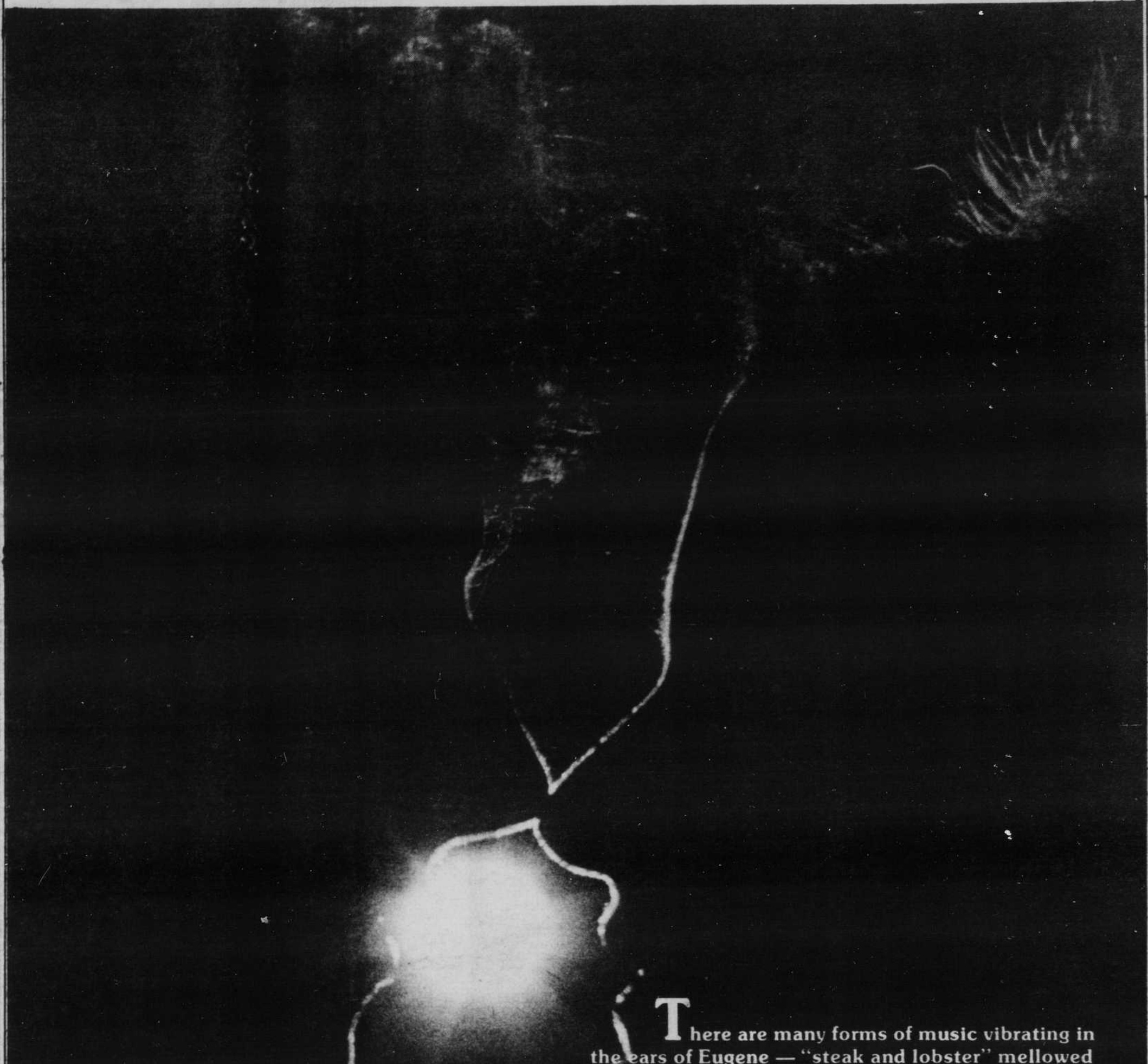


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The Fleet that sails over expanding seas

There are many forms of music vibrating in the ears of Eugene — “steak and lobster” mellowed pop, protean jazz, scruffy, foot-stomping bluegrass, down-and-out wallowing blues, durable classical and megawatt rock. There are some forms, however, that defy these boundaried categories and offer, instead, rhythms and harmonies with a flustering nameless quality.

Prince Gabriel's Fleet is one such group. Theirs is a gently complex and original sound, relying more on the shifting subtle hues of the human voice and the unpredictability of unique rhythms than the thumping electric outpour of a regular beat. You can't exactly bop to the Fleet's music, but you can't sit still either. Introspective, meditative and flowing, it lends itself to otherworldly contemplation. Please turn to Page 4B for the story.