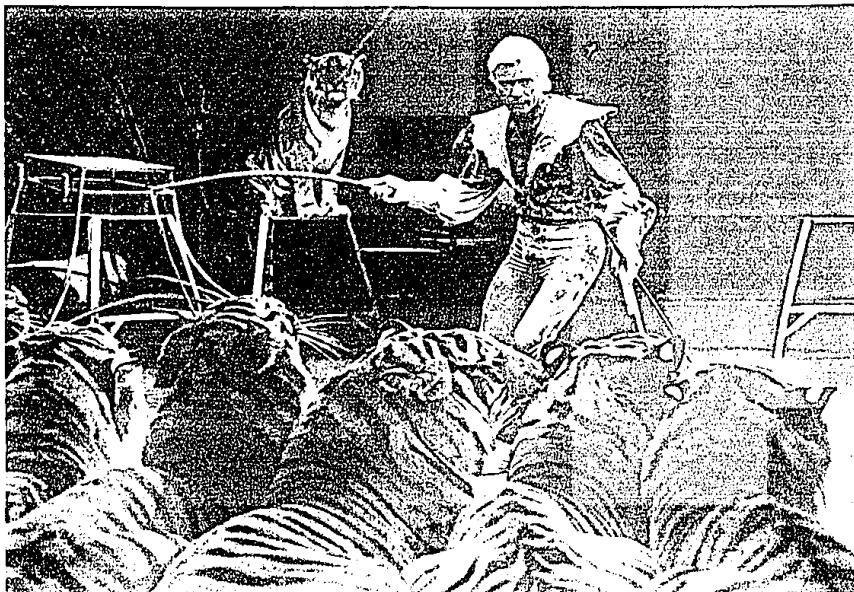




A real, live unicorn? Well, judge for yourself when the circus comes to the Joe Louis Arena in Detroit Sept. 30 through Oct. 5.



Gunther Gebel-Williams, using only spoken commands, tames and trains tigers and is the chief attraction of the Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey Circus.

## Circus seeks area talent

Clowns, showgirls invited to audition Oct. 1

In the old days, kids used to day-dream about running away to join the circus.

But soon the circus will be looking for kids to join them — at least when it's in Detroit Sept. 30 to Oct. 5.

The Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey Circus will interview candidates for clowns and showgirls at 12 noon on Oct. 1 in the Joe Louis Arena on the Detroit riverfront. No appointment is necessary.

THEY'LL BE eligible to join the circus's Clown College, offering free tuition.

Courses will cover makeup, acrobatics, slapstick, pantomime, juggling, improvisation, acrobatics, trampoline, stiltwalking, prop construction and arena choreography.

And you thought clowning was all fun and games?

Female dancers also are being sought.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old or a high school graduate. You must be able to travel year-around with the circus.

For additional audition information, call the circus at 567-6000.

THE CIRCUS' 11 performances are priced at \$6.50 to \$9.50, with a \$1 discount for children under 12.

The 115-year-old circus will offer a new sight this year — a living unicorn.

In mythology, the unicorn was a creature with a single golden horn symbolizing longevity, good fortune and mystical powers. The fable con-

tends it can be tamed only by a beautiful young woman.

Headlining the wild animal act is Gunther Gebel-Williams, who has 15 animals and his family in his troupe. A circus trouper since the age of 12,

Williams has been a master showman since the age of 16.

A native of eastern Europe, he

was brought to the U.S. in 1968. He uses words alone to deal with his Bengal tigers.

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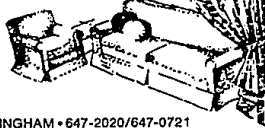
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