

Mason excels despite difficulties

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Despite technical problems plaguing the entire show, Dave Mason produced a superb performance at last night's concert.

A penetrating buzzing sound distracted both the audience and the performers throughout the entire show.

The auditorium was filled with devoted fans who received him enthusiastically. His performance combined style, voice and experience and was topped with an excellent back-up group.

The show's material was well-balanced and featured a number of Mason compositions including the cut "Misty Morning Stranger" from his album "It's Like You Never Left."

He did everything from fairly old songs like "Headkeeper," to cuts from his latest album "Dave Mason."

Enthusiastic fans were treated with

such tunes as "Waitin On You," a good rhythm for boogying, and to the electrifying sound of "Pearlie Queen."

His strong vocal delivery in "All Along the Watchtower" commanded the audience's attention.

Audience reaction was at times so wildly appreciative that when he sang

rocking rhythms and rangy vocals. The audience gave him a standing ovation after his performance.

Mason displayed an almost innocent sound in the song "The Lonely Ones." Singing with a light voice he boasted some fabulous guitar playing from the tricky to the breathtakingly simple.

His latest song "You Can't Take It With You When You Go" displayed some of the most danceable rhythms ever created. In a sound of untempo blues Mason and his group played some very heavy boogying music.

The audience was quick to boogie as soon as Mason and the band loosened up and played some good bumpin' music.

The show's highlight came when Finnegan added a touch of progressive jazz in a song featuring him on the piano. Mason on guitar, backed by his drummer and two guitarists, joined in to add the

final touch on a mind-boggling performance.

Scottish-born John Martin on acoustic guitar opened the show with an earthier, less frenetic though witty approach. In a mind-traveling tune he pierced the auditorium with an extremely exciting melody. He took the audience's mind on a journey through some electrifying sounds to the more mellow rhythms of his guitar. His songs touched bits of light, crisp melodies.

In a soft and pleasing voice he sang the old familiar tune "Singing in the Rain." (I don't think Gene Kelly could have done it better!)

Martin and Mason made a very compatible team in a mixture of captivating harmonies over high-voltage rocking.

Both the traditional Mason fans and newcomers were well satisfied with the performance.

Impressions

"Feelin Alright" they began to boogie.

Mason mellowed the atmosphere when he sang a lighter tune cut from his latest album titled "Showing Yourself Affection." In this song he featured Mike Finnegan on the piano.

Finnegan was featured on the organ midway in the show when he played some funky blues in the song "Going Down Slowly." He displayed a multi-ranged vocal and a superb talent on the organ. His performance was spiked with

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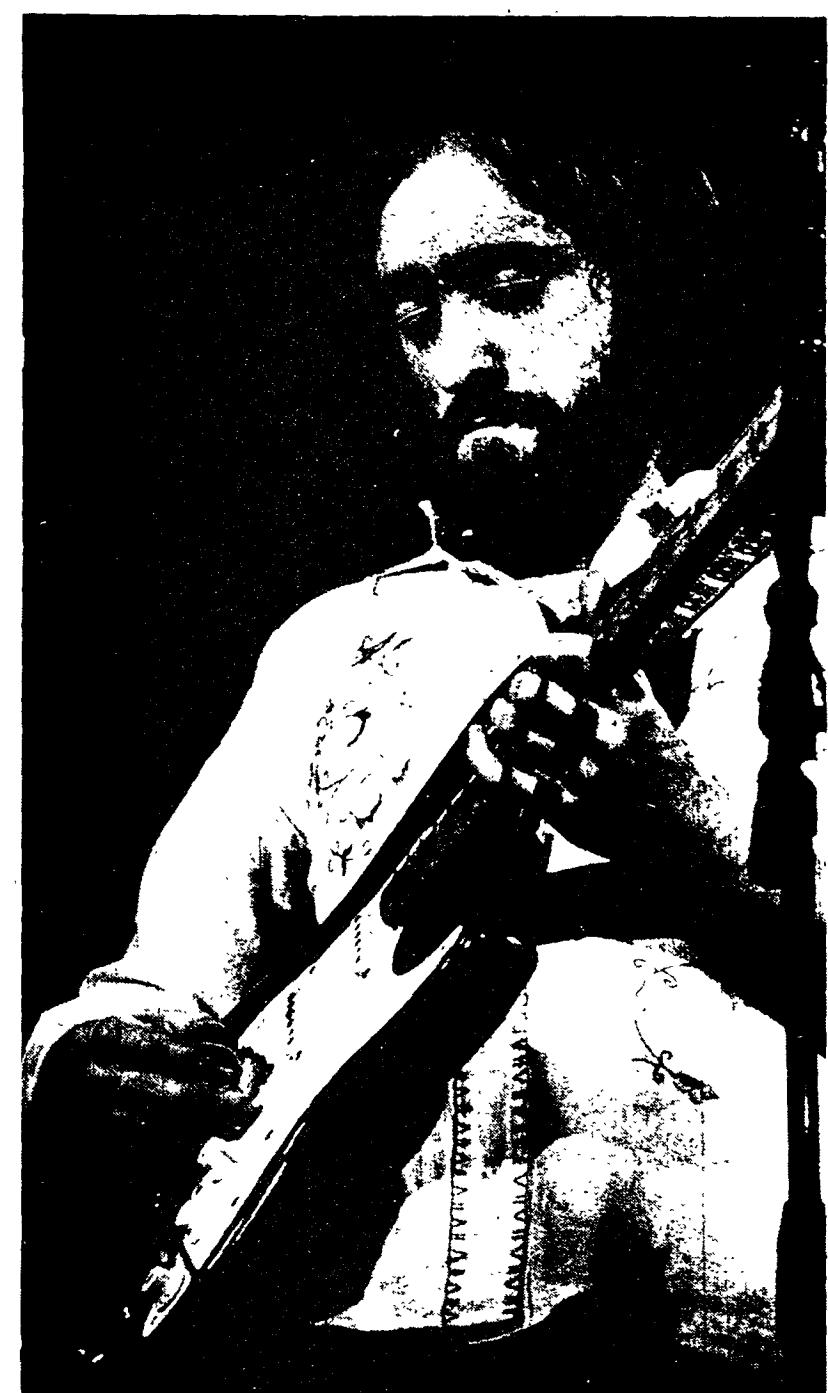


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DOUBLE ENCORE

A UNIVERSITY AUDITORIUM capacity crowd called Dave Mason back twice after his concert last night.

New trial sought by 3 defendants

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Three of the Watergate coverup defendants asked yesterday for new trials, claiming their cases have been irreparably damaged by prosecution trickery.

U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica took no immediate action, but was expected to hear oral arguments on the demand within a few days, with the jury absent. The trial is in its sixth week.

Motions for a mistrial were filed by John N. Mitchell and John D. Ehrlichman. Defendant Kenneth W. Parkinson — who already has a mistrial motion pending — asked to be tried separately.

The three claim the Watergate prosecutors deliberately caught them by surprise with crucial and damaging evidence making it impossible to redeem themselves in the jury's eyes.

"We urge the court to rescue Mr. Parkinson from a sea of prejudice which cannot be overcome short of a severance," Parkinson's lawyers said in their brief.

"Mr. Parkinson is entitled to a trial under circumstances where his counsel can defend him forewarned of the existence

of evidence which the government has termed a 'bombshell.'"

That "bombshell," which surfaced Monday with the jury out, is a memorandum written two years ago by bugging conspirator E. Howard Hunt Jr. that links the administration to pledges of hush money and pardons for the Watergate burglars.

Hunt had denied writing such a memo until a month ago, when he admitted it to the prosecutors. He testified about it at the trial last week — but since no copy had been found, defense attorneys suggested strongly on cross-examination that he was lying.

During the weekend, former Hunt lawyer William O. Bittman, an unindicted co-conspirator in the case, surrendered a copy of the memo to the prosecution after denying under oath he knew anything about it. The memo was read to Sirica Monday.

Lawyers for Mitchell, Ehrlichman and Parkinson contend that the government was required to tell them in advance of Hunt's new testimony, and since it had not, they had been "seriously prejudiced."

Ford, Demos to cooperate

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Ford and Senate Democratic majority leader Mike Mansfield agreed yesterday to work toward cooperation between the White House and Congress following sweeping Democratic victories in Tuesday's elections.

"I know you want to. I know the Senate wants to. I feel sure the House wants to," the Montana Senator said.

"Let me assure you that will be the case," Ford replied.

A White House spokesman said earlier Ford saw the Democratic victories as no defeat for himself or his policies and wanted the victorious party to join him in beating inflation.

"I would hope Mr. President," said Mansfield, "now that the elections are over, we'll be able to get together and

work cooperatively."

"Actually, I thought the general tone of the campaign was not too acrimonious, compared to some of the others," said Ford.

"No, it indeed wasn't," agreed Mansfield. "I've seen it much worse."

Mansfield said Congress would reconvene Nov. 18 and noted the President would be leaving for Japan, South Korea and his Siberian summit with Soviet Communist General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev Nov. 18.

The Senate leader pulled a single piece of type-written paper from his coat pocket, glanced at it and said Congress would immediately begin consideration of various legislation, including supplementary appropriation bills.

Ford said he himself has a list of

legislation he wants action on.

"The President said to me he expects Congress to act responsibly; we will act responsibly; we will meet them half way," News Secretary Ron Nessen said. "He doesn't consider the economy to be a partisan issue."

The President is holding out a hand and saying let's work together because this problem is too important to play politics."

Nessen said there is "no gloom, no depression" in the White House.

"It wasn't a very good day for Republicans and it wasn't a very good day for Republicans he campaigned for," Nessen said. He rejected any idea the Democratic tide was a rejection of the President or his policies although Ford campaigned for 47 candidates as

vice president and following his taking office Aug. 9, barnstormed across the nation for the GOP.

"Nobody here feels yesterday's election was a vote of no confidence in the President's economic program," Nessen said.

Although Ford called inflation the No. 1 campaign issue, Nessen said that "we wouldn't disagree that it was a referendum on Watergate."

Ford is pushing for the lame duck Congress to enact his program, including economic action and confirming Nelson A. Rockefeller as vice president, and yesterday beginning work on a hold-the-line 1976 budget.

Nessen said Ford wants to work with the new Congress and feels the Congress wants to work with him.

Election brings stock market price hike

End to economic strains expected

BY UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL
The Democrat election landslide was widely viewed yesterday as a demand for government action against higher prices, shrinking wages and loss of jobs.

In a show of new confidence in the economy, investors traded heavily in the stock market. Prices shot up sharply at the opening of the New York Stock Exchange following Tuesday's election.

Market analysts said many investors believe a heavily Democratic Congress would be more willing to confront economic recession and high unemployment by removing strains from the economy.

President Ford called inflation and its crippling effect on our economy and on the lives of all Americans" the No. 1

issue in the campaign and promised cooperation with the new Democratic majority in Congress to resolve the problem.

In a development indicating continuing easing of the tight money crunch, more commercial banks lowered their prime interest rates, some to 10½ percent.

But there were unsettling developments:

United Mine Workers President Arnold Miller said he was not optimistic that a quick settlement could be reached in coal contract negotiations, which resumed in Washington, and there were scattered local walkouts to protest the lack of progress. Most returned to work at the urging of union officers. However, a nationwide strike Nov. 12 seemed

inevitable, threatening widespread layoffs and production losses in coal-dependent industries.

Sears Roebuck and Co., the nation's largest department store chain, blamed inflation and a reduction in earnings for an undetermined number of layoffs at its 3,682 facilities.

The company discharged 300 employees in its new Sears Tower offices in Chicago.

In the wake of the poorest new car sales period in 10 years, Chrysler Corp. said it is idling 7,000 more workers indefinitely by going from double to single shifts at two plants in Detroit, one in Newark, Del., and one in St. Louis.

In earlier announced cutbacks, four small car assembly plants were closed this week, idling about 16,000 workers.

Thus far nearly 52,000 auto workers have been discharged indefinitely.

Sugar prices climbed even higher in world markets with the report that bad weather in the Ukraine had damaged much of the Soviet Union's sugar beet crop. Record prices were paid for sugar on the futures markets in New York and London.

Weather

Becoming partly sunny this afternoon after morning cloudiness. High 50. Clear and cold tonight, low 32. Sunny and warmer tomorrow, high 56.

Group urges renewed look at abortion

By BETH BOYD
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Thousands of Americans say they are tired of hearing about it. The abortion question has been argued and debated for years, from the dormitory room to Supreme Court hearings.

The Court's two-year-old decision legalizing early abortion put the lid on much of the debate. But there are some 150 State College residents who insist that abortion is not a closed issue.

The local Citizens Concerned for Human Life (CCHL) organization wants to take a second, closer look at the unborn child's right to life.

A year and a half ago, ten couples began the State College CCHL because they "saw a need to educate the public," according to President Marty Scrima.

"People are unaware of what is happening in this country. There is a definite void in education on the subject," Scrima said. "Women are floundering, they are being taken in, ripped off from all sides by not knowing the facts," she said.

Dr. Michael Marshall, a member of the organization's public education group, explained their presentations in local schools. Women's organizations and churches experience much support.

"Our presentation is no high pressure deal, we just go over basic facts," Marshall said. One of the issues he stressed was the medical danger involved in having an abortion.

He cited statistics from Japan, where abortion on demand has been legal for the past 25 years. According to Marshall, 15 per cent of the women choosing to have an abortion experience premature birth in other pregnancies.

He added that nine per cent of the Japanese women died from hemorrhaging, and that the saline solution method of abortion "is next to open heart surgery in danger to the patient."

Mary Gere, eastern coordinator of the Religious Coalition of Abortion Rights, said these figures are impressive but she accused anti-abortionists of using grossly distorted statistics.

Gere said Dr. J. C. Wilke, one of the leaders in the pro-life

movement, uses foreign statistics which are invalid in the United States. She said dangerous abortions are no longer the main single cause for maternal death and the anti-abortionists' statistics no longer apply.

E. Val Liberace, associate pathologist at the Centre County Hospital, admitted that the per cent of women suffering physical damage from abortions is small, but that he believes abortion is murder and should be legalized only under rare circumstances.

Liberace said the most common argument given by pro-abortionists is a woman's right to her own body. "I agree that a woman has a right to her own body, but that baby is not her own body. It is a temporary house."

"It is a scientific and biological fact that it is not the mother, it is only attached to the mother," Liberace said.

Scrima agreed, saying, "The pro-abortionists have one leg to stand on — that a woman has a right to her own body." She said the slide presentation and discussion given by CCHL members proves the fetus is a separate potential human being.

"After that they don't seem to have much of an argument. They have no solid ground to stand on," Scrima said.

Marshall said he believes a woman should have the right to her own body, "but we're talking about another person. She does not have the right to destroy," he said.

Marshall said the fetus is another human life which begins at conception and that the fourteenth constitutional amendment guarantees the right to life.

But Liberace said, "I do not know when life begins. But there is potential for life at the one cell stage."

Liberace said few doctors at the Centre County Hospital are strongly anti-abortion as he, and that five staff members perform as many as 10 abortions a week. He said the majority of the doctors "accept abortion as a necessary evil. I don't really think they like to do them. But after the first 50 abortions they don't think about it anymore," Liberace said.

Other physicians agree with him. Dr. Landrum Shettles, of the Presbyterian Hospital in New York, said, "From the

moment of the union of the germ cells, there is under normal development a living, definite, going concern. To interrupt a pregnancy at any stage is like cutting a link of a chain."

Liberace said there are circumstances where he would approve an abortion.

These include pregnancies involving rape and others jeopardizing the mother's life.

But he added, "Most abortions are performed because it's inconvenient for women to have a child. To me, that's not enough of a reason. You're weighing convenience versus human life and the scale just doesn't balance."

James Taylor, associate professor of engineering and a CCHL member, agreed. "The right to life of the child overrules the woman's right to convenience," he said, adding that the fetus' rights are more important than the mother's.

Citizens Concerned for Human Life believe all human life is sacred, Scrima said. "Our alternatives to this death solution is to promote legislation that will safeguard human life and dignity at all stages of development," she explained.

The Abortion Control Act passed last September is a step in that direction. The new law "makes it a little tougher for a woman to have an abortion," Liberace said.

"I can't say I'm for or against it," the doctor said. "It's still too liberal."

Taylor said he too is uneasy about the nation's permissive abortion laws. "It disturbs me that it (abortion) is openly legal. I'd find it less disturbing if people were doing it illegally," Taylor said.

The Supreme Court's two year old ruling legalizing early abortion sent shock waves through the pro-life movement, but its leaders are reorganizing their forces in an effort to alter the Court's decision.

The declaration most offensive to pro-life group members is the Court's declaration that the 3-month-old fetus is not considered a person in the eyes of the law.

Anti-abortion forces are seeking an amendment to the Constitution to grant human rights to the unborn. The Buckley and

Hagan bills, which would establish that human life begins at conception, are pending in Harrisburg. Similar bills have been passed in 10 states.

Another proposal backed by anti-abortion groups, the Bartlett Amendment, would halt federal spending for abortions or abortion referral services.