA, N.Y. — Lisle C. Carter Jr., a former vice presicent of the Urban Coalition, has been appointed to the Cornell University faculty.

The appointment of Carter as visiting professor of public administration in the Graduate School of Business and Public Administration, effective Sept. 1, was announced last week by University Provost Dale R. Corson.

"We are fortunate," Corson said, "to have a man of Mr. Carter's experience and accomplishments to help us find ways in which a university such as Cornell can be effective in dealing with some of the major essential problems which beset the country."

Carter will be the first lecturer in a new course in the Graduate School of Business and Public Administration designed to focus on major current issues which demand the attention of private leaders and public administrators.

He will also be associated with the Department of Housing and Design in the New York State College of Home Economics at Cornell. Dean David C. Knapp of Home Economics said Carter will work with the faculty in "identifying the problems of the inner city" and will work in association with other faculty courses on current housing issues and the human aspects of housing.

CARTER WAS vice president for program planning at the Urban Coalition, assistant secretary of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) during the years John W. Gardner headed the department. Carter joined the Urban Coalition staff shortly after Gardner assumed chairmanship of the organization on March 1.

Speaking of Carter, Gardner said, "Lisle Carter is one who has devoted many years to the furtherance of social justice. I am in debted to him — and the nation is indebted to him — for the contributions he has made to our society, both in his years in government and in the formative months of the Urban Coalition."

LESLIE CARTER

Elks to build $250,000 shrine, camp for poor kids

By A. N. SAID
AFRO Staff Writer

NEW YORK — The Elks plan to intensify voter registration drive and put more muscle into other civil rights activities, according to The Grand Exalted Ruler, Hobson R. Reynolds.

Mr. Reynolds told the AFRO, shortly after the organization concluded its 69th Annual Convention here last Friday evening: "We need more people to vote in order to have stronger impact on the affairs of government."

Several thousand members of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of the Elks of the World participated in the week-long convention which was held at the New York Hilton.

The order, which claims to be the largest colored fraternal organization in the world, has a membership of 450,000 in 2,000 lodges and temples in the U.S., the Caribbean, France, West Germany, Canada, Britain and Liberia. It was founded in 1898.

Reynolds, a Philadelphia undertaker, was elected grand elected ruler is 1960. He, along with all other officers were re-elected for two-year terms last week.

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THE DELEGATES also voted for the building of a national shrine in Winton, N.C., and to develop a summer camp for underprivileged children, at a cost of $250,000.

Reynolds told the AFRO he donated a 100-acre farm site in North Carolina on which the two projects will be carried out.

"It will be developed for combined recreation-cultural activities," he said.

Work on the national shrine and the summer camp is scheduled to start next spring. Completion is projected for August, 1969.

The summer camp will be for the use of children from big city slums and other areas in the country.

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ON THE ghetto level, the order plans to enlarge its civil rights activities by working directly with the people there.

Mrs. Alice Nichols, of Cleveland, Ohio, who is head of civil rights activities, will coordinate all of the various programs designed to upgrade the lives of poor Americans.

"She will be going all over the country to arouse enthusiasm and work to eliminate poverty," Mr. Reynolds disclosed.

The order's 2,000 lodges in the country will carry out and intensify voter registration campaigns.

The group does not endorse any candidate for office. However, "support will be given to the candidate who supports black people's cause," Mr. Reynolds said.

On the question of the war, the Elks believe that the war in Vietnam should be brought to an end soon through negotiations. "We should not walk out on our boys. We ought to try to have the other side come to some decision," said Mr. Reynolds.

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AS EVERY year, the Elks appropriated $100,000 this year for educational purposes. A total of 120 youngsters will receive college scholarships.

Last year, 115 youths won college scholarships. The Elks scholarship program was started in 1925. The order has spent over $4 million on this program so far.

In 1930 the order sent Miss Dorothy Heights to study at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Last Friday, Miss Height, now president of the National Council of Negro Women, received the Elks' top annual award, "The Loveloy Award," at ceremonies held at the Grand Ballroom of New York Hilton.

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SPEAKERS DURING the week-long convention included Mrs. Martin Luther King, who spoke earnestly and eloquently about the ideals of her late husband.

"She made a very fine impression," Mr. Reynolds told the AFRO. Mrs. King and her four children were honor guests of the Elks.

Also addressing the convention were Whitney Young, head of the National Urban League and James Farmer, former head of CORE, now Congressional candidate in Brooklyn's Bedford Stuyvesant.

Mr. Farmer urged the delegates to set up their own cooperative self insurance programs in their home towns to protect themselves when insurance companies cancel out property and fire insurance.

Only in this manner can poor people hope to protect themselves in case of fires which can wipe out the roof over their heads since both federal and state governments show little interest or concern for their welfare, he stated.

Mr. Farmer received a rousing round of applause when he told his audience that as the "Black Revolution" must help their children and grandchildren to live freedom for all peoples of the world.

Blacks to stage rival 'Miss America' contest

A black and white—Miss Pageant—willbe held at Atlantic City—on Saturday.

One contest will be lily white and the other will be black.

The announcement was made jointly by Phillip H. Savage, tri-State director of the NAACP and J. Morris Anderson, president of the newly formed Fashionable Production, Inc., which is sponsoring the rival beauty pageant.

Savage said, "We want to be in Atlantic City at the same time that the hypocritical "Miss America" contest is being held.

Savage said 12 young women competing in the pageant will participate in the first phase of the elemination at midnight Friday, Sept. 6.

At 2 p.m. Saturday, a colorful parade will be held on the Boardwalk and go past Convention Hall.

Inside the hall, the "Miss America" contest will be nearing selection of the winner.

At 4 p.m. Saturday the contest "will host a cabana party to be held on the beach, and as far as I know, it will be held on the beach in front of Convention Hall," Savage stated.

The pageant is to provide black young ladies with an open and fair contest at which time they will be judged by black judges on the basis of beauty, talent and charm, according to Savage.

He said it will contrast with the Miss America Pageant which remains an all-white affair, reinforcing a false and hypocritical sense of racial awareness in its viewers.

The winners in the black pageant with from Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Illinois and California, will receive a one-week, all expense paid trip ti Puerto Rico, a complete wardrobe and a trophy.

The pageant will be held at the Ritz Carlton Motor Inn, several blocks from Convention Hall.

Ike now reads his Westerns

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower was able to sit up in bed and read his favorite Western, novels today and doctors reported he spent the night free of the painful heart spasms that have hampered his recovery from a heart attack.

A mid-morning bulletin from the Walter Reed Army Medical Center said the 77-year-old Five-Star General was continuing to "show steady progress in recuperating from his seventh heart attack.

For the first time, his doctors said, Eisenhower was told of Hubert Humhrey winning the democratic nomination for president and events at the National Convention.

Militant jailed for 270 days

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (UPI) —City Judge Henry Esteva sentenced black power militant Joe Waller to 270 days in jail last Monday, after telling him most of the city's colored people "would rather not have you here."

Waller, self-styled leader of the Junta of Militant Organizations (JOMO), spent most of his trial on charges of verbal abuse of police and assault slouched in a chair reading the diary of the late Cuban revolutionary, Ernesto (CHE) Guevara.

He was charged with using obscene language and assault when he objected to arrest.

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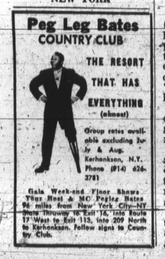

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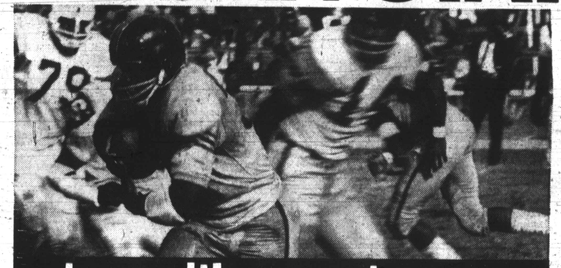

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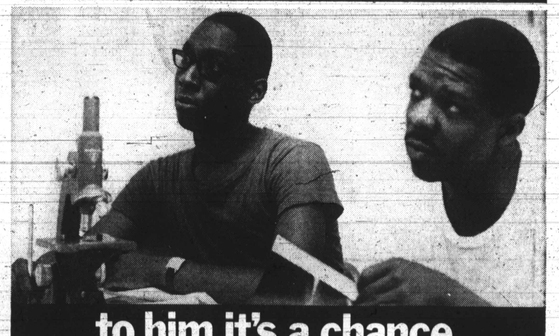

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