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Murphey performs concer Ma views himself as storytelle

By JOHN TYNES

Battalion Staff Michael Murphey says he doesn't consider himself a country singer or a part of the progressive country

Murphey, who is best known for his smooth, nature-oriented songs like "Wildfire" and "Carolina in the Pines", performed at Texas A&M last Tuesday night.

"I think I'm more of a storyteller, he said in an interview after his

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Murphey said the prevalence of the Indians and the outdoors in his music might be the cause of his association with country music, but he said the image is wrong.

'Music in the last few years has become very much like politics. It has little parties and camps," Mur-phey said. "That is really sad to me. Music is one of the last forms of real magic that we have. Who can explain why music works the way it does? It's a trick. It's slight of hand.

Murphey likened himself to an Indian medicine man. "That's the way I see myself; not as a leader, or somebody to lead people along like sheep, but as a medicine man in the sense of trying to bring good medicine to people," he said He also tries to project in his songs

the feelings of the people he meets. "That's what a performer ulti-mately is. He's plugged into the cir-cuits of the world, and energy's comtwo-month concert tour and

ing through him, and something's coming out: what is coming out is either negative or positive or what-ever he's collected or felt. That's what an artist is all about." His interest in the Inidans has

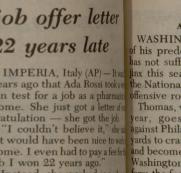
been primarily artistic, philosophical and spiritual instead of an-thropological, historical or sociological, he said. "It's the Indian's relationship to the planet and to the life of the tribe

and the way he expresses himself that interests me most," Murphey

"I think that what has been missed a lot about the Indian people is the incredibly powerful message that their culture has to teach us, which is primarily reverence for life and respect for nature." What I've tried to do in my career, especially in the last few

years, is to do what politicians do....for things that can't speak. painting Murphey said that it might be true

that man's aggressiveness elevated him to superiority in the animal kingdom, but he said that things can



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