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## 'Slowhand' is a let down

## Clapton follows rules

By BOB ASHFIELD

"Ol' Slowhand" is back, but it may be awhile before Eric Clapton faithfuls will admit it. His album of the same name shows marked improvement, but is still shy of his peak six years ago.

The lightening quick guitar master became a living legend while

#### Review

playing with the Yardbirds, Blind Faith, Derek and the Dominoes, and most notably, Cream. A heroin addiction halted his ascent however, and even his famous comeback "Rainbow Concert" arranged by the Who's Pete Townshend could do little to better the sound of Clapton's solo endeavors.

His albums since the classic "Layla" were just not what one might call typical Clapton. It's al-most acceptable fact that guitar. whizzes turn sour on their own LP's

also uses Bruce Springsteen's "Born o Run" album cover concept to hide what he's lacking in originality.

The first cut "Cocaine" was written and released a year and a half ago by J.J. Cale, not by Clapton. Nevertheless, it's a good version as Clapton's fine guitar and hoarse voice duplicate Cale's rendition to the very note.

"The Core" is an eight-minute jam with Marcy Levy and Clapton trading vocals. Levy is a good soul separate from the Town Hall season

singer but pairing her with Clapton sounds awkward. Mel Collins' double sax solo is impressive and Clapton's following solo is like something but lacks the intension momentum that spirited him. from his past, but the song is unfor- and perform classics like tunately situated in a pop-oriented and "Bell Bottom Blues"

Clapton's attempt at a get-down blues number fails as "Mean Old Friscoe" sounds like regurgitated lyrics, leads and refrains a ZZ Top. Clapton's voice here is like that they'll be hits. And it was a dirty old man and his guitar cause Lay Down Sally is a dirty old man and his guitar sounds equally laborious. "Peaches & Diesel" is a prettier song, consisting of a delicate guitar riff, but a repititious lead. The tune never builds sents a gross misplacemental sents a gr to anything as Clapton shows his comparable to permitting la complete mastery of three notes on what seems to be a very scratched jingle

Clapton also tries a few folk tunes, and his voice are far from a but lacks the deft acoustic guitar able. One can only hope work that is required. "May You next time "Ol' Slowhand Never" is too simple for Clapton to back" he'll remember to bit even consider. He sounds lucky to erything else with him.

Clapton depends too mucho Berstein to play a Neil Se

Clapton's guitar is better,

# whitzes turn sour on their own LP's as shown by greats Stephen Stills, George Harrison, and even Peter Frampton after his live album. Clapton follows the rule explicitly as he uses female vocalists to cover what is lacking in his own voice. He also uses Bruce Springsteen's "Born".

The "Gonna Fly Now" performing artist who has since recorded "Conquistador" spreads his musical wings Feb. 21 at Texas A&M Uni-

Jazz musician Maynard Ferguson and his orchestra will perform at the Rudder Center Auditorium in a

Town Hall Special Attraction. Town Hall Chairman Ray Daniels said admission to the show will be

"Gonna Fly Now" forms the ing theme of Sylvester St the Oscar-winning movie It's also familiar to fans American League Texas Range the baseball team's theme

"Conquistador" soared the pop charts in earning ord status and topped charts. Appropriately, Now" peaked in Italy at I

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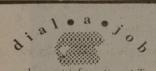
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