

Jazz: Subtle Influence For Rock-and-Roll Fans

EDITOR'S NOTE: This concludes a three-part series on jazz—its history, techniques and place on the University campus — written by

Toni Victor, senior staff writer. As subtly yet as surely as the melody in a Brubeck arrangement, jazz exerts a silent, but strong influence on the University campus.

Though the number of jazz playing groups on campus and in the Lincoln area totals perhaps no more than five, the University students who regularly listen to jazz and enjoy it are many.

Currently the only University-sponsored jazz group is Jazz Sinfonia. John Mills, a graduate assistant in the music department and director of Jazz Sinfonia, explained that the group normally gives only one concert in the spring, but that there is always a large turn-out for the program.

"People would enjoy jazz if they had a chance to listen to it—it's a matter of publicity," said Mills.

In Mills' opinion, jazz has faded into the background as far as popularity is concerned though it is still definitely on the scene.

"The rock 'n roll-oriented people are in college now, and they want music for dancing, not listening," he stated. Mills noted that almost all of the radio stations play only Beatles' songs and the like. For this reason, the present generation really has not been exposed to jazz as in the past.

Though jazz is not played continually on radio stations, a check with music room attendants in the stereo room of the Nebraska Union revealed that jazz records are requested above all others. Stan Getz seemed to be the

most popular of the jazz artists requested.

One of the special attractions jazz has for University students seems to be its quality of relaxation. A survey revealed that most students think of jazz as "music to relax by."

"I like jazz very much — especially cool jazz—it's restful," stated Eadie Renne, a University junior. Her favorite jazz musicians are Stan Getz, the Modern Jazz Quartet and Dave Brubeck.

"Jazz, improvised with a good bass beat, relaxes me," freshman Charles Wise stated.

Wise noted that people who like jazz will go find it. As an example he described the crowds of Abel Hall residents who gathered to hear the Nate Branch Trio (the only active campus jazz group) when the band played at the dormitory snack bar two nights last week.

Mike Green, a sophomore, said that he thought jazz has a unique sound. According to Green, there should be a radio station that plays purely jazz.

"I enjoy jazz. It's relaxing and has an aspect of soul, whereas rock 'n roll can be disturbing," stated Monjett Graham, a junior.

Singing jazz is sophomore Candi Wise's avocation. Miss Wise is a music major who hopes to be a professional jazz singer. She has sung with the Earl Graves Combo and Howard Johnson, a jazz pianist.

"How can you explain something like jazz?" Miss Wise asked. "It's a feeling that can only come from the soul," she smiled.

Reapportionment Case To Be Heard Sept. 29

The decision on whether or not the reapportionment carried out last spring by ASUN is a legal act will be determined Sept. 29.

David Senseney, a law student and student senator from professional college, filed a petition last spring with Bill Tooley, a pharmacy student who received a Senate seat from professional college under re-apportionment determined by the ASUN.

In a pre-election meeting, the electoral commission and the Senate decided that seats not filled in the April 27 election would be distributed to other colleges. Under this decision, three seats formerly assigned to the Graduate College were reassigned to Professional, Teachers and Engineering Colleges.

Senseney, who will act as his own attorney, stated recently that he plans his case around the major issue, as he sees it, of whether the redistribution was carried out in time, the constitution saying reapportionment must be made before April 1.

His other point of contention is that ASUN redistributed the seats in an unconstitutional manner.

"I'm not questioning whether the constitution is right or wrong, but rather the manner in which the redistribution was carried out was illegal," Senseney explained.

Tooley, the defendant in the case, has not yet chosen an attorney but plans to select one from the law college. He stated that he has not planned exactly what his stand will be, but will determine it over the weekend.

Terry Schaaf, ASUN president, believes the constitution was not violated.

"We can prove by minutes of both committee and Senate meetings that the reapportionment was made before the April 1 deadline. These minutes have been approved by the Senate," Schaaf declared.

"It is my hope and understanding that if the reapportionment was illegal, that the decision will not apply retroactively. If this is true, Senator Tooley and the other two senators, who gained a seat through the reapportionment, would not be asked to step down from their seats," Schaaf explained.

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African Natives

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He pointed out that there is presently a conflict between the older and younger generations of whites in South Africa. It is the older generation, Eastman said, that wishes to keep things the way they are now.

The younger generation, he said, "realizes" there will be a change in the status of the blacks in the future, "in the next 100 years," Eastman said.

"Tragic" Eastman said he feels that the assassination of South

Africa's Prime Minister Hendrik Verwoerd was "tragic."

Verwoerd, he said, "did a lot for the country" and was "more or less the father of the Republic of South Africa," since he was in power when the country gained its independence from England in 1961.

"South Africa is working with its problems as it sees fit and doesn't want any other country to try to tell

"I feel it is a very misunderstood country," he concluded.

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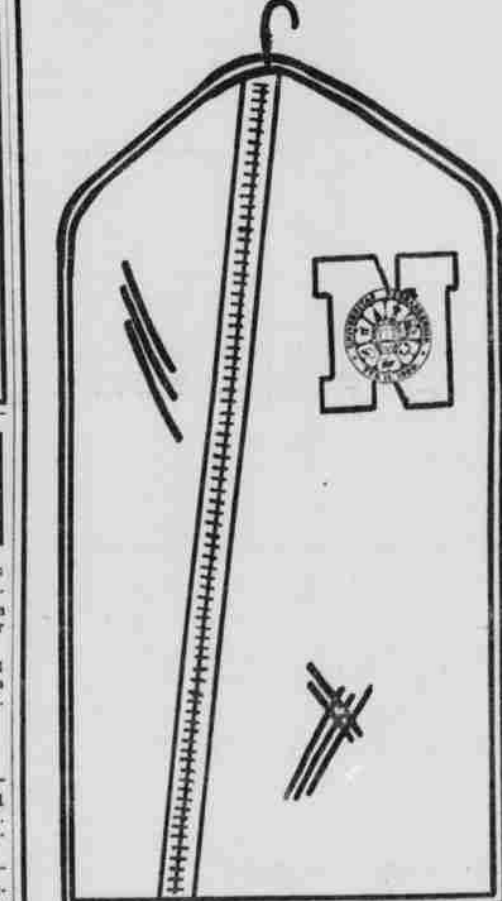
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