

ROUNDAABOUT

by Nate LaRoi

Yaz You and Me Both Sire

Among England's new age synthopoppers, few have struck with such force and rapidity as Alison Moyet and Vince Clarke aka Yaz. And few have burnt themselves out so quickly.

Indeed, with Moyet and Clarke parting company after only two albums, *You and Me Both* is Yaz's last gasp. As last gasps go, it's not even particularly satisfactory, especially in the light of last year's sometimes brilliant *Upstairs at Eric's*.

Yaz hasn't lost it all by any means. Moyet's flair for the dramatic remains intact ("Nobody's Diary"), while

Clarke's bass-heavy mechano backbeat can still get the feet moving ("State Farm"). But in doing away with the way-out experimentalism of "I Before E Except after C" and "In My Room," Yaz has become just another electro-pop band. The

high pitched synthesizer pitter-patter of "Sweet Thing," for example, treads dangerously close to the mindless antics of Depeche Mode.

The simplicity of the lyrics, in turn, betrays Moyet's considerable talents as a singer. What passed for torchy emotionalism before, now appears as little more than exaggerated histrionics. The moodiness of "Mr. Blue," and the obsessiveness of "Ode to Boy" may expand Yaz's musical boundaries, but neither delivers the same cathartic joy as last year's "Don't Go" or "Situation." Appropriately, *You and Me Both* closes on a somber note: "I'm so glad that you left us now - before you had the chance to die," sings Moyet. Yaz, it seems, left us just in time.

Alternative bands find a new stage

by Patrice Struyk

Alternative bands have a new showcase in Edmonton.

New groups, playing mostly original, uncommercial music take to the stage every Friday and Saturday night at Rumours Nightclub in the Continental Inn. Facecrime, Strip Search, and Citizens are among the locals who will appear at the venue aimed at responding to the tastes of Edmonton's large alternative following.

Larry Compagna and Dave Beck of Artist Management are the originators of the format which utilizes the Continental Inn's former cabaret, and provides exposure for two city bands a night. Compagna indicates plans are being made to showcase groups from Calgary, and even Vancouver, if patrons continue to fill the 250-seat room.

Rumours is licensed, has no

dress restrictions, and opens its doors at 7 PM. The bands play until 1 AM. The nightclub should prove to be popular with the considerable number of alternate music aficionados on campus,

considering its minimal four dollar admission charge.

Citizens and Strip Search will be featured Friday, October 7; Saturday's bill is the Touch, and another group, to be announced.

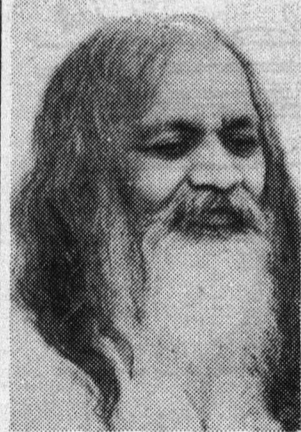
Playwrights of the world, unite!

Registrations are now being accepted for Workshop West's Playwriting Circle.

Enrolment is limited to ten, so please register now by phoning 429-4251.

The course, beginning October 17 at 7:00 PM, will be led by award-winning playwright R.C. Carpenter. The playwriting circle deals with the practice of writing plays and provides an opportunity to develop and discuss a script of your own creation under the guidance of a professional.

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8:00 pm. - *Flashdance* - 1983 USA, 104 min. Dir: Adrian Lyne Cast: Jennifer Beals, Michael Nouri, Belinda Bauer and Lila Skala. R.

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8:00 p.m - *The Year of Living Dangerously* - 1983 USA, 115 min. Dir: Peter Weir Cast: Mel Gibson, Sigourney Weaver, Linda Hunt, Michael Murphy and Bill Kerr. PG.

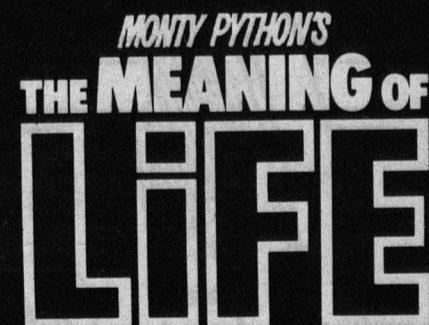
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8:00 pm. - *Casablanca* - 1942 USA, 102 min. Dir: Michael Curtiz Cast: Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, Claude Rains, Peter Lorre, Sydney Greenstreet, Conrad Veidt, Paul Henreid. General.

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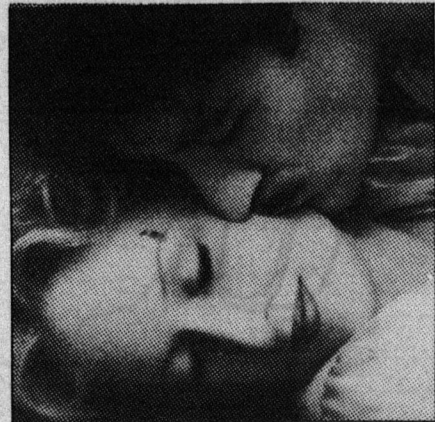
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8:00 pm. - *Monty Python's The Meaning Of Life* - 1983 Great Britain, 103 min. Dir: Terry Jones Cast: Graham Chapman, John Cleese, Terry Giliam, Eric Idle, Terry Jones and Michael Palin. R.

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SOPHIE'S CHOICE



8:00 pm. - *Sophie's Choice* - 1983 USA, 157 min. Dir: Alan J. Pakula Cast: Meryl Streep, Kevin Kline and Keith Barish. R.

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