

Excalibur exclusive by George B. Orr

Boss Beatle tapes tapped

On Monday the Beatles' latest contribution to music was sneak-previewed on CHUM-FM. Capitol Records have since clamped down on further play until the release of the record, but this reporter was able to get into a very private presentation of the tapes on Tuesday night.

These tapes were furtively made during the final taping session of the album kit, smuggled out of the London studio and into Canada.

So there were three people listening to a console in a closet, listening to something you won't hear until Capitol feels like it.

And those Beatles were singing all for us and I listened to it, and it wasn't bad.

In fact, their new album, all 30 cuts of it, might just outsell all the other little mistakes they've made in past.

When John the Lennon was asked what all this new stuff was trying to prove, he said, "But it's the same old song, you know; it's the same thing."

"It's the same thing with everything, you know. There are some people who are trying to sing songs and have a laugh, and there are a lot of other people who are going around with those sticks and guns burning other people."

"And it's a strange thing!"

So last spring, they sat down and put down the Psychedelia Past.

With consummate skill, they have formed what was the past and have made it over, and maybe made it better.

The high guitar runs on the Fenders stink of late 50's rock. The Choral backgrounds pay their due to Ray Charles. McCartney plays the Dylan with great polish, almost leaning to plagiarism.

One of the major feats of the record kit will be to revive the rock piano as a weapon.

They are writing a little diary, acknowledging all the musicians that have influenced their progression and everybody knows it.

"Most of our songs were written in February or March, and if we get them out in November

or December, they're almost a year old. By the time it takes us to record them, we could be writing a song about what we feel now. So we're always working ahead of ourselves, or we're mentally ahead of where we physically are.

Some of their lyrics do seem to lie a bit in the past, and have been superseded even by the motley Cream, and the like. Lines like "take it easy — everybody's got something to hide but me and my baby!"

And to listen to them, you'd almost swear that they meant it. But then the tape quality wasn't so shit-hot, and we were in on something we weren't supposed to be in on.

And when they put these lines to pure acid-rock, you start laughing, but you don't know why.

Diddly chorals cry to "get back to the good old USSR" and the music is a delight.

But none of us could tell from one listening whether they were being serious, or whether they were putting us on again, or whether they were doing 'their thing', and crap on the non-believers.

"I wanna die. If I can't get you baby, you know the reason why." The way they phrase it, and with the Hendrix-style backing, gives the impression of looking down on everybody else, and that, I guess, is their right, holding the position in the world that they do.

In fact, in "Helter Skelter", they work from Chuck Berry through Johnny Horton, right up to the Cream again.

It has been rumored that the release of this record was a mutually acknowledged signal to the Cream to pack it in.

Still further rumors have it that Eric Clapton will throw in with them, but nobody will say.

So, having listened to a copy of a third-rate tape in a most cramped studio at an ungodly hour, I can safely say that the new Beatles British interpretive anthology will be a success, even if it does stink artistically.

Cross Canada Campus

Lakehead lambastes senate secrecy

PORT ARTHUR

Lakehead University has offered students three seats on its 29-member senate — but students may reject the offer because the senate holds closed meetings.

Student council president Peter McCormack pointed to a council policy of refusing seats on any closed body, but said the offer of senate seats would be "carefully considered".

The senate set conditions regarding selection of students for the three senate seats — student members of senate must have completed at least two years at Lakehead and only students who have completed at least one year are eligible to take part in election of student senators.

Students oust Waterloo council

WATERLOO

The student council at the University of Waterloo resigned en masse Oct. 31 after losing a vote of confidence at a general meeting attended by over 1,000 students.

The vote against the council went 550-450.

There will be a general election Nov. 27 in which the present council will run again to seek a mandate of support from the campus at large.

Student president Brian Iler introduced the motion of confidence and answered criticism of recent council decisions to support an occupation of the student centre and a demonstration in protest of construction of a new residence.

"We seek democratization of the university and of our society," he said "for only by the elimination of authoritarian institutions in our society can we make the world a more humane one."

Toronto profs prefer pay

TORONTO

University of Toronto professors will strike unless demands for a wage increase are met.

The faculty members voted 133-72, Oct. 30 to endorse "the concern, spirit and resolve" of a strike proposal presented by assistant professor Pete Seary.

Seary suggested the professors refuse to mark final examination papers unless the wage of an assistant professor was raised to \$13,000 a year from \$9,500 a year with comparable increases in other ranks.

The professor suggests that the provincial government increase the school's operating grants to finance the salary raise.

UVIC clamors to can CUS

VICTORIA

The University of Victoria has added itself to the growing list of schools across Canada clamouring to get out of the Canadian Union of Students.

During a marathon 14 hour budget meeting Oct. 27, Vic's student council spent four hours debating a motion to delete a \$5,000 CUS allotment from its annual budget, then voted overwhelmingly in favor of the motion.

The UVic council signed the CUS commitment form at the national union's September congress saying they would pay the fee and remain in CUS for this year.

The UVic council argued it should not pay the \$5,000 to CUS when it could be used to payoff a \$4,000 operating deficit left them by the previous council.

CUS's national council met over the weekend and passed a resolution saying firm action would be taken if councils did not make good on their commitments.

Biafra prefers suicide to surrender

by Linda Bohnen

A New York Times correspondent who was based in Nigeria for five years until 1967 said last Thursday that he doubted Nigeria could ever function as a federation again.

"On my last trip to Biafra I can tell you that I did not meet one Biafran who wanted to stop the war for relief," said Lloyd Garrison, now the Times' Paris correspondent. "They'd rather commit ethnic suicide than give in to Nigeria."

Garrison, who was in Biafra seven weeks ago, was speaking to about 400 students in Winters College Dining Room in a panel sponsored by the York Biafra

Committee. Two Nigerians and a Biafran now living in Toronto also participated in the discussion which was moderated by CBC commentator Norman Depoe.

Garrison said, "The Biafrans say, 'We're not wanted in the federation. We are not safe. We cannot work where we want to. If you cannot have the police and army protect you why remain in the federation?'"

He said he didn't think the Nigerians were "bent on genocide" but that the war was really a tribal war using modern weapons. And African tribal wars traditionally end with the losers being exterminated or enslaved, he said.

"Let's just say that where the civilian population of Biafra sticks around, it's in trouble," he said.

Garrison denied that if Biafra remained independent other African federations would fall apart.

"I think the domino theory is basically false," he said. "There is only one area in Africa at all comparable to Nigeria and that is the Sudan."

Half-way through the discussion, after Emmanuel Fagbamiye, president of the Toronto branch of the Association of Nigerians in Canada, and Biafran Simon Ayah, had each given his own interpretation of Nigerian history, Depoe exploded with:

"I am sick to death of obscure and detailed accounts of obscure and detailed events. You sound like the Pakistani and the Arabs and the Israelis. We in Canada have the same thing happening in the House of Commons and it's a drag. Mind you, here we bore people to death, not spear them to death."

Asked about starvation in Biafra, Fagbamiye, a Nigerian, said, "This is not particular to this part of Africa. They are suffering now because their leaders miscalculated — they forgot that they had never been self-sufficient before."

On Canada's role, he said, "Canada should probably curb the press and advise them to stop stirring up the country. People have actually suggested that arms be sent to Biafra. That is detrimental to the cause of peace."

Stephen Lewis, the NDP MPP who visited Biafra several weeks ago to investigate charges of genocide, was scheduled to attend the forum but did not show up.

Adman-author axes ads

by Valerie Grant

David Ogilvie, author of "Confessions of an Advertising Man", challenges the vitality of imagination and creativity in college graduates.

Speaking to York MBA students and Toronto businessmen on Oct. 31, Ogilvie said, "The highly trained mind is out of touch with the unconscious. Lack of creativeness in college graduates reflects this condition."

Ogilvie is owner and creator of the tenth largest advertising firm in the world using MBA's and college grads.

Ogilvie's firm, based in Great Britain, employs 1800 people who, by Ogilvie's definition, are all neurotic.

"Work at night when you're not sober", he said.

The ability to think deep, speak clearly and get on with the job is necessary for advancement in the advertising world. The brilliant, inventive and unorthodox person is sure to succeed.

According to Ogilvie, the average person is exposed to 1500 ads per day and 40,000 commercials per year. People develop built-in filters against this massive exposure.

Ogilvie feels that most ads are impersonal and boring. The most effective medium is talk between consumers, talk generated by ads. "Advertising is a seeding operation", he insisted.

To all advertising people Ogilvie offered this advice. Don't sing your salespitch. Don't use music under the salespitch. And please, no kittens or babies.

Modes from page 4

On Thursday, October 24, a petition was circulated and during the course of four hours, six hundred names were registered.

The speed and spontaneity of this action certainly showed the concern of the petition. The names were taken to Mr. McFarland by a committee of ten. McFarland, fearing an invasion by enemy hordes, allowed four people and the petition into his office.

He stated that the requests of the petition (one lecture for student discussion of the course) was impracticable and that even if he wanted to give permission, it was a senate decision.

So our stalwart students took the petition to the senate secretary, Mr. Farr, who said that it was not a senate decision, but McFarland's.

Ah, Professor McFarland, have we caught you in a lie, or an incorrect deduction? Somehow, my truth tables do not bring forth a Tautology.

The next step is both evident and urgent. ALL students must meet to discuss the problems and elect a representative group to go on and discuss our problems with the faculty. If you are at all dissatisfied with modes, it was your duty to be at Lecture Hall A meetings.