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THE WISHPFUL THOUGHT that Big Bands are coming back will be given a hearty boost on Sunday evening (8:30), November 18, when HJS brings to the Roberts Theater (West Hartford) the Berklee Faculty Concert Jazz Orchestra -- 14 jazzmen from the music college that has produced some of the foremost performers of the past 30 years. The band consists of faculty members who have played with Buddy Rich, Woody Herman, Glenn Miller, Herb Pomeroy and other renowned leaders. Organized recently, it has been appearing in concert halls, at colleges and music festivals before audiences that have been moved to the most enthusiastic praises. This could be the most advanced and most polished big band on the scene today. Again the details: 8:30 p.m., Sunday, November 18 at the Roberts Memorial Theater, West Hartford.

THE ELVIN JONES CONCERT of last month surpassed the brightest expectations. Wrote Owen McNally of "The Courant": "Jones provided a rhythmic fortress of strength from which reedmen Frank Foster and Harold Alexander sallied forth with great success...Jones was a poet of the cymbals, a pointillist of the pedals and the creator of great membrane storms thundering from the bass and snare drums. He was Elvin Extraordinaire." So there.

JOTTINGS on the back of an old laundry slip: HJS will present another concert for the inmates of the state prison at Somers in December. The band will be led by Norman Macklin. Channel 24 is interested and may televise the occasion...Station WWUH of the University of Hartford is broadcasting two jazz shows, "Accent on Jazz" and "Just Jazz". ("Accent" nightly 9 to mid., "Just Jazz" Tuesday at 8 p.m.). HJS is helping in financial and consulting capacities...Recipients of the annual HJS scholarship presented in memory of Bessye Proffitt -- Patricia Thomeson and Frank J. Schiavone -- will be presented during the forthcoming Berklee Faculty Jazz Orchestra concert on Sunday, Nov. 18...Jazz Vespers at St. Peter's Church in The Great City will feature the Rusty Derek Band (Sun., Nov. 18), the Lou Grassi Group (Sun., Nov. 25), the Frank Foster Mass (Sun., Dec. 2). All at 5 p.m. and all at 64th & Park Avenue...Coming attractions at the new Columbia Music Hall in West Hartford include Errol Garner (Nov. 23) and Dave Brubeck (Dec. 7).

WELCOME these new members: A. J. Hirschfeld...Barbara Morange...Robert M. Pittman...Dominic C. Proccacino...Daniel J. Smith...Ernest G. Wilson.



WHO'S PLAYING & WHERE: Gene Rodgers, long an HJS favorite, is playing The Top of the Round at the Holiday Inn in Springfield...The Emery Smith Trio is at the Coachlight dinner theater in South Windsor...Kitty Kathryn is at the "Trolley Car" lounge of the Yankee Silversmith in Wallingford (Merritt Parkway)...The Lou West Quartet (Norm Macklin, Cliff Gunn, Billy Hooker) & playing Fri., Sat., Sun at the Majestic Lounge, Mather Street. The group a week ago was featured in the "Black Exposure" program of Channel 30.

DUES PAID BY MEMBERS contribute largely to the HJS treasury, without which the Society's concerts, civic projects and other activities would be nearly impossible. But look at it this way (the selfish way): Dues must be paid before January 1 in order to enjoy the reduced admission charges extended to members in good standing.

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(Old Refrain)