

Chicago Unleashes Rhythm

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Even before Chicago came on state Halloween night, it was already the biggest show of the season: 14,000 tickets, sold out for two performances, and an anxious audience bubbling up its sounds of anticipation that echoed through the gym. Obviously the best was yet to come.

The spectators, without reducing their noise, observed perfunctory courtesies toward the warm-up group, an interesting duo called Good News. A guitarist and (of all things) a cellist sang their sweet and bouncy tunes in a Simon and Garfunkel style. One can only admire the audacious originality of a back-up act

which offers rhythm-and-blues riffs on the violoncello.

As the Carolina Union President announced the main attraction, seven scruffy musicians wandered out, tuned their instruments with a grin or two, and tore into their hard kinetic sounds. Chicago kept up a high energy level throughout the concert, enjoying themselves the whole time, and even found the energy for a rousing encore.

For those accustomed to their records, Chicago must have come as a mild surprise. In a live performance, their music and their appearance are both even less formal than their albums might imply.

Pianist Robert Lamm, in contrast to his reserved image, has a gap-toothed

bawdy smile and sleepy Arlo Guthrie eyes. James Pankow, trombonist and horn arranger, put out an exuberant performance and obviously considers himself to be the sex symbol of the group.

Drummer Danny Seraphine, looking boyish without his mustache, wore a monitor headset to protect his ears from the volume. Guitarist Terry Kath, with wispy beard and Cockeresque convulsions, would have fit in at the Phi Delt beer drinking contest with his beer belly and football jersey.

Chicago opened with Kath's revolutionary blurb, "It Better End Soon." The horn parts were muffled by the echo, but the changed of pace were too obvious to be missed. Parazaid's flute solo was provocative and impressive, while Kath's right hand flew across his guitar strings with astounding speed.

Following with tunes off their first album, Chicago then spotlighted other soloists and vocalists: Lee Loughnane on a high trumpet ride, Peter Cetera singing in his shrill upper range. On these tunes, one of the paradoxes of Chicago became evident: the difficulty of pounding out

primitive-energy rock while spicing it with graceful lines from the trumpet-sax-trombone ensemble. When they coincide, the sound shimmers with funky perfection. But when the modes clash, the horns sound like anything from a Herb Alpert album to a martial fanfare.

Other tunes included "I Don't Want Your Money," from the unreleased third album, a Kath number with offbeat melody and mock-James Brown ending; "Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is?" featuring a jotted keyboard introduction by Lamm; an extended version of "South California Purples," which gave Kath a chance to show off his spontaneous creative powers; and Pankow's magnum opus in seven movements, an incredible collection of musical moods and rhythms ending with "Now More Than Ever."

With a fabulous encore of "I'm a Man," Chicago devoted their late night energies to an infectious percussive experience. On this one, Chicago played so well that, according to one report, even of Archie Copeland was seen tapping his foot backstage.

Campus Calendar

A list has now been compiled of students who did not sign the Honor Code cards during orientation. These students will not be considered officially registered at the University and will therefore not receive semester grades until this card is signed. They should go by the Office of the Attorney General, Suite B, Student Union, to sign these cards before November 6, between the of 2-5 p.m.

There will be an election night party of the UNC Young Republicans Club at 7:30 in the Craige Graduate Center. Televisions and radios will be available and election coverage and informal talk will also include celebration. The public is invited.

WCAR Election Results. Tuesday beginning at 8:00 p.m. Reports twice an hour. Returns from major races and interviews from Jack Hawke's and Nick Galifianakis' Headquarters. Note: Do not call the station for results as it will tie up our lines. 933-3500, WCAR NEWS.

A color television will be set up in the second floor lounge of the student union beginning at 6:30 p.m. tonight for persons wishing to watch the elections returns. Free coffee.

UNC Colloquium—Professor Larry Rowan, UNC, on "Time-Dependent Microwave Resonance." Wednesday at 4 p.m. in Room 215, Phillips Hall. Tea and coffee will be served in the Lounge (Room 277) at 3:30 p.m.

Today is the last day to sign up for pictures for 1971 Yack. Students may get appointment card from 12-5 p.m. at the Uack office in the Carolina Union. Pictures will be made through Friday.

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