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ANTHONY DAVIS and his Quartet will be the attraction of the forthcoming HJS concert at Tobacco Valley Inn on Sunday, the 19th. Although well and most favorably known throughout New England, the group has not yet achieved national renown. There is no doubt this will take place, so here's an opportunity to boast, "I knew them when". Leader and founder of the combination, Yale Music School's, Anthony Davis, at the piano has created a sound which has been described as an up-dated Modern Jazz Quartet. Most widely known of the unit is Ed Blackwell, drummer of Ornette Coleman's band and member of such combinations as those of Randy Weston and the Eric Dolphy-Booker Little Quintet. "The Encyclopedia of Jazz" calls him "the most musical drummer to emerge from the avant garde of the 'sixties." Other members of the Quartet as vibraharpist, Jay Haggard, and bassist, Mark Helias. The concert, partially funded by the Connecticut Commission on the Arts, begins at 7:00 P.M., Sunday evening, at the Sheraton Tobacco Valley Inn, Windsor. You'll enjoy it.

"A FIRST-RATE SWING FEST" is how Owen McNally of "The Courant" described February's HJS concert presenting the Basie alumni, Al Grey and Jimmy Forrest, along with Shirley Scott, Ben Nelson and Bobby Durham. It was the most exhilarating and best attended concert in recent HJS history. "A joyous ambiance among the crowd that packed the Opera Room," was noted by McNally, who was not alone in that observation. A memorable occasion.

ODDMENTS & SUNDRIES: The Collaboration, stars of the 1977 Riverboat Cruise, are appearing each Tuesday night during March at Mad Murphy's, with its stellar personnel of Norman Gage, Al Forte, George Sovak, Eddie Jones, Lee Callahan and Woody Floyd...The Connecticut Traditional Jazz Club, on the evening of the 18th of March, at Villa Capri in Wallingford, is presenting the Connecticut-based "Galvanized Jazz Band"...Harold Rome, Hartford native whose songs brightened a number of Broadway musicals, will give his one-man show at the Old Place (Market & Kinsley) on Sunday, April 2nd...Word comes that Lester Young's daughter, Beverly Hagenah, is ill and destitute and could well receive financial help (2400 Nevada Avenue South, Apt. 322, St. Louis Park, Minn., 55426.)...If you read, as well as listen, Oak Lawn Books ("Where Jazz Lives") can provide the new volumes concerning Fats Waller, "Fatha" Hines, Duke Ellington and the Cotton Club (Box 2663, Providence, R. I. 02907).

COMMUNITY SPIRIT and the ability to accompany it with positive action is apparently possessed by HJS. Through a federal grant from CETA (Comprehensive Educational Training Act) and with the cooperation of Local 400 of the American Federation of Musicians, and the Hartford Board of Education, HJS during this year will supervise a program of concerts, lectures, clinics and other events in Greater Hartford schools, convalescent homes, and the state prison. (All praise to Emery Smith, Gene Solon, Art and Janet Fine for an achievement apparently beyond the skill of other organizations.)

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YOUR NEXT "SWINGER" will come to you in a new, more attractive and more inclusive format. Bill Pickowitz will be Editor. The publication will give more news, will contain feature articles, reviews, and in general, afford a more comprehensive view how HJS works, what it is doing and who is doing it.

WELCOME THESE new members:

Eleanor Adams
Stephen C. Behrens
Margaret English
Faye Glass
Jodi Glass
Judy Glass
Paul Halagan
Robert Halagan
Wilson Henry
Bernard M. Knab

Waldemar J. Lach
Nathan Lee
Sadonia M. Lemon
Alfred Lester
Raymond W. McKay
Cecil L. Pertillar
Leonard Rapaport
Kathryn E. Ritzen
Michael Ritzen
Gerri A. Robacker

Frank C. Robacker
Alvin T. Robinson
Seymour Slavkin
G. Charlene Smallwood
William S. Spencer
Jill Thompson
Raymond A. Tweedie, Jr.
Larry C. Watts
Vorna P. Watts

COUNT BASIE and his Orchestra, and Sarah Vaughan, will appear on Friday, March 17th., 8:00 P.M., at the Hartford Jai Alai Fronton. This concert is sponsored by The Hartford Civic Center. Tickets are on sale at the Civic Center Box Office, all ticketron outlets. Telephone number is 1-800-223-1814.

"SEND ME the pillow you cry on so I can mingle your tears with mine."

(Old Refrain)