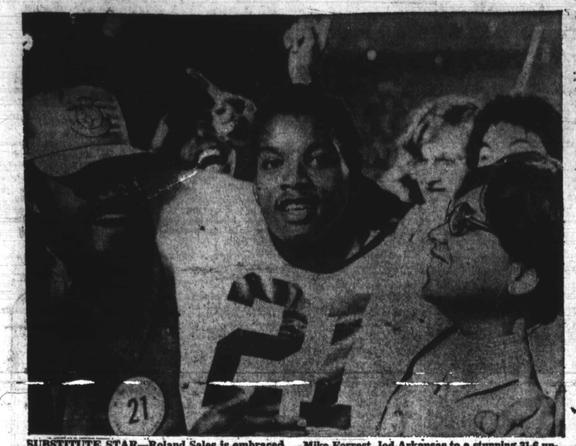

SUBSTITUTE STAR—Roland Sales is embraced by pop Fred and mom Mattie after his Orange Bowl record 285 yards against Oklahoma Monday night. Sales, moving in for suspended fullback Mike Forrest, led Arkansas to a stunning 31-6 upset of the Sooners, inspiring all—including mom—to proclaim the Razorbacks No. 1 in college football.

Hold up a finger and be No. 1, too

By Sam Lacy

The popular belief in college football, it seems, is that a victory in the gridiron makes the winning team the national champions.

Especially if the victory comes in late season. And certainly if it is achieved in one of the maze of bowl games.

Along with that belief is a ritual that has become standard procedure. Hold up a finger for everyone to see, and your team automatically becomes No. 1.

By the time this reaches your living room, the major press services — the Associated Press and United Press International — will have released their ratings, but who cares what they decide?

Surely, not Alabama. Not Notre Dame. Not Washington. Not Southern California. Not Arkansas. Not Stanford or North Carolina State.

Each of these teams has put in its claim for the national title already.

Alabama whomped Ohio State, 35-6, in the Sugar Bowl, and Crimson Tide players carried coach Bear Bryant from the field with index finger pointed skyward.

Notre Dame embarrassed previously top-ranked Texas, 38-10, in the Cotton Bowl. Players and fans of the Irish charged out of the stadium, each with a finger reaching for the sky.

At the Rose Bowl, the University of Washington eleven had been beaten four times this year, and wasn't considered closer than 14 points to the opposition. Yet the Huskies' 27-20 triumph over Michigan produced the same No. 1 proclamation throughout Seattle, and the Northwest.

When the Trojans of Southern Cal ran up a 47-28 win over Texas A and M in the Bluebonnet Bowl, television viewers got the same treatment.

And Cardinal and Wolfpack fans joined the finger - lifting fun when Stanford dumped Louisiana State and North Carolina State topped Iowa State in the Sun and Peach bowls, respectively.

Then came the long - awaited end to the post - season madness when Arkansas laughed off its 19 - point underdog role and humiliated Oklahoma, 31-6, at Miami.

Oklahoma stormed onto the Orange Bowl floor before the game with everyone except coach Barry Switzer displaying a wide grin and a single finger in the air.

The Sooners were buoyed by news top - ranked Texas had been stopped at Dallas by Notre Dame, and they were positive they needed only to go through the motions against the Razorbacks.

When the gladiators trooped off into the darkness after the contest, the silhouettes of a one - fingered Razorbacks gradually disappeared.

The final impression is that there must be a helluva congestion at the top.

'Mean Joe' fined ! 5G by Rozelle

NEW YORK (UPI) — National Football League commissioner Pete Rozelle Tuesday fined Pittsburgh Defensive tackle Joe Green $5,000 and linebacker Dennis Winston $2,000 for flagrant fouls committed during the Steelers' loss to Denver in the AFC divisional playoff game on Dec. 24.

Green was fined for punching Denver guard Paul Howard during the second period of the game played at Denver. Winston was fined for a personal foul against Denver linebacker Larry Evans on a Pittsburgh punt return in the third period of the game. Evans sustained a concussion on the play and was taken from the field on a stretcher.

Basketball

COLLEGE SCHEDULE

Friday
Howard at Gannon
Howard at Montclair (women)
Va. State at Bowie
Benedict at Claflin
T. Southern at Miss. Valley

Saturday
Howard at Wm. Patterson (women)
Va. State at St. Paul's (women)
S.C. State at A and T
Ky. State at Tenn. State
Talladega at Xavier
Langston at Ar.-Pine Bluff

Monday
Bowie at Winston-Salem
St. Paul's at W. Salem (women)
S. C. State at Sanford
Tenn. State at Kentucky
Fla. A and M at Claflin
Indiana-Purdue at Xavier
Southern at Texas-Arlington (women)

NBA SCHEDULE

Tuesday
Los Angeles at NY Knicks
Detroit at Atlanta
Indiana at New Orleans
Denver at Washington
Phoenix at Milwaukee
Chicago at Portland

WEDNESDAY
Los Angeles at Buffalo
Phoenix at Nets
Cleveland at Philadelphia
Indiana at Houston
Denver at San Antonio
Atlanta at Detroit
Chicago at Golden State
Kansas City at Seattle

Thursday
Phoenix vs Boston at Hartford
Nets at Cleveland
New Orleans at Milwaukee

Friday
San Antonio at Nets
Los Angeles at Philadelphia
Milwaukee at Houston
Atlanta at New Orleans
Indiana at Washington
NY Knicks at Chicago
Detroit at Golden State

Health check holds Aaron

Retired homerun king Hank Aaron underwent tests, in an Atlanta hospital Wednesday to determine whether he has suffered a mild heart attack.

Aaron, the major leagues' all-time home run leader, said he was driving his son Larry to the bus station Tuesday when "I felt a pain in my legs, and it moved up to my chest. I decided that when you start hurting like that, the best thing to do is find somebody to do something about it."

"He was admitted to the hospital as a precautionary measure," said Aaron's physician, who asked that his name not be used. "He isn't suffering any more chest pains. He's doing fine." He would not discuss Aaron's condition further.

Aaron said he felt his hectic travel schedule as director of player development for the Atlanta Braves brought on the problem and that it will force him to slow down in the future.

Roland Park kids to Capital Centre

The Roland Park Junior High School basketball team has accepted an invitation to play preliminary to the Washington Bullets at Capital Centre Tuesday evening.

Roland Park, unique in that it is permitted to play a regular cage schedule, will oppose the Boys' Latin JV. Baltimore junior highs are not allowed to compete as varsity entities.

Game time is 6 p.m., Tuesday, after which the Bullets host the Denver Nuggets.

Grudge matches at Civic Center

Twenty-two top talents of the World Wide Wrestling Federation will be featured in nine matches at the Civic Center Saturday night.

Tony Garea, the handsome New Zealand challenger, tests WWWF heavyweight champion Superstar Billy Graham in the one-fall finish headliner. In a best-of-3-fall co-feature, the Indian duo of Chief Jay Strongbow and Peter Maiava meets the Japanese tag-team champions, Toru Tanaka and Mao Fuji.

Because the Indian team charges that the Japanese champions make use of illegal martial arts in these competitions, promoter Phil Zacko has selected 401-pounder Frank Monteg[illegible] as referee.

Garea recently clashed angrily with Graham while seconding Larry Zbyszko, his tag teammate, in a title match with Superstar at the Civic Center. He was upheld by the Maryland State Athletic Commission in his demand for a championship shot at Graham.

Bay Brook youngsters score

Youngsters representing the Farring Bay Brook Center captured the Bureau of Recreation's first indoor track meet at the 5th Regiment Armory.

Guilford was second and the Gazelles Track Club finished third. Summaries follow:

GIRLS 16-17 YEARS

60-YARD DASH — Won by Valerie Davis, Gazelles; second, Robin Morgan, Bay Brook.

880-YARD RUN — Won by Sharon Brown, Lyndhurst.

HIGH JUMP — won by Valerie Davis, Gazelles; second, Sharon Brown, Lyndhurst.

BOYS 16-17 YEARS

60-YARD DASH — Won by William Fisher, Gazelles; second, Anthony McKeever, Harlem Park; third, Nathan Hill, Lyndhurst.

880-YARD RUN — Won by William Wiley, Rosemont; second, Ernest Taylor, James D. Gross; third, Brian Collins, Harlem Park.

880-YARD RELAY — Won by Rosemont (David Moore, Anthony Rudger, Lloyd White, William Wiley); second, Gross; third, Robert Marshall.

HIGH JUMP — Won by Nathan Hill, Lyndhurst; second, Bryant Mason, Rosemont; third, Tony Crawford, Rosemont.

GIRLS 14-15 YEARS

60-YARD DASH — Won by Denise Clay, Gazelles; second, Patricia Fisher, Gazelles; third, Donna Morgan, Bay Brook.

440-YARD DASH — Won by Donna Morgan, Bay Brook; second Joyce Morrison, Woodbourne; third, Stacy Schmidt, Bay Brook.

440-YARD RELAY RELAY — Won by Gazelles (P. Fisher, D. Clay, A. Jones, D. Jones); second, Bay Brook.

HIGH JUMP — Won by Kim Hopes, Ilchester Optimists; second, Sandra Darrow, Optimists.

BOYS 14-15 YEARS

60-YARD DASH — Won by James Scott, Ed Waters; second, Malcolm Pittman, Ed Waters; third, Marlow Winder, Crispus Attucks.

440-YARD DASH — Won by Desmond Taylor, Gross; second, Alan Reed, unattached; third, Charles Simpson, unattached.

440-YARD RELAY — Won by Ed Waters (Howard Rogers, Ronald Johnson, Malcolm Pittman, James Scott).

HIGH JUMP — Won by Desmond Taylor, Gross; second, James Scottn Ed Waters; Third, Allen Reed, Ed Waters.

GIRLS 12-13 YEARS

60-YARD DASH — Won by Franklin, Gazells; second, Hope Harris, Bay Brook; third, Kim Terrell, Gazelles.

440-YARD RELAY — Won by Bay Brook (Betty Finch, Rita Morgan, Hope Harris, (Jacheled Bey), Bay Brooks; second, Gazelles,

Other summaries from Bureau of Recreation illegible.

New Coppin St. faces vs. Union

Three highly regarded frames bonents will be in the Coppin State lineup Saturday as the basketball Eagles entertain Virginia Union.

Gary Wilson and Sam Sewell, both 6-4, and James Hayes are to receive starting assignments for the first time.

Game time is scheduled for 8 p.m.

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SHOW TIME

Music, theatre, movies, the arts

The past foretells the future

1977 was a step forward — and a step backward

By Ida Peters

1977, I feel, had to be the worst year in recent history overall for blacks in general entertainment and as well as in Hollywood.

Individually, however, 1977 was Richard Pryor's year with his success in the film "Greased Lightning"; his comedy album, "Greatest Hits"; his runaway movie "Which Way Is Up?"; his sitcom deal with Universal for $15 million; his role as the Wizard in the musical "The Wiz" with Diana Ross; plus his recent and controversial TV show cancelled by mutual consent.

1977 also saw the passing of such entertainment greats as Roland Hayes, Jan. 1, Paul Robeson, Jan. 23, Ethel Waters, Sept. 2, and Rahsaan Roland Kirk, Dec. 5.

April

Bernie Casey came to town April 5 and visited the AFRO where he was greeted by fans from the Kirk Day Care Center. He was here to promote a movie supposedly on the life of Angela Davis called "Brothers" starring Vonetta McGee and Ron O'Neal. The acting was excellent but the plot was thin, unbelievable.

"Rocky" won the Oscar for best picture of 1976 and the Peter Finch won the Best Actor award for "Network." Finch's widow, Eletha, accepted his award and the country found that he was married to a black woman.

Modern groups in D.C. kidnapped and killed in protest of the film "Mulhammed: Messenger of God" but it went on to play in other cities without incident.

Ashford and Simpson visited Morgan; Barbara Rush and Tom Troupe opened a pre-Broadway run in a delightful "Same Time, New Year."

Whenever black people are involved, you can expect some hassles. The New York and Hollywood critics split. Finally, CBS televised the TV "Critics Circle Awards."

"Roots" won five Golden Typewriters and Best Drama of the Year. Ben Vereen, Leslie Uggams and Ed Asner won other awards for "Roots." Ted Ross in the "The Minstrels" was in three-way tie for best supporting male actor.

At the end of April, Dizzy Gillespie wailed before 1,000 fans at the Civic Center; Letta Mbulu out sang Minnie Riperton at Painters Mill.

May

Sammy Davis Jr. got standing ovations, brought his gold microphone and his show to Painters Mill, playing before a 2,000 plus opening night crowd that included Lee Elder, and The Pips. Katherine Hepburn gave wonderful performances in "A Matter of Gravity" at the Mechanic. People went to see Katie, not the play.

George Duke played Georgetown's Cellar Door and made the keyboards walk and talk before frantic fans.

Veterans AFRO newsman Ollie Stewart came home from Paris to die after being a regular correspondent for 35 years.

Sammy Davis Jr. gave this editor a kiss on the check at a press party. Sonny and Cher were at Shady Grove Music Theatre on one of their last tours together to settle their divorce.

Comedian Redd Foxx brought his adult humor to Shady Grove and Painters Mill. He started out with Jean Carn but something happened to her at Shady Grove and he brought Damita Jo into Painters. Someone said a jealous husband.

Redd was grand marshal for the Preakness and had a ball on national TV. The Temptations left Motown for Atlantic Records.

This desk received all kinds of vicious calls asking about Bootsey Collins being missing . . . which he was not . . . and rumours that something had happened to the Jacksons. Nothing, of course.

Muhammad Ali's flick "The Greatest" opened and hundreds of readers entered the AFRO's contest and won passes. We published their poetry which was quite good.

Ali premiered the flick in Hollywood with helicoper arrivals, fireworks and circus style showmanship.

June

Ben Vereen now of "Roots" fame came to Shady Grove. The D.C. gossip columnists made much of his while wife Nancy, who he met in "Golden Boy" and their four-daughters. It came up again and again on talk shows.

Red Foxx told Barbara Walters, "I don't need no roots . . . I need leaves."

Started previewing the big blockbuster movies of the summer of 1977 . . . Lou Gossett in "The Deep" and "Star Wars."

Fred Williamson's "Death Joyrrley" and "Mean Johnny Barrows" played to meager audiences, not catching the mass public fancy as in days of yore, foretelling a step backward for black producers and actors.

Erroll Garner

Rahsaan Roland Kirk

Ethel Waters

"Rollercoaster" was the most advertised flick of the year but it died on the vine too.

The week of June 11 was a big one. Alexander Cohen of the Mechanic brought Damon Evans, star of "The Jeffersons" home in style and entertained him and his grandmother, Mrs. Alice Matthews at The Chatnbord, the newest French restaurant in town.

Pervis Jackson and the Spinners drew crowds at Painters; Harold Melvin and Jerry Butler to Shady Grove. Vivian Reed and Avon Long, old home boy, drew crowds for "Bubbling Brown Sugar" at the Mechanic.

At one time there were three "Bubbling" companies drawing crowds around the country. After more than 766 performances on Broadway the New York company closed at the end of 1977 and will go on tour.

Two big movie "turkeys": "Exorcist II; The Heretic" with James Earl Jones as "Kokumo," the African and "A Bridge Too Far" with a very, very expensive cast opened in mid-June to die the rest of 1977, a very painful death.

Roland Hayes

Paul Robeson

People are still talking about no blacks in that World War II epic when blacks were all in that mess, dying all over the place, according to war correspondent Ollie Stewart who was there.

The Sylvers came through with The Spinners and Bob Jones brought the D.C. Motown group The Dynamic Superiors to visit.

So, to the end of June, more than 15,000 brothers and sisters turned out at the Capital Center to greet the Brothers Johnson. Enchantment and Graham Central Station.

In AFRO interviews, Avon Long returned home to live it up and party in "Bubbling Brown Sugar." Vivian Reed announced she was leaving to give her last performance in home-town Pittsburgh. She had "bubbled" enough and was going on to other things. The Jacksons flew to England to entertain Queen Elizabeth.

Next Week— the best of 77

Dee, 'tough little lady' on, and off screen

By Vashti McKenzie

Danielle Spencer lived through a tragic traffic accident, thank goodness.

Everyone held their breaths and prayed for the starling, sassy 12 - year -old actress, who plays sister Dee on "What's Happening," black situation comedy on ABC - TV.

Her late step - father Timothy Pelt, didn't survive the head - on accident in September. He was driving her from their home in Malibu, Calif., to the studio when it occurred.

Danielle, described as intellectually gifted and unspoiled by her success in the situation - comedy suffered broken bones in her arms and hands, a severely cut tendon in the right knee and a gash to the skull to her forhead.

She also broke pelvic bones.

A month to the day after her early morning accident, she was back in the studio as sassy as ever, working eight hours a day.

Her late step - father was one of the founding members of the Afran Theatrical Agency in New York. He encouraged Dee when she was only seven to participate in school productions, recordings and commercial work.

She made her movie debut in "Serpico" starring Al Pacino, seen recently on TV. She calls it a "don't-blink-your-eyes-or-you'll-miss - me, part of a girl skipping down the street."

"What's Happening" came to New York auditioning hundreds of girls for the part of Dee and little Miss Spencer eventually landed the role.

The family moved to California and recognition.

Although she says she still misses New York, she is still surprised when people stare at her and ask her for autographs. Danielle tells a joke about when she scraped her finger and the nurses were more interested in her autograph than her Tetanus shot.

It could be said by some critics, that "What's Happening!" was written and produced by a group of persons answering to the need for a black situation comedy. And, it's amazing it has survived.

As a rule, it appears the show amounts to a conglamoration of stereotypes. However, recent episodes have proved promising. One episode had Dee's brother Raj in the hospital. His roommate was a former great in the Negro Baseball League.

On the surface, this gentleman was a contankerous sa. Dee. Underneath, both had hunt- and tactless warmth and concern.

Theatre '78

Arena Players open 'Picnic'

By Ida Peters

The third play of the Arena Players' 26th Season "Picnic" by William Inge opens at the Arena Playhouse on McCulloh St. Friday, Jan. 6

St. James' Episcopal Church and the Urban League Guild are two of the groups sponsoring theatre parties.

Joan Coursey, a veteran Arena Player performer is directing. Cast members include Verna Day, Mary West Miller, George Barrick, Vonnie Covington, and Ronnie Larkins. Newcomers to Arena are Virgil St. George, Kit Carpenter, Bonita Cartwright, Steven Johnson, and Adrienne Coursey. Costumes are being designed by Mary Hall, a fantastic seamstress.

Vonnie Covington in "Picnic"

'Robeson' opens Mechanic

James Earl Jones opens in the one-man play "Paul Robeson" at the Mechanic Jan. 10-15.

He gained overnight success in "The Great White Hope" for which he won The Antoinette Perry Award and has since won three Obie Awards, an Emmy nomination a Theatre World Award.

His "overnight success" was preceded by four Broadway plays, including "Sunrise at Campobello" and "A Hand is on the Gate"; eighteen off-Broadway plays, among them "The Blacks," "Baal," "Next Time I'll Sing to You, and "Moon on Rainbow Shawl;" thirteen productions with the New York Shakespeare Festival, (notably as Macbeth and Othello); "Daniel's Death" at Lincoln Center; in the title role of "The Emperor Jones" at the Boston Arts Festival and throughout Europe; in the films "Dr. Strangelove," "The Comedians" and "The End of the Road," and in numerous television dramas.

Bolton Hill

"Pajma Tops," a fast paced French farce about the eterial triangle now playing at Bolton Hill Dinner Theatre.

Center Stage

The Baltimore premiere of Milan Stitt's explosive murder mystery "The Runner Stumbles" is Center Stage's third production of the 1977-78 season. Previews being Jan. 13.

Warren Street - new play

Opening night is Tuesday, Jan. 17. Set in a parish in a remote corner of Michigan at the turn of the century, the play is based on an actual event — the murder of a nun and subsequent arrest of the priest with whom she worked. Was it a crime of passion, a suicide, or was someone or something else involved?

Author Stitt developed the piece at the Yale Drama School in 1975. Following workshop productions it opened on Broadway 11 years later. Prior to its opening Stitt travelled to Traverse City, Mich., to pour over court transcripts as he began rewrites for the Broadway production. It opened to exceptional reviews.

THE GOOD LIFE

Children

BOOK DISCUSSION — Catonsville area branch library, 1100 Frederick Road, for ages 11 to 14. Monday, Jan. 9, 7 p.m. Call 747-2351 for registration information.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME — Garrison Station branch library, 411 N. Pitusburg Ave., for 3-5. Thursday, Jan. 12, 4:30 p.m. Call 254-7370 to register.

NIGHT'S NICE — Evening story time for children, Woodlawn branch library, 1811 Woodlawn Drive, Monday, Jan. 9, 7:30 p.m. For ages 3 to 5. Call 255-7766 for registration information.

PRESCHOOL MOVIES — Pikesville Branch, 141 Reisterstown Road, Thursday, Jan. 12, 10:30 a.m. For ages 3 to 5. For additional information call 484-2131. For additional information call 484-2131.

PEANUT BUTTER "Gingerbread" Men. Reisterstown branch library, Cockeys Mill Road, for ages 3 to 5, Wednesday, Jan. 11, 10 a.m., 1:30 p.m. Call 833-1560 for registration information.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR — Towson Area branch library, 320 York Road, for age 3, Wednesday, Jan. 11, 10 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 12, 10 a.m. For ages 4 and 5Thursday, Jan. 12, 1:30 p.m. Call 296-8500 for registration information.

YOUTH CONCENT — Children's Opera Theatre presenting "The Story of Pagliacci," Lyric Theatre, 120 W. 24 Royal Ave., Tuesday, Wednesday, Jan. 10, 11, 10:30 a.m.