D. D. King Performs at Towson Center way 'Into The Night

By Flyn Garrett

It was nowhere near being a 'sell-out' crowd at the Towson Center last Thursday evening when B. B. King performed there, but those who were in attendance were treated to some of the greatest tunes to ever be included in the 'blues' line-up.

B. B. King. Just say the name and you get such reactions as "King of the Blues," "head man," or the 'best blues singer that ever lived."

King has been singing the blues since the early age of 14, so perhaps he does have fair claim on some of the titles given him. The crowd seemed to think so.

These anxious participants joined B. B. early on in the set by singing "Everyday I Have the Blues." Many got up out of their seats, waving and swaying to the music and this was only the second song.

We must admit that we were quite impressed by the audiences' enthusiasm as well as with Mr. King.

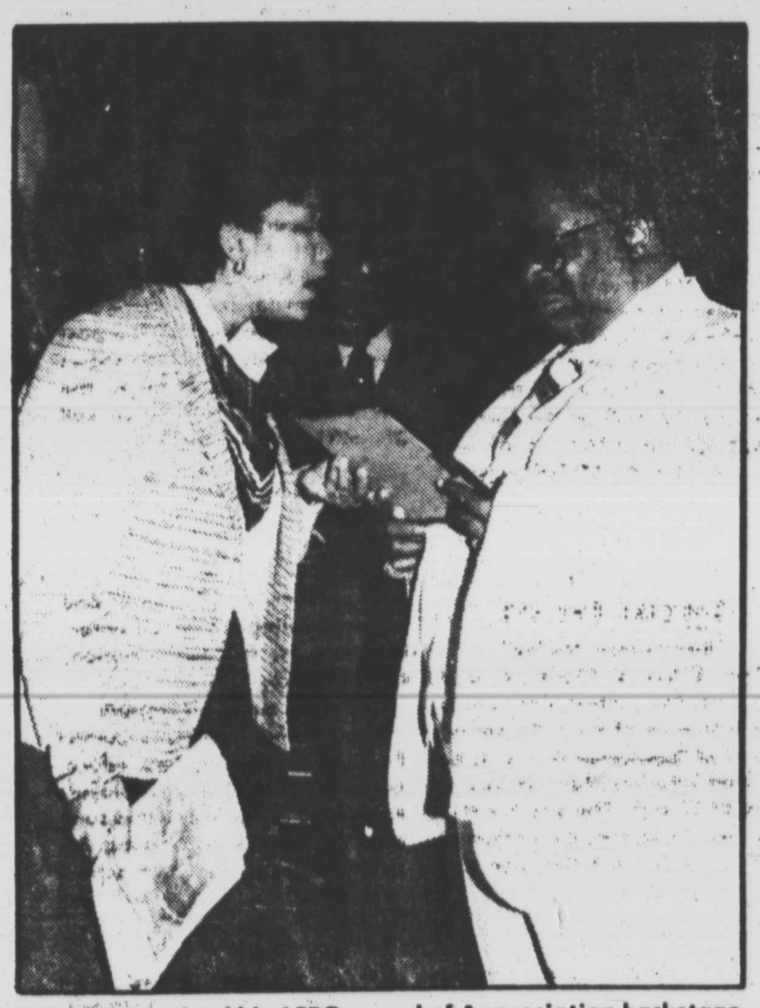
Being a reporter of our "tender age," we confess that we really didn't know what to expect. We have heard the praises sung King for his great skill with the guitar, but were quite impressed with his singing ability.

He crooned old favorites like "I Don't Want a Soul Hanging Around When I'm Not Home," and "Ain't Nobody's Business If I Do." These were followed by "The Thrill Is Gone," and 'Everybody Wanna Know Why I Sing The Blues." However, the answer to the latter is simple — because he does it so very well.

When we first learned that the King concert was coming to Towson, we were pleased. The AFRO spent some time talking with King the last time he was here and found him to be really great. He spends a lot of time talking to his fans and is quite easy to talk to.

This time proved no exception. AFRO's Entertainment Editor, Bonnie Matthews Butler presented Mr. King with an Award of Appreciation for his many accomplishments, and he spent time with us just talking and signing autographs and posing for our camera.

Perhaps his secret to relating to people so well on stage, rests in the fact that he relates to people so well off stage.



B.B. King received his AFRO award of Appreciation backstage after his recent concert from Bonnie Matthews Butler, Entertainment Editor.

Bonnie Matthews Butler

Meanderings and Meditation

The "I'd Love To Meet New Edition" contest has come to a close and it is now time to announce the winners.

Before I do that, however, I'd like to take this opportunity to tell each and everyone of you who responded that your letters, even though you didn't win, will be passed on the **New Edition.**

We'll be sure they'll know just how much you truly love them.

We received letters from the ages of 5 through 35 (over 300 of them) and one thing is for certain, this group, according to you, is HOT.

So, without further ado, the grand prize winner, and winner of the limousine ride to the concert and the opportunity to meet **New Edition** is:

Donte D. Fisher
932 N. Stricker St.

Runners-up and winners of two tickets apiece are:

Shawan White
6630 Dalton Ave.

Tiwan Thills
5303 Wesley Ave.

Because the response was so overwhelming and the letters so well done and thoughtful, we are awarding five of New Edition's current album to five lucky winners, courtesy of **MCA** Records.

Those lucky five are:

Angel Tennessee
3001 Seabury Rd.

Hope Grinage
4015 Bonner Rd.

Angela Williams
3010 Arunah Ave.

Marnie Lewis
3408 Cedardale Rd.

Monica Gladden
3708 Beehler Ave.

Congratulations to all of you. See you at the concert.

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The Larry Dean Memorial Fund is hosting a series of events to raise money and your help is needed.

Larry Dean Faulkner, a pioneer of radio was, at the time of his death, news director at **WEAA** Radio.

He had been at the station for over eight years but his career spanned four decades.

The fund was created by his widow, Greer and **Jonathan** "Sir Johnny O" **Compton** who was Dean's first protege.

The fund will provide scholarships for students in the media at **Fisk** and **Morgan** Universities, as well as, the creation of the Larry Dean News Center at Morgan.

Today, (Friday) the Fund is sponsoring a basketball game between **WEAA** and **WWIN** and Baltimore's Best and Roger Dickerson's Baltimore's Finest. The game will be held at the University of Baltimore and starts at 6 p.m. Tickets are $3.

On Saturday, May 17 there'll be a Champagne Party at **Godfrey's** Famous Ballroom featuring **Mary Wilson,** formerly of the Supremes and along with **Herb Kenny** of the Ink Spots, **Damita Jo,** and the Morgan Jazz Cr[illegible] More details at a later da[illegible]

Larry Dean

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The Harbor City Ro[illegible] fundraising group th[illegible] dedicated to helping tho[illegible] wheelchairs, is spon[illegible] cocktail sip at the Five [illegible] House on Sunday, [illegible] Tickets are $8. For more in[illegible] tion call 646-3298.

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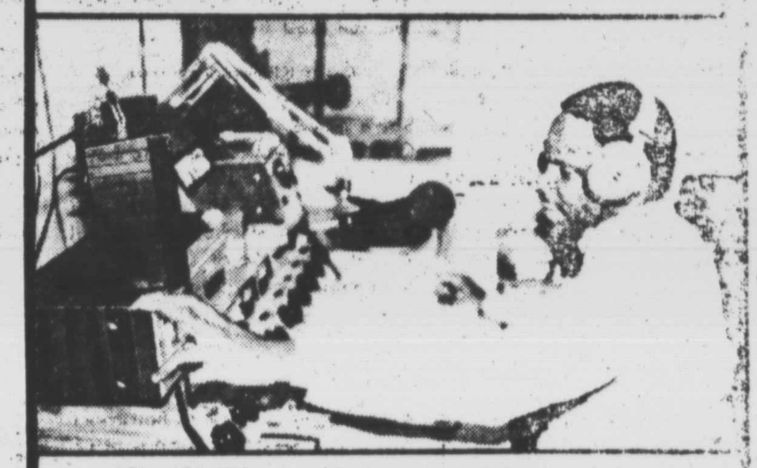

Chuck Maxx, Program Director

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