

At Bubba's on East Sunrise Blvd., manager **Bob Shelley** has thrown caution to the winds by bringing in Monty Alexander and his quintet. The group, which just returned from Europe, opened last week and will be there at least three more weeks. I plan to stop in several times because Alexander and his group are making some of the best sounds in town.

The musicians are so good that they can slip from one style to another and make each one their own. Alexander, a fine technician, also has a good head for jazz. His playing is inventive, yet still very melodic.

Several of the evening's highlights are provided by steel drum player **Othello**, who joins Alexander on some gigs. Luckily for Broward music lovers, this is one of those occasions. When Alexander leaves, Othello will be performing locally with his own group. Meanwhile, he is combining with Alexander to create a unique sound blending piano and steel drum. Anyone who still thinks of Harry Belafonte when they hear a steel drum should hurry down to Bubba's to hear just how musical, how *good* a steel drum can be when played by a fine musician. Anyone who just loves music, jazz fan or not, should hurry down to Bubba's anyway to hear top-notch people making a lot of excellent music.