4th Annual Sports Reunion

Dinner-Dance given by the November 23 at 8 p.m. at the Sandlotters will be held on Sun- Cultured Pearl located at 1114 day, November 25 at the Central Hollins St. For more Information Social Hall on Valley and Eager call 837-1947. Sts. The affair starts at 3 p.m. and tickets are \$10. For more information call 366-3425.

The Great

The History Department of 728-6500. UMBC is presenting "The Great Republic" on Thursday, November 25 at 8 p.m. For more infor- "Tambourines To 233-0204. mation call 455-2093."

The Mighty Sparrow in D.C.

pear at Kilimanjaro's heritage sion is \$7. Hall on Saturday, November 24. Kilimanjaro's is located at 1724 California St., N.W.

Park Place Cafe

The Everteens will perform at the Park Plaze Cafe on November 23 and 24 at 9:30 p.m. For more details call 202-667-2701.



Pascal's.

Poetry Reading

. The 7th Son Press will sponsor a reading of poetry by Jonetta The 4th annual Sports Reunion Barnes and T.J. Bryan on Friday,

At Arena Players

Three one-act plays by Tennessee Williams will be presented until November 25 at the Arena Players, 801 McCulloh St. For further details call

Glory"

Psalmist Baptist Church will present "Tambourines To Glory" by Langston Hughes on Friday November 23 at 7 p.m. Walbrook High School. Admis-

At Morgan Univ.

Internationally famous pianist, Natalie Hinderas will be in recital Wednesday, November 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Murphy Fine Arts Auditorium, For more details call 444-3286 or 444-3287.

Widespread Jazz Orchestra

The Big Band, The Widespread Jazz Orchestra will be appearin at The Barns of Walttrap Saturday, November 24 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10. For more information call 703-938-2404.

At Blues Alley

Pianist Les McCann will appear Blues Alley on Tuesday, November 27 until Sunday, December 2. For more details call 202-337-4141.

Sunday, November 25. For ticket

presenting Miles Davis with December 2 at 4 p.m. The concert special quests Herbie Mann and will be held in Shriver Hall on the O'Donel Levy on Sunday, Homewood Campus. Admission December 2 at 7 p.m. at Towson is free. Center For more information call

Growing Mind Early Learning Fun Show with clowns, magic and music on Friday, December 7 at 7 p.m. at Lafayette Elementary

Party

and Parks is sponsoring Wildlife Holiday Party on Saturday, December 1 starting at 12 noon at Cylburn Arboretum, 491: Greenspring Ave. For more infor-

Extravaganza.

Roger's Beayty Supply Company is sponsoring a gala hair and fashion extravaganza on Sunday, December 2 from 6 to 10 located at 801, McCulloh St. For further information call 669-7696 or 732-8445.

Larry Adler At BSO

Adley will perform Gershwin's "Rhapsady in Blue" and other favorites on Saturday, December t at 8:15 p.m. at the Joseph details call 837-5691.

NATIONAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY

Company will perform "MacBeth" lege on Friday, December 7 at 8 as the boy who won't grow up." p.m. in the Center for the Perfor- For information on ticket prices ming Arts. For information call

The Johns Hopkins University Choral Society is presenting i

At Lexington Market

The Lexington Market is sponsoring a "Moveable Feast" on Saturday, December 1 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person. For

The Baltimore Ballet is hosting the Gus Giordano Jazz Dance Chicago on Saturday, December 8 at 8 p.m. at Goucher College's Kraushaar Auditorium. For further information call 225-0850.

Fall Film Series

Girl" starring Richard Dreyfuss. The film will be shown on Friday, November 30 at 7:30 p.m. For

Crystal Skate and AHA

present "Radiant" in concert on 202-357-3030. Friday, December 14 for two shows. This concert will benefit the American Heart Association and tickets are \$7. For further infomation call 894-8500.

Ashford and Simpson coming

The popular duo, Nick Ashford and Valerie Simpson, will per-Friday, November 30 at 8 p.m. For more information call

"Peter Pan" at the Lyric

The Baltimore Actor's Theatre is presenting "Peter Pan" at the

Yul Brynner returns

"The King and I", starring Yul Brynner, comes to the Warner Theatre starting December Tickets range between \$20 to \$35. For further information call 202-626-1050.

Concert at JHU

A concert "The Winter Solstice Whole Earth Christmas Celebration" with Paul Winter, the famous Paul Consort and vacalist Susan Osborn will happen a Johns Hopkins University on December 7 at 8 p.m. in Shriver Hall. For further details call

Walters Art Gallery

celebrates the Middle Ages an The Renaissance will be held o the Walters Art Gallery on Sature from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more

WORD/SONG III

The International Poetry Forum and The Smithsonian Resident Associate Program will present "Sun Singer" with Samuel Hazo and the Paul Winter Consort on Crystal Skate and the Sunday, December 2 at 7:30 p.m. American Heart Association will For more information call

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"MISSING IN ACTION" IS MISSING IN ACTING

flicks that is long on action and with their "six guns" that never short on acting. But who ever seemed to run out of bullets. said that shoot-em-ups had to Now Chuck Norris cannot act, have good actors in order to but he can throw grenades, beat draw crowds. The gentlemen up a dozen people at a time with who played Lash LaRue and his deftly placed karate chops

Friday Plus, November 23, 1984

"Missing In Action," a war 'Hopalong Cassidy could not act at movie starring Chuck Norris that all, but moviegoers forked over opened last week in local their hard earned dollars every theaters, is another one of those weekend to see them fire away

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and was held captive approx- This disturbs me. imately eight years after the Hollywood has become totally fiasco ended until he escaped oblivious of black audiences and and returned to the United the roles for black actors have tom line cost analysis of the States. Haunted by thoughts of dried up like that old raisin in the amount of money spent on going his war buddies still withering sun. Sure, we had "A Soldier's to the movies by black people so away in prison camps in the Story," which featured a that we can begin influencing ungles of Vietnam. Braddock predominantly black cast. But Hollywood to put us back on the crusades to get the attention of what's one movie out of hun-silver screen. governmental officials whom he opes will aggressively confront the Vietnamese governmen about the issue of Americans listed as missing in action (M.I.A.) during the war until proof is given that they are actually dead or that there are no Vietnam.

rustrated by the exceedingly slow pace of governmental bureaucracy to act on the "M.I.A." problem, Col. Braddock decides to launch a two man frontal assault on Vietnam to discover and release American prisoners. Traveling to Thailand, he recruits the assistance of an old army buddy named Tuck, who is played by Emmett Walsh, to smuggle him into an isolated area of Vietnam where he has learned prisoners of war are hidden. From this point on, the movie screen becomes a blazing inferno with Col. Braddock hitting the enemy with a massive blitzkrieg that leaves the lush tropical land strewn with bulletridden bodies.

Moviegoers and television watchers who have seen any war flicks can probably predict the final outcome of "Missing In Action" without exercising a solitary brain cell. But, of course we do not go to these kinds of movies to enrich or challenge our minds; we go because we want excitement, action and thrills, all of which are abundantly present in this flick.

Yet there is something missing here; not just the prisoners of war, but also the actors. There is not one single minute in this movie where anyone flashing across the silver screen shows the faintest glimmer of acting talent. Nevertheless, the near capacity crowd at the Hippodrome this past Sunday afterd at the end, then cheered for Chuck Norris who played Col. James Braddock, war hero.

ingredient missing in this movie about the Vietnamese war -

and kicks, plus he is deadly ac-soldiers fight and give their lives dreds that have been released curate with a machine gun, blow-during the warthat America tried this year. At least during the ing away at least two dozen Viet- so hard to forget? Maybe not. At days of the so-called Blaxploitanamese soldiers with this least I don't remember seeing tion films, young blacks could see weapon before the movie ends: any black soldiers any where in and cheer for one or two black What's Chuck Norris doing kill- "Missing In Action." Perhaps one heroes. Consider the fact that ing, maiming and mutilating all ran across the screen during one despite the "R" rating, the auof Col. Braddock's flashbacks dience was predominantly Well, it seems that Col. James about the war. But there were no teenage and pre-teenage, with Braddock, whom Norris plays in blacks with speaking roles. There parents bringing children that "Missing In Action," was taken were not even any black were barely walking to see this prisoner during the Vietnam War prisoners of war to be rescued. movie. These children need black heroes to look up to.

Maybe it's time we did a bot-

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