Louis would have loved it

By LAURA A. BUCH By LAURA A BUCH
Louis Armstrong
should have been in
Rochester last Rochester last Rochester
Himself. The reason's
"Soite for Pops," a tribute to Armstrong
Gered by the Okdand
University Dance
The music, composed
by Thad Jones with Gary
McGraftan Jays homage
to Arm strong's
minitable style and his
monumental contribution
to jazz.

Choreography was the work of Mari Winsor, Carol Halsted and Jill Johnson, and combined jazz dance with elements of ballet, tap and modern stula.

THE TITLE of the final piece could well have been the cate of the phrase of the evening: "A Good Time Was Had by All." Dancers and musicians performed with a vibrance that bespoke enjoyment, sastaing a high level of energy as mood changed from street sCene to 30s dance hall to Mardi Gras. While actual Armstrong pieces

street sCene to 30s dance hall to Mard Gras. While actual Armstrong pieces were not used, the suite reflects his style, his sensuality, his gentleness and his humor. That some of the dancers have strong theatrical backgrounds was evident in the performance. Elements of theater and name were often successfully incorporated in the performance in the control of the c

THE AFRAM JAZZ
BAND, directed by
"Doc" Holladay, played
processionalism achieve
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expendies. Progressions
were tight and soles
impressive. Pittingly for
an Armstrong irrbate,
de band boasted several
and a generally solid
based was the trombone solo by Jeff
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Now."

Balance did suffer at times. An otherwise fine flut solo did battle with more powerful back in the solo did battle with more powerful back. It was nearly inaudible. The unfortunate element of the concert was its location. The unfortunate element of the concert was sit location. The university's Studio Theatre is swooderfully intimate for plays, but a poor choice wooderfully intimate for plays, but a poor choice to the concert was unelessed to the concert of th

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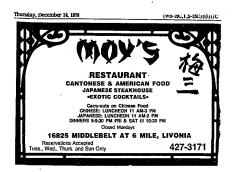
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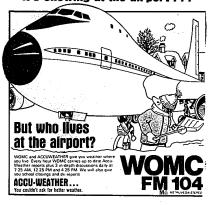




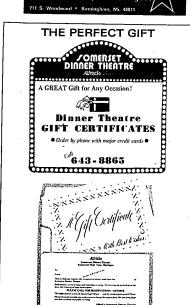




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