Liquid osmosis . . .

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A review . . .

Talk records are now offered

(CPS) — The day when buying a phonograph album meant buying 30 or 40 minutes of music is rapidly passing. New releases are offering everything from Marxisms (segments of comedy from old Marx Brothers movies) to long-playing editorial campaigns.

Two of the most interesting of the new non-musical albums are Ramparts Editor Robert Scheer's "A Night At Santa Rita" (Flying Dutchman) and a non-musical, non-talk album entitled, "Environments: a totally new concept in stereo sound." (Syntonic Research label.)

Both are billed as of particular interest and significance to college students. Taking them one at a time:

There is no doubt about the significance of the outraged "A Night at Santa Rita." Scheer's tale is of the treatment of People's Park supporters last spring in Berkeley after their arrest and confinement in the county prison farm at Santa Rita. Scheer was one of the prisoners, and he was left incredulous by what he saw and experienced.

"Nobody really believes you," he says on the album. "Even hard bitten Berkeley radicals still hold some illusions about American life, about legal limits . . ." But as his story tells so dramatically, Santa Rita has nothing in common with the tenets upon which this country supposedly was founded.

Narrated by the deep voiced Bill "Rosko" Mercer and backed by a flute and bass providing the proper mood music, the album presents a powerful story.

But the problem with any talk record is that it's not the type of thing you want to play over and over again, making its purchase a costly proposition. If you don't buy it at least borrow it.

"Environments" on the other hand licks the talk-record problem. It can be played over and over, and you get the same effect from it. For the record has no words as well as no music. Just sounds, sounds that are supposed to provide a pleasant environment.

Side One, which can be played with equal success at 45, 33, or 16 rpm, is "The Psychologically Ultimate Seashore." Depending on the speed at which you play it, you get 30 to 60 minutes of a roaring sea. Side Two is even more exciting. "Optimum Aviary" is assorted bird chants by 32 varieties of the feathered wonders.

But the album is not a joke. Its purpose is to create an environment in which one can escape the unpleasant noises of life — everything from traffic to t.v. commercials (and musical records.)

Homosexuals organize to secure equality

The Twin Cities Assembly Committee on Student Affairs of the University of Minnesota has approved for campus membership the newest minority group organization on the Minneapolis campus.

Fight Repression of Erotic Expression (FREE) was approved unanimously by the committee at an Oct. 24 meeting. FREE is composed of homosexuals and sympathizers wishing to secure equal rights with the heterosexuals in society.

The 60-member organization has four main purposes. The members plan to educate the university community about homosexuality and its place in society. The members will try to secure for homosexuals those rights now enjoyed by heterosexuals.

They also plan to protest legislation of sexual morality. Finally, FREE will establish and coordinate meetings and social events for the homosexual student community, for intellectual and social gain.

One of the primary immediate goals of FREE is lobbying for the offering of a course on homosexuality. The course would be taught on the professional level for teachers, and later to the student body.

FREE is the first student organization of its kind to gain recognition in the upper midwest. Its leaders believe it to be the first such organization on a Big Ten campus.

Members hold weekly meetings on the campus. Sensitivity group meetings are also held weekly to help the members better understand themselves. Members of FREE are available for lectures to civic groups. Social functions are also held periodically.

According to leaders of the organization, acceptance by the university community has been excellent. There has been no harassment, and approval by the committee guarantees the organization the same rights and privileges that other university clubs enjoy.

FREE was organized early in September and looks for increased membership and more involvement in university life.

Brown university adopts progressive curriculum

CPS — Providence, R.I. — Prompted by the demands of zealous student reformers, Brown University has adopted what is in many respects the most progressive undergraduate curriculum to be found in any major U.S. institution of higher learning.

Freshmen, once forced to attend huge introductory courses in numerous specialized disciplines, are given new freedom. There are no university-required courses, and small, informal "Modes of Thought" courses have been instituted to combat depersonalization.

"Modes of Thought" courses are interdisciplinary. A course on the subject of revolution, for example, might draw on the alienated writings of Tolstoy, Sartre and Camus, empirical political theory, history and political philosophy. The courses are taught independently of departmental sponsorship by individual faculty members who are free to abandon a particular course at their wish.

"Modes of Thought" courses have a 20-student enrollment ceiling.

Upper-division students at Brown no longer have to conform to a pre-established pattern of study. A "Committee of Concentrations" has been formed to aid students in determining study programs tailored to individual needs.

The concept of "majoring" in one subject and "minoring" in another has been done away with. Students are expected to plunge into a few areas of study more intensively than others, but there are no numerical constraints on the quantity of courses to be taken. Subject to the approval of the committee, a student might fulfill his obligation for "concentrating" in an area by taking four or five courses in it.

"The effect of the new system is simply to remove the artificial restraints which have, to some degree, encouraged students to think of 'education' in terms of specified numbers of courses symmetrically apportioned into distinct courses," explains a pamphlet put out by the administration.

The most radical change is in grading — or, rather, the lack of it. All course work is evaluated either on an "A, B, C" and "unsatisfactory" basis or simply as "Satisfactory" and "unsatisfactory." A student may choose the method he prefers. No credit is given for unsatisfactory work, and no notation of a student's unsatisfactory performance is entered on his transcript.

A student must complete six courses satisfactorily by the end of his freshman year, 13 by the end of his second year, 21 by the third year and 28 in order to graduate. The administration calls the retention of the "A, B, C" system possibly only a "transitional measure" until the satisfactory no credit system can be evaluated.

This reformed curriculum is largely the product of students' efforts. In 1966, a group of Brown students, meeting in an independent study project, set out to examine undergraduate education. Fifteen months later, they released a 450-page report on the shortcomings of higher education in the U.S., with specific recommendations for Brown.

President Ray Heffner appointed a student-faculty committee to consider the report. Then he established a Special Committee on Educational Principles to formulate proposals for reform. Last May, the committee released its report, and the school's faculty met for three days to debate it. Classes were suspended so students could participate.

The report was adopted.

One faculty member who helped compile the report wrote: "The new curriculum makes a number of radical departures from past practices and principles, but the underlying motivation is the desire to modify an existing tradition rather than to subvert it.

"In the same manner in which constitutional amendment preserves the integrity of political order, curricular reform, even the most 'revolutionary,' is an expression of trust in the capacity of existing institutions to change in order to satisfy newly felt needs and to pursue new purposes."

Worldly gifts are in Bazaar

The YWCA International Bazaar will be back on campus when it opens in the Union Centennial Room Tuesday.

The bazaar, which was held at Gateway Shopping Center last year, will feature Christmas presents and all types of gifts from North and South America, Europe, the Far and Middle East, and the South Pacific Islands.

Specialty items include jewelry, especially zodiac jewelry from the Middle East, brass from India, Swedish toys, African carvings, glassware from northern Europe, and domestic leather goods including Indian moccasins. Mary Kay Quinlan, publicity chairman, says the bazaar will include almost any present imaginable.

Proceeds from the annual sale are used to support YWCA service projects for young people, such as Head Start, tutoring at Whittier Junior High, sponsoring Y-Teen groups, and working with the Juvenile Court.

The bazaar is the only fund-raising project of the year for the YWCA, and will run Tuesday through Thursday. Hours Tuesday and Wednesday are from 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and on Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Nathan Wright to speak Tuesday

Dr. Nathan Wright Jr. will speak at St. Paul Methodist Church Tuesday at 8 p.m., sponsored by Malone Community Center.

A former clergyman, Wright is now a professor of urban affairs at the State University of New York.

Placement Interviews

The following interviews are scheduled for the week of November 17 through November 21:

Nov. 17

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Becton, Dickinson & Company of Nebraska
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare Audit Agency
Texaco Incorporated
Underwriters Laboratories, Incorporated
Union Electric Company
Union Pacific Railroad
United States Steel Corporation
United States Bureau of Internal Revenue Service
Wilson & Company, Incorporated

Nov. 18

Central Intelligence Agency
Employers Insurance of Wausau
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Missouri State Highway Department
Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska
Raymond International Incorporated
Scott Paper Company
Skelly Oil Company
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United States Army Research & Development — Test & Evaluation Laboratories and Activities Throughout Army Material Command
United States Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration

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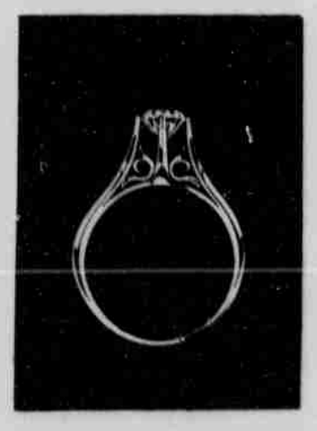

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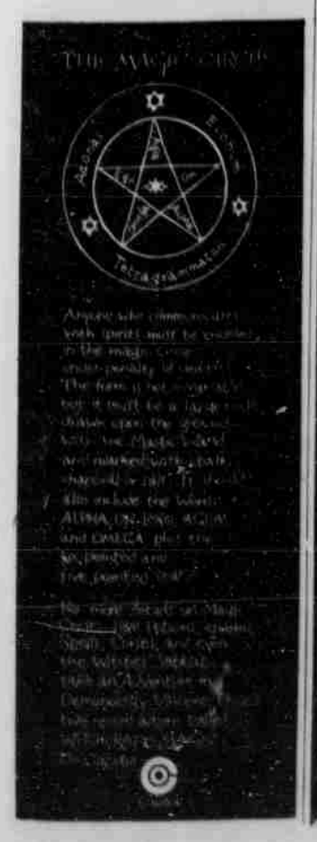

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