

Review

# Peter, Paul, Mary— 'own special spell'

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A white-thatched young witch and two warlocks-in-residence—more commonly known as the folk trio of Peter, Paul, and Mary—wove their own special spell in Mac Court Friday night, and it was enough to spur an initially impatient audience through successive stages of enthusiasm, adulation, and ultimately, enchantment.

What took place went beyond any conventional concept of "stage presence," "audience rapport," or something similarly mundane. It was more on the order of a complete disintegration of the performer-audience gap, and a subsequent "Us" trip shared by the approximately 5,000 persons in attendance.

The event kicked off on a slightly ominous note, as the trio arrived late and spent some time tuning up before appearing on stage. This prompted a brief clapping and stomping demonstration by a segment of the main floor audience.

But when the three performers galloped to the stage for a hand-in-hand first bow, the response was cordial, even enthusiastic. And when the trio broke into the first strains of an accelerated "Moments of Soft Persuasion," contact was assured.

Most of the selections which the trio performed were familiar, gleaned at random from the

group's eight albums, four of which have been pushed into the million-seller class.

The same professional polish so evident in the recording studios of Warner Brothers was there too—the earnest, impeccable blend of shifting harmonic patterns, dominated by the clear, strident voice of Mary, beautifully supplemented by Peter's tenor and Paul's reserved bass; by the fresh clusters of chords turned on the men's guitars; by the nimble string bass artistry of accompanist Dick Kniss.

There was humor, too, with Peter delivering an acerbic monologue on the interpretive twists given his song "Puff" in that wistful, almost professorial manner of his, and Paul following with reminiscences flavored with folksy jocularity.

But the spiritual oneness of observers and observed came following intermission, when dozens of fans clustered about the foot of the stage for such poignant, pleading numbers "I Shall Be Released" and "Blowing in the Wind."

Then—among the clapping, cheering, and singing—came the realization of the affirmative quality of the trio's love-hope message: affirmation not only of their art, or of the possibility of salvaging this big, sick, lonely country, but of the essential beauty of the performers themselves—a beauty which was, for a few wild minutes Friday, contagious and complete.

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## Police report campus thefts

The Eugene police department has reported a series of campus thefts.

A canteen coin-change box in Young Hall was broken into by a man described as six-feet tall of medium build between the ages of 18-20 years old.

Seventy-five stereo records were stolen from a third floor room in DeCou Hall, Walton.

The records were valued at \$300.

Police received reports of two stolen musical instruments Wednesday.

A bass clarinet valued at \$420 and a \$76 flute were checked out by music students and left for a short time in a storage room. When the students returned, the instruments were gone.

In addition, Sgt. D. W. Carley also reports there are at least three tape deck thefts a week in the campus area, usually in the Safeway parking lot at 13th and Moss St. The value of the stolen tape decks sometimes run as high as \$1,000. Carley says this figure does not include damage to cars.

Carley said thieves cut into convertibles or break into hard-tops to get the tape decks. Carley said the thieves usually resell the tape decks second hand.

Some University students are suspected of being involved in some of the tape thefts.

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