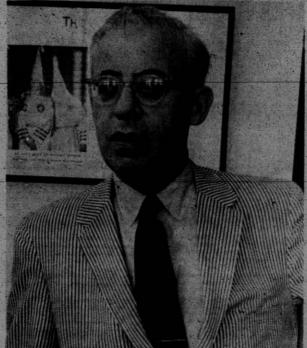
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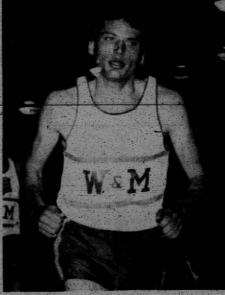
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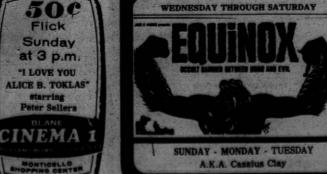
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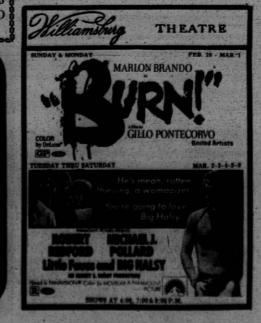




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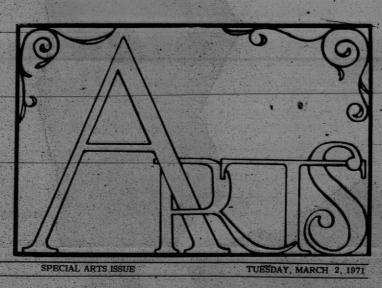
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The stranger seated herself on the davenport, and to Nancy's azement proceeded to look the house over critically, dartiquick little glances from one room to another. (How dare servant look over a place where she might work.)

"She's prying," Nancy thought, Aloud she said, "What is manage."

The girl made no response, but from a dirty (of course) ocketbook brought out an envelope and handed it to Nancy.

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"Such insolence!" Nancy thought a trifle angrily. "One would think she was an herress instead of a kitchen girl! It was lucky I didn't engage her." Nancy Drew's curiosity had been aroused and as she waited for Helen her eyes followed Mary Mason. I suppose she works here," she told herself.

To her surprise, she saw the girl address herself to one of the saleswomen, and it was evident by her actions that she intended to purchase a gown.

"There's something queer about that," Nancy thought. "Surely, a girl in her circumstance can't afford to buy dresses at such a place as this!"

Of course, the obedient, docile, boss-worshipping employee is treated with kindness--but still condescension--and is above suspiction.



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'Flat Hat' Hearing Tonight

The hearing by the publica-tions committee of the Board of Student Affairs on the Feb. 12 Flat Hat's alleged printing of "obscenities" will be tonight in Campus Center Rooms A and B at. 7 pm (not 8 pm, as was re-ported in last Friday's Flat Hat.)

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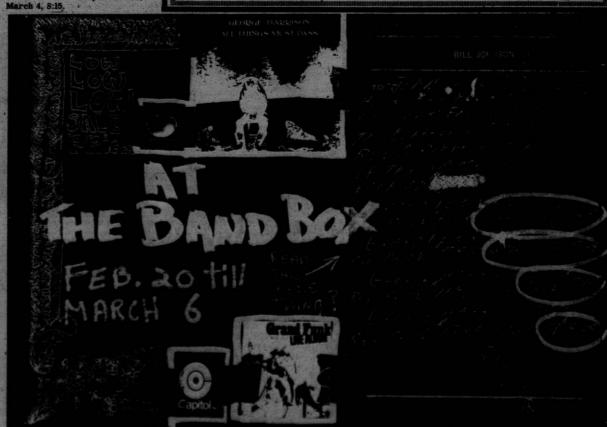
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In his fascinating essay, Myrdal integrates the history of Cambodia and its empires within the context of the West's own long history of condescension to and oppression of Eastern peoples. To his credit, Myrdal does not indulge in any East vs. West romanticizing or self-conscious. Orientalism of the type we have been over-exposed to in the past few years. Angkor for Myrdal is the final magnificent expression of a dying, despotic culture. "In the night, I thought of Manhattan. Of Paris. And London. Walk down these streets a thousand years from now. How much will remain?" Maybe our last expression will be Disneyland. At any rate, Myrdal manages to show that the imperial state of mind is far more rooted in Western culture than we may realize, no mean achievement for such a small text. Most of the book is taken up with Gun Kessle's excellent photographs. Angkor is worth having and definitely worth reading.

THE HIGH SCHOOL REVOLU-TIONARIES, edited by Marc Li-barle and Tom Seligson. Vintage Books, \$1.95.

Presumably everybody now in college also went to high school

at one time or another. No one should be surprised to find out that high schools haven't changed a bit-they're still as boring, irrelevant, and ridiculous as they were when we were there.

Anyway, this book is a collection of articles and statements by various immates of the public and private school systems who are dissatisfied with the country and the school system. As in most other collections of the sort, the writing ranges from excellent to execrable, and the opinions

voiced likewise. Some of the authors are very confused, but at least they're trying. Most people seem to have given up altogether. It's a bad scene.

The problems with books like these is that they never reach the people who need to read them. Oh well.

Paid Political Announcement:

The Williamsburg Concerned Citizens Committee Against War. Racism, and Repression will be holding a small rally (under 10,000) in the Sunken Garden on Thursday, March II, to celebrate the vernal equinox. Public invited. Admission free. Entertainment: Rennie Davis, notorious public enemy (convicted of all sorts of nasties); Bill Bartels, itinerant wandering folk singer; and all, sorts of flamin' groovies. Bring your friends. National media will be there. You too can be on Walter Cronkite.

Modern Opera Isn't Really Stiff, (or worse), Effete

by Steven Shrader

I accepted the assignment of reviewing selected operatic recordings with some reluctance, as I am cognizant of the fact that the overwhelming majority of people deride opera mercilessly and spurn it as a ludicrous, contrived, effete art form. Such people tend to viewspera in a stereotyped fashion; le., they automatically envision an obese soprano wearing a helmet with Viking horns and a steel brassiere bellowing out an unhummable Wagnerian tune. There is, of course, much in the world of opera which is more readily accessible to the average listener; in fact, opera in many countries is considered a popular art form. If Italian proletarians can sing opera arias as they unload docks and drive their cabs, how esoteric can opera be?

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Having tenuously established this point, I will now attempt to recommend a few recordings which might be of interest to one who is not yet an opera afficionado. (Let me first say that all of the popular operas have been recorded many times, and my selections are based purely on my own taste.) The one opera which belongs in every record library is Puccini's melodious, poignant, beloved masterpiece La Boheme. This moving work, with a plot vaguely akin to Love Story, can be obtained in toto for less than five dollars on the budget Seraphim label. This recording is ably conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham and features outstanding virile singing by Jussi Bjoerling and Robert Merrill in the principal male roles of Rodolfo and Marcello. Victoria de los Angeles sings acceptably as Mimi, the sickly heroine, and the recorded seund (1960's vintage) is not bad. The RCA Boheme, though some sickly heroine, and the recorded sound (1950's vintage) is not bad. The RCA Boheme, though somewhat more expensive, is also excellent, offering Anna Moffo as Mimi and the resonant tenor of Richard Tucker as Rodolfo.

The next opera to be acquired by the budding opera fan might well be Bizet's Carmen, an opera brimming over with excitement, melody, and drama. A highly touted recording of Car-

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men has just been released on the Angel label which restores the spoken French dialogue of the original performance (This dialogue was later set to music by an assistant, and this is the commonly heard version.) For my money, though, the finest Carmen is the stightly older RCA recording with the golden throated cast of Leontyne Price as Carmen, Franco Corelli as Don Jose, and Robert Merrill as Escamillo (the toreador.) Price's Carmen is above reproach both vocally and dramatically; Corelli can't quite get all the spaghetti out of his mouth to enunciate his French properly, but his is still the most exciting and virile Don Jose around; and the non-parell Merrill sings the "Toreador Song" with great gusto.

If passion and murder are to your taste, Leoncavallo's I Pagliacci should by all means be included in your opera library. Many excellent recordings of this exciting and compact work are available; the best, in my opinion, is the Angel recording with Franco Corelli as Canio, Lucine Amara as Nedda, and Tito Gobbi as Tomio. The high point of this recording is Corelli's Canio- the robust, passionate voice of this great Italian tenor is ideally suited to this robust, passionate role. Corelli as Canio sings, acts, murders, etc. with incomparable clan, and the rest of the cast gives him adequate support.

Every listing of favorite op-

Every listing of favorite operas contains several works by Gluseppe Verdi, the Richard Rodgers of the nineteenth čentury. His operas are loaded with attractive melodies and are the staples of most opera houses. The famous La Traviata is represented by a number of excellent recordings; my favorite is the London recording in which Joan Sutherland gives a superlative performance as Violetta and Robert Merrill gives the definitive interpretation of Germont. The only drawback in this fine recording is the pusilianimous tenor of Carlo Bergonzi, who consistently falls to take hold of his music. Rigoletto has also been accorded several outstanding recordings; I prefer the 1950's RCA version with Erna

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It should be noted that all of the operas mentioned above are available in digested form on single records containing highlights." These highlight recordings are anathemas to the true opera buff, but are probably sufficient for the less addicted listeners. Recently, Seraphim released a multi-disc set entitled the "Guide to Grand Opera which attempts to survey the entire history of opera. This valuable set includes selected arias and ensembles from a wide range of operas, and includes such hits as "Largo al factotum" ("Figaro, Figaro, Figaro, Figaro, Trom The Barber of Seville."

I realize that I have made many notable omissions from this list, including the entire German repertory. I have done so because these works are somewhat more complex and less accessible to the type of listener for whom this survey is intended. The works I have recommended include a great wealth of beautiful and exciting music, and would provide a solid nucleus for a more comprehensive opera library.

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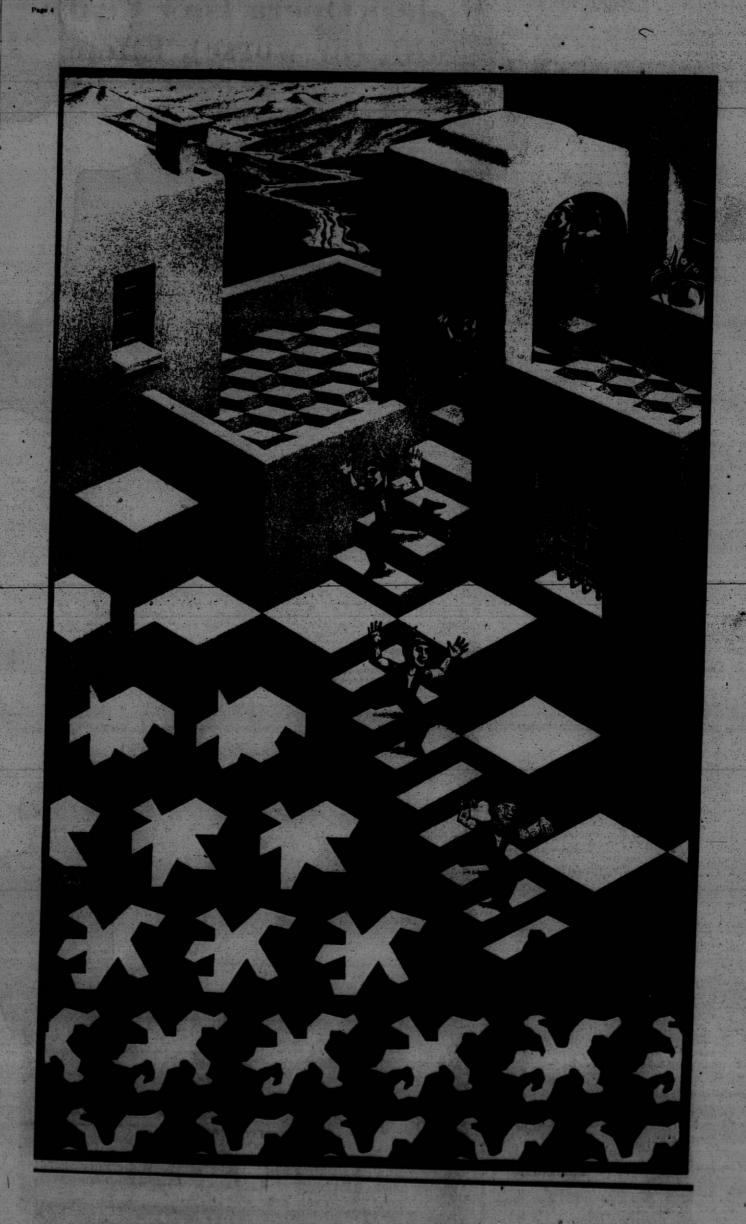
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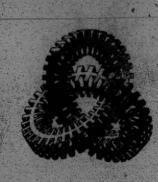
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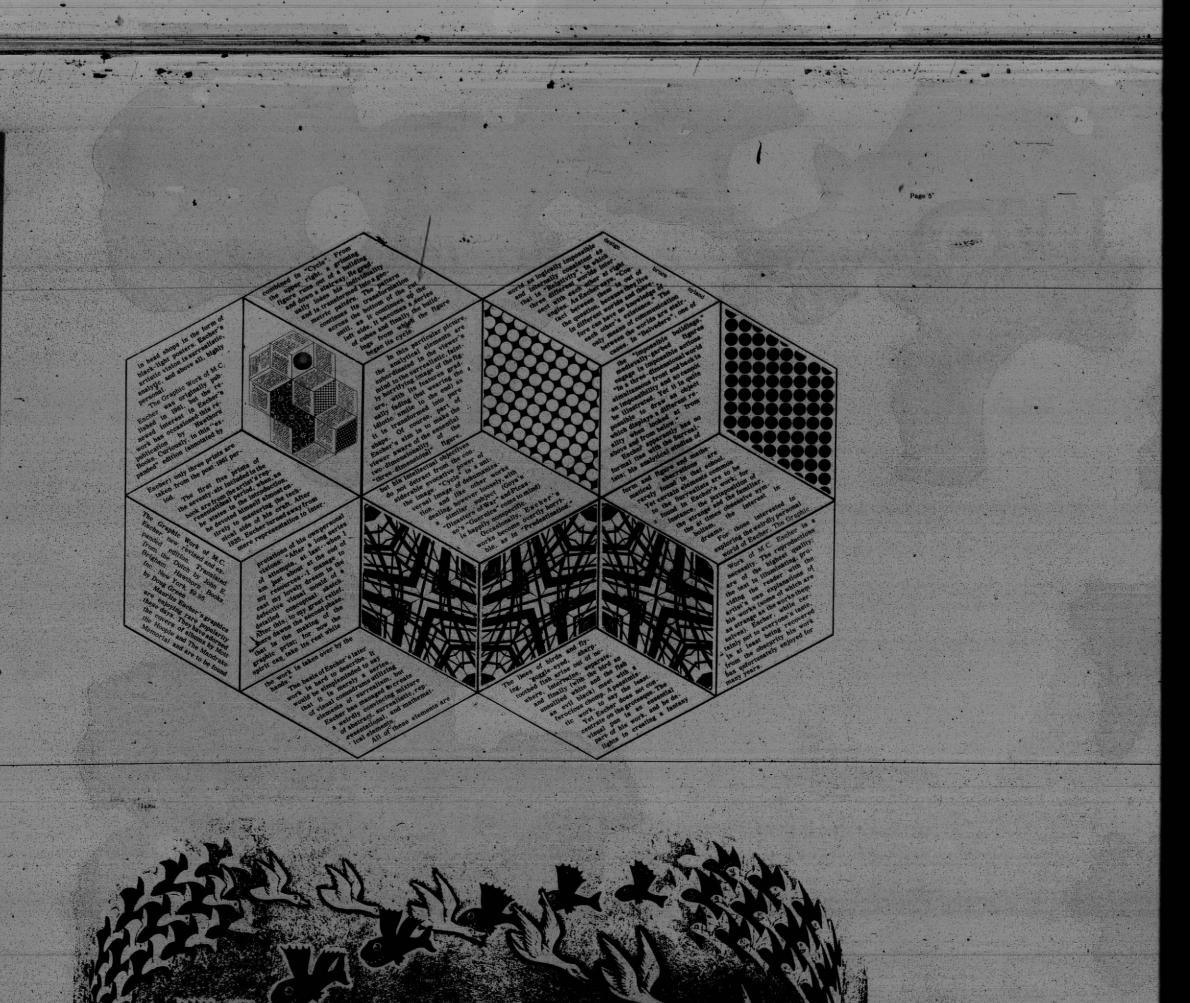


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and his band's treatment of some current pop tunes (by King Crimson, Lennon/McCartney and are you ready - The Beach Boys) is An original, "Bottleneck," written by the producer and prominent ten by the producer and prominent jazz composer, Don Sebesky, features Severinsen's electric trumpet and is a superlative chart. Tommy Newsom, who takes a lot of ribbing on the Tonight show for being such a straight dresser, comes on with some very hip tenor solos, and drummer Ed Shaughnessy contributes greatly throughout.

DIANA IN THE AUTUMN

DIANA IN THE AUTUMN WIND (GNP) is a really great collection by the Gap Mangione Trio. Due to wider distribution of the small but high-quality GNP label, the album, recorded in early 1969, is now readily available in record stores.

Gap Mangione and his brother Chuck are musicians from upstate New York who had a very influential jazz combo in the early sixties, "The Jazz Brothers," which also featured Woody Herman's tenor saxophonist Sal Nistico. Chuck arranged some of the material for this record, and it is augmented by some of the best of New York's studio musicians, including trumpeters Clark Terry and Marvin Stamm. It got a lot of airplay the summer before last but never really got all of the recognition it deserved. Gap, who plays all of the keyboards, is a very creative jazzman and his tric is one of the most cohesive or the scene today. It benefits greatly from the presence of drummer Steve Gadd, who now plays for the Army's jazz band in Washington. A medley of things from The Graduate is one of the highlights of the album. It's worth looking for.

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and includes Viva Tirado, a composition which was one of Gerald's original hits and was recently made popular again by a
Santana-like rock group, El Chicano.

Bret Stamps, a 1970 graduate of William and Mary, is now the staff arranger for the U.S. Army Field Band in Washington. The Field Band is the Army's official jazz unit, and it tours extensively.

Jazz fans are being confused by the complexities of corporate life. Transamerica, which owns United Artists and Liberty Records, decided to merge the jazz labels of each company. First UA Jazz and Solid State, the United Artists labels, were combined, as were Liberty's Pacific Jazz and World Pacific. At last report the UA conglomerate was merged into Liberty's Blue Note, and the World Pacific Jazz com-

The Young-Holt Trio will be the Cellar Door in Washing-n until February 27.



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Altamont. Just as it is ascribing too much importance to Woodstock to see it as the crystal-lization of the rock culture's aspirations (major disaster was only averted with the help of, of all people, the U.S. Army), so it is ridiculous to see Altamont as the beginning of the "death of rock," and presumably all that goes with it.

But that would be talking in real terms. The myths have thoroughly taken over, aided and abetted by the festival films. Woodstock and Gimme Shelter are both propaganda films rather than honest documentaries, even though both make half-hearted attempts to show the other side. Yet both succeed remarkably well in conveying the filmmaker's intent. I have seen Woodstock four times, and find myself responding to the same scenes over and over again: the construction of the stage, the mud silde freakout, the thousands of people clapping in rhythm to Santana. I came away from Gimme Shelter feeling more brought down than the reality of the situation would warrant. The killing unfolds before your eyes, and you marvel at the impotence of these rock stars, who four months before had seemed to be the titans of a new peaceful empire. The violent myth wins in the end, and I now find it impossible to speak of Woodstock without at least a trace of irony.

It is probably pretentious to say that the film helps to remind us that we are only human, but it is true. We have the same faults as those we regularly castigate, and it is good to be reminded of this occasionally. Mick Jagger's face as he watches the killing is a reminder.

Myths do have their practical value. Woodstock will forever be remembered as the Good Trip, Good

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filmmaking has immortalized them in both cases, and hopefully we still have time to learn from both of them.

And one small sidelight Gimme Shelter should effectively put an end to the genre of rock and roll films. And a good thing too. The thought of a whole stream of films detailing the adventures of Joe Cocker et al. is enough to curl the toes of even us rabid fans.

Morrison's Troubled

by Doug Green

Van Morrison is quite a unique performer. I saw him in concert with Sea Train and Janis Joplin at the University of Maryland this summer, and the audience reaction was mixed, to say the least. The ones up front really dug his performance, and after about half an hour, the ones in back began yelling for him to get off stage. I was in the middle. I wasn't wildly excited by everything that went down, but I was intrigued enough to want to hear more. Morison's new album is entitled Van Morrison, His Band, and the Street Choir, and it, like the performance, is uneven, Morrison is an excellent songwriter (for those of you, who remember Way Back When, he was lead singer for Them and wrote "Gloria" and "Mystic Eyes"), but his song structures are not innovative, and too many of them convey the impression of having been heard before once too often. Still, there are several masterful songs on the album; among them been heard before once too often.
Still, there are several masterful
songs on the album; among them
"I've Been Working," "Virgo
Clowns," "Gypsy Queen," and
"Street Choir." The good material is good enough to outwelgh
the mediocre.

Morrison is a superb singer,
one of the few whites who can
sing rhythm and blues without

largely from black sin ertheless. his lyric ori highly personal and veing. His backup band is (it is composed of rhorns) and is very to tight as well as loose Flat-out good, with he pickin'.

Morrison had a refew years back for be with a troubled soul. Of that shows on Str. He seems to have gott together in much the sai as Dylan. A relaxed n vails, and small bits talk are left in after the cuts (most of whit to have been recorde overdubs). Overpolish many an album, and has fortunately avoided. Street Choir is a god able album. Van Morris of those performers wing over the years with fanfare, critical notic acclaim, or cash, has raise the level of popu writing to its highest you are a fan of rock Street Choir its much it mend it to you.

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Theatrical Group Plans to Produce Musical 'Cabaret'

an interview with William Suber by Ron Payne

Q. Why did the Backdrop Club choose to do Cabaret?

A. It was always my favorite. I think we all felt that it is that kind of a show which not only allows but demands a dedication and excitement from the

Q. Why is it your favorite?
A. First of all, it's unique.
It, along with Company, is the
only unique musical we know of
right now. It tells of a time,
a world really, that was completely a world of its own. A
plece of history, yet it manages
to remain extremely timely. For
example, Van Druten's book gives
nothing more than an example
of that way of life. Somehow
the musical has managed to show
us how that way of life is also
our own.



Q. What is the way of life that Cabaret deals with?

A. A man living in a world that's crumbling around him; and the tragic thing is almost anyone is able to leave that world or to change it, but most simply choose to stay on and smile. It points out how man can completely shroud his life with apathy and a search for personal pleasure which can result in his own destruction. This is the reason Sally Bowls can say Politics doesn't concern us" and believe it.

Q. What, in your opinion, does the M.C. represent?

A. I think, on a very basic level, he represents the decadence of Berlin at this time and dramatically he creates the cabaret atmosphere, more than any other character. None of the characters realizes what he is and the audience is constantly reminded of his decadence and degeneracy. Therefore the audience is put in the position, by the M.C., of being able to influence what he represents, and the audience is horrified because they are unconsciously responding to the same influences in operation today. He's a bridge between the characters and the spectators, between the dreams of an idealistic Cliff, or a politically naive Sally, and therealistics of Hitler's imminent destruction of those dreams.

Q. Why should the student of William and Mary see Caberet?

A. It is certainly an important play, having won countless major awards. It deals with something serious and important to people today, especially to the young who are still able to attempt changing what they think is wrong. It doesn't sing about pretty girls in Atlantic City, or even Impossible Dreams, but possible dreams and possible destruction. It's a damn good show.

Cabaret will be produced by the Backdrop Club, and will be directed by William Suber.

Tryouts - March 9 and 10 at PBK Hall.
Acting and Singing - March 9, 3-6 pm, and March 10, 7-10 pm.