CPA CHANGES AND GOES:

From biz — to show biz!

By Charles H. Brown
AFRO Staff Writer

As an audit supervisor for six years at the accounting firm of Coopers and Lybrand Loyd Anderson became accustomed to travel, eyestrain and managing.

The 33-year-old Howard University graduate, National Director of the National Association of Black Accountants and D.C. District President of the Association, spent those six years developing skills he thought would serve him well when he began his own accounting practice Curtis, Anderson, Associates two years ago. Little did he know.

"I have to learn every aspect of this," Anderson said. "It's like a rollercoaster, a consumation" he added.

Anderson is not discussing the problems of a growing CPA firm, the rollercoaster he is speaking of are the twists and turns in the plot of Friends, a Jamaican comedy that Anderson is producing and bringing to Baltimore this weekend.

"It's a universal product even though it has a Jamaican dialect and phrases, it is basically in English."

The play was originally produced in Anderson's home of Kingston, Jamaica. On a recent visit Anderson was told by friends that the trip wouldn't be complete without at least one viewing of the play.

"It is a must see I was told," said Anderson, who sat through the matinee and the evening performance. "It's not a musical as most black plays are. It's an extreme comedy," Anderson said, half laughing in his strong Jamaican accent.

Anderson recognized the author's name, Patrick Anderson, as belonging to a teenage friend of his and went backstage to congratulate him.

The two discussed the play which Anderson already knew had to somehow be brought to the U.S..

"A black talent like this should be exposed," Anderson said. "If I can do this I will achieve my objective."

After a gentleman's handshake agreement Brown told Anderson, "Whatever you can do with it go ahead."

So far, whatever has turned into an American premiere at the Takoma Theatre, sponsored by World Bank and Eastern Airlines and bookings for 11 other cities including, Philadelphia, Detroit, Atlanta, Los Angeles, Chicago and London.

"We look at this as a cultural exchange tour," Anderson said. "It can do a lot for blacks in general just to see the type of product that is coming out of Jamaica."

The sudden immersion into the entertainment world has proven to be a baptism by bright lights for Anderson. On the one hand, the bookkeeping tasks involved were made comprehendable by the Coopers and Lybrand experience, not too mention the help he received from his two-year-old staff and his own firm of Curtis and Anderson, Associates, CPA.

On the other hand was the artistic considerations of casting, booking, rewriting and staging Friends. It could only be called a balancing act.

"I'm learning this business," Anderson said. "I'm becoming sensitive to the nuances of the industry and I know the product that I am marketing."

Friends is billed as a romantic comedy. It is the story of a young couple, Johnny and Hilda Charm, and their attempt to end three years of celibacy in the honeymoon suite.

Sound like a good time? Sure it is until someone decides to break the age old taboo: You never discuss the boudoir of the past in the bedrooms of the present.

Hence the romantic, ribald, rollercoaster.

Loyd Anderson

—Jewels are a family affair

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photo of Pat Morrison the man who taught Marvin Harris the first facets of Jewlery rapair while Harris was still the manager at Rosedale Skateland. At that time Harris had his sights set on being the baron of the roller bearings.

He had organized the first late night skate events that brought the previously ignored black crowds to Rosedale. By switching the hard rock for disco, Harris made Roseland the most popular skateland in the chain and eventually developed additional late skate nights to draw on the black skating crowd.

"I tell you I couldn't get in the place," Harris said. They were coming from everywhere.

When he thought the time was right he approached the owners of Rosedale with an offer to purchase the rink.

"They told me I was too competitive," Harris said. "They said I might take business away from their other rinks around Baltimore."

Harris' dream of rollerdom were almost realized when he was approached by Glen Dowdy to come in and be a partner in the ill-fated Shake and Bake Family Fun center on Pennsylvania Avenue. Harris decided to pass that one up too.

After all timing is everything.

When asked if he would consider running Shake and Bake Harris looks expectantly towards the kitchen. Shortly Eartha Harris appears as if drawn by the question? What?

"Don't even try."

Marvin Harris is honest about his opinions. He discussed the competition, his plans for expansion, including the new shopping centers that seek him out as a tenant.

But the Harris' are playing it close to the vest. Growth for the family business is practically a given. With a growing customer base and more work than he can handle the Harris were in need of helping hands. Until Monday.

Early Monday afternoon Marvin Harris, Jr. walked into his parents store and informed them that he had resigned from his job as a construction foreman to work in the family business full time.

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"He's just all revved up," said Eartha Harris. "This is a dream for him."

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Clark holds a B.S. degree in political science from North Carolina A&T State University. He earned his J.D. degree and a M.S. in City Planning from the University of Iowa.

The MAXIMA Corporation is an integrated information management company headquartered in Rockville, Maryland. Clark resides in Baltimore, MD with his wife, Linda, and three sons.

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City-Poly alumni game

By Jill P. Carter
AFRO Staff Writer

As a former captain of the City Knights, Curtis Anderson fondly remembers his final game against the Poly Parrots. The swords crushed the Feathers 52-6. That was nearly twenty years ago. Twenty pounds ago. Twenty wrinkles ago. And twenty gray hairs as well.

Still, Curt hopes that jogging in the mornings and playing basketball at night willl help him lead his team to an 80's victory when the Knights take on the Parrots in an upcoming alumni game.

"That last feat is going to be difficult but we can beat them again as long as they're not afraid to show up," Anderson said.

Hoping his experience as chairman of the Black Caucus might help the game, Anderson now calls himself chairman of football instead of captain. A position he said is created for players over 35.

But, some of his former teammates have not been gearing up for the challenge with quite as much zest.

Former quarterback, Kurt L. Schmoke and former tackle Elijah Cummings didn't make any of the practices.

"I'm really looking forward to playing," Cummings said. "But, I'm a lot bigger than I was then." If added pounds mean added strength, Cummings is sure to play his position well. He said he's gone from 170 pounds to 235 pounds since the old days.

The mayor may also be in for a surprise before he resumes his former position on the field.

"Twenty push-ups," said Anderson. "We got together on two Sundays and Kurt Schmoke did not appear for either practice. So, it's twenty push-ups for the mayor."

If the chairman says it, then it must be true.

The Poly-City alumni football game, referred to by some as "The City-Poly" game is Sunday, 12 noon, on Poly's football field, behind Cold Spring Lane and Falls Road.

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I told my broker I was thinking about selling it, but he said he thought it would be a mistake to sell it at this time. He says General Motors could hit $200 in two or three years. I'm disappointed and it just seems to me I could do better with another stock.

A. I tend to agree with your broker. My guess is that this would be a poor time to sell General Motors. It is true that General Motors has not been an interesting or profitable stock to hold for a long period of time.

While the other two major U.S. auto companies have shown glittering increases in the price of their stocks and higher dividends, GM's stock price has shown strength only recently.

But, the company has not been sitting still. It has gone through an extensive program of building new plants and replacing old machinery with newer, more efficient production equipment. It has been developing newer, more appealing products and it has been cutting costs.

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Smile orchids

Smile orchids to **Harlow Fullwood**, and his wife, **Elnora**, president and vice president of Fullwood Foods Inc. (Kentucky Fried Chicken).

When Community College of Baltimore honored him as one of its distinguished alumni, he thanked the college and then announced a $5,000 gift to the scholarship fund. The audience at the Forum on Sunday evening went wild with applause. (See more on CCB honorees below).

Cuff note: Mr. Fullwood, a former city police exec., is noted for generous gifts — among them to his alma mater, Va. Union University, where he has long supported scholarship drives.

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Smile orchids to the Forum's management. The buffet service was excellent for the CCB event-food was delicious, too. Special orchids to Forum manager on duty Sunday, **William Clowney**, a gracious host with a winning smile.

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Plenty of sunshine in the cat scan department at University Hospital where employees we observed are kind, caring and professional. On Monday, we watched these three workers who deserve orchids — **Andrew Trovinger**, and **Dawn Cockerill**, technicians; and **Nurse Donna Bair**.

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More smile orchids — to **Mrs. Kay Carter**. She's the psycho-therapist and concerned civic worker who was certified as a practitioner (lay minister), during ceremony at Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church on Saturday evening.

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Did someone's smile make your day? Let this column know. Please write, Smiles, If You Ask Me, AFRO-AMERICAN, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md., 21201, and smile, please.

Saying thanks

There was a warm air of fellowship in the Forum ballroom on Sunday evening. Present were some 250 persons there to "get back together again." Occasion: The 1988 alumni reunion — gala of Community College of Baltimore.

The program was directed by the alumni association of Community College and its predecessor, the Baltimore Junior College, the name it was called when it was established as a school for returning vets in February, 1947.

Alumni president, **Richard M. Lane** presided. He and vice president, **Renee T. Terry**, presented handsome plaques to 15 distinguished alumni. The just as distinguished audience — which included Mayor Kurt Schmoke and CCB president, Dr. Joseph Durham — gave them sustained applause.

There was a standing ovation for **Harlow Fullwood**, president of Fullwood Foods Kentucky Fried Chicken), when he coupled his thanks with an announcement that he and **Mrs. Fullwood** were giving the school's scholarship fund $5,000.

IF YOU ASK ME

By Bettye Moss

Cong. Mfume

U.S. Congressman Kweisi Mfume alluded to the gift when his turn came to be honored, jokingly said, "I'm **Harlow Fullwood's** half brother." On a serious note, he recalled that CCB's first president and founder, the late **Dr. Harry Bard**, challenged him to enter politics.

"I was president of the Black Student Union. He said to me "If you're as good as you say you are, you should get into politics and get elected to office." He added that his first college experience at CCB prepared him for advanced study at Morgan and for his career.

Similar credit to CCB was given by Baltimore NAACP executive director, **George Buntin**, who left his sick bed to attend the ceremony.

He confessed that often when asked where he went to school, he would mention Morgan, Carnegie-Melon and maybe CCB. He promised that from now on, he will put CCB first, "because it has meant most in my development."

More honorees

Other honorees: **Phyllis Brotman**, president, Image Dynamics; **Mary Clayburn**, gospel music director of WXYV and V103; **Edward Tilghman**, police commissioner, Baltimore City; **Bob Turk**, WJZ-TV weatherman; (mere mention of his name brought enthusiastic applause from the crowd); Carlton Leverette, CCB fine arts department chair.

Also, **Attorney James Doyle**, the Annapolis lobbyist; **Gino Gemignani**, vice president; Whiting Turner (three tables of co-workers were **Shirley Pulliam**, R.N., health consultant; **Gerald Townsend**, vice president, Arcata Graphics. Carlton Leverette, now chairman of CCB's Fine Arts Department, who was in the 1952 — first integrated class.

Honored in absentia, **Otis Warren**, the realtor; **DeWayne Hickman**, the public relations consultant and **Barty Levinson**, motion picture director.

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Cuff note:— **President Durham** did a handsome job of congratulating the grads and giving a overview of the school's progress and plans for the future — and the audience gave him undivided attention.

In addition to **Mayor Schmoke**, others who congratulated the honorees: State Safety Secretary **Bishop Robinson** who presented certificates from **Gov. William Donald Schaefer**; City Council president, Mary Pat Clarke, citations from the council; and States's Attorney **Stuart Simms**.

Remember

Nice gesture: Alumni president Lane opened the program with a moment of silent prayer for veterans — very appropriate since CCB began as a vet school.

Another nice gesture, the program gave appropriate credit to **Herbert C. Sledge, Jr.**, CCB director of development who advised the group.

Cuff note: Remember when CCB was established 41 years ago and first classes were held in a library at what is now the college's Liberty Heights campus — a section of west Baltimore which was foreign to blacks then.

There was no Mondawmin Mall or Provident/Liberty Hospital in the area and if you hopped a trolley and rode "way out there," on a Sunday afternoon, you made sure you got back into town before dark.

Thanks to the late Dr. Bard and to a number of black and white educators and community workers in our town, Community College has developed into a multi-ethnic institution which has a great role in our community.

It was not always so. We remember the time when fellow school board members were too busy to give time to reports from CCB administrations. Then, the schools were segregated and problems were clouded with racism. Time has made a difference.

About people

Gracious hostess — that's how guests are describing our town's **Mrs. Dora Hutchinson**. Her champagne brunch at the Harbor Court, a Sunday ago (Oct. 30) feted relatives and friends.

In the crowd, nephew and wife, the **Joseph Rays** of Louisville, Ky. from D.C., **Mr. and Mrs. James Hughes**, and from Springfield, Va., **Kimberly Bottoms**.

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Treat in store this Sunday (Nov. 20), at 4, pianist **Raymond Jackson** in concert — fine Arts Center, Community College Liberty campus and it's a free treat — part of the Lois J. Wright Memorial Concert Series.

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This Saturday, Nov. 19, at 9 a.m., at the Palladium, Baltimore NAACP Freedom **Breakfast. Speaker, Bethel AME minister, Rev. Frank Madison Reid, 3rd.**

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Tuesday, Nov. 22, at 10 a.m., the **Lois Young-Thomas Memorial Scholarship and Leadership Guild** announced 1988-89 student scholarship winners at University of Maryland, Baltimore. Meeting is in David Hall on the downtown Baltimore City campus.

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