

# Spectrum

by Doug Johnson

On the night of the first Sunday after Easter, an unusual religious service was held in the St. Williams Catholic church gymnasium in Waukesha. The service included the joint participation of a rock group (the Bloomsbury People), a light show, and the audience. It was open to all.

The "resurrection service" began with a reading from Genesis by Father Dean Marek, followed by darkness and a conversation recorded by Frank Zappa of the Mothers of Invention. The band then began to chant in unison, and the light show began with the first song. After more music and scripture readings by Father Marek, there was a period of audience participation, which cumulated in a free sharing of bread by all present. The Bloomsbury People ended the service with several more songs and an instrumental. The group also played for a time after the service.

The Bloomsbury People are "led" by Sigmund Snopek III, a member of the recently disbanded Itch. He wrote all of the music and lyrics used during the service, including several jazz-oriented compositions involving Greg Janick on the alto saxophone. Snopek also played the electric piano and harpsicord during the service, and backed on vocals.

The Midwest Orange Company put on a good light show, and altogether it was a very worthwhile experience. We should be seeing more of Sig Snopek and his group.

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