

Anderson's tunes not selling well

# Repetition mars Jethro Tull

By BOB ASHFIELD

Ian Anderson just has not been up to par lately. Jethro Tull's albums have not been selling well in the past two years, and on their last tour, singer, songwriter Anderson reminded the audience at points that they did have an album out called "Songs from the Woods." Even with this subtle and frustrated advertising Jethro Tull has had no luck with their last releases. This includes their newest effort "Heavy Horses," which sounds just like the previous "Songs from the Woods." There is nothing new,

exhilarating or earthshaking on this album at all. It reeks of regurgitated Jethro Tull already used to its maximum on "Songs . . ."

The difference that sets these last two albums apart from the rest of

## Review

the excellent Tull catalogue ranges from lousy instrumentation to the redundancy of Anderson's voice amplified more than ever. He sets a heavier tone with more breathing and drawn-out exclamations. To

make it worse, this occurs in every album as Anderson simply overindulges in what could be a good tune.

The question rolls along, "Just how much more of Ian Anderson can Tull fans stand any longer?" Sure, he's what the fans want, but not at such an oversaturated point. Tull needs to be wrung dry and given a clean place to start again. Gone are the pulsating moments of "Aqualung" and "Locomotive Breath." The spirit that penned "Baker St. Muse" is drunk and the wit that sparked the inside cover of "Too Old to Rock and Roll, Too Young to Die" has done just that — died from too much rock and roll.

Anderson has run the whole thing into the ground using a repetitious sound with decent lyrics blown over a well-worn format. The songs

are worthless. "The Rover" is a throwback to "The Whistler" off "Songs . . ." and the rest sound like combinations. "Acres Wild" makes you want to prance off to Never-never Land. The prominent guitar on "No Lullabye" is indeed nothing great, while "Moths" sports a too bland and boring acoustic accompaniment. Anderson overdubs his voice too much on the title cut as he does on "Weathercock." Both songs flog the Old English image to death.

It's a shame that the world's foremost innovator of the spoken word in song has fallen and let such a bomb loose on the market. Maybe a startling comeback could salvage the Tull reputation, but after two slipshod albums it almost seems time to nail the coffin shut. "Heavy Horses" may drag Tull to its grave.

# Campus Names

## Aggie Bar Assoc. honors '38 grad

Associate Justice Edward D. Coulson of Houston was honored by the Texas Aggie Bar Association Saturday as the 1978 Outstanding Attorney and Counselor.

Judge Coulson, a 1938 Texas A&M University graduate, serves on the 14th District Court of Civil Appeals in Houston. His term expires in January, 1983.

Coulson received his law degree from the University of Texas Law School. He is active in numerous Houston civic programs.

## Rodenberger takes national JETS post

Dr. Charles A. Rodenberger of Texas A&M University has become national president of the Junior Engineering Technical Society (JETS).

He took office at the recent JETS national meeting.

JETS provides extracurricular activity and special event opportunities for high school youths to gain a better understanding of engineering and technology. In its 27 years, the society has aided more than one million students.

Rodenberger has also served as state director of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers and national director of NSPE. The registered professional engineer has taught aerospace, civil and systems engineering at Texas A&M.

## Nine grad students recognized for work

Nine Texas A&M University graduate students were honored Tuesday by the Association of Former Students for distinguished academic, research and teaching assistant work.

Dr. George W. Kunze, dean of the Graduate College presented each recipient a Distinguished Graduate Student

plaque and the cash awards totaled \$1,500.

Kunze noted the alumni association contributed more than \$30,000 this year to assist the college in recruiting and supporting graduate students.

"I sincerely feel that strong graduate programs, and the research that necessarily accompanies and supports these programs, are what makes a university worthy of the name," Kunze said.

Receiving \$200 awards for doctoral excellence were **Bernie Boyd Bernard** of Bryan, oceanography; **Dean Winston Hughes** of College Station, agricultural economics; and **Steve Leroy Patterson** of Waco, oceanography.

Graduate teaching assistant awards, also \$200 to each recipient, were presented to **John David Abeln** of Bryan, industrial engineering; **Cleo Dean Gilliland** of Sherman, microbiology; and **Joseph Daryl Tatum** of Bryan, animal science.

Awarded \$100 for achievement at the master's level were **Murray Evan Fulton** of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, agricultural economics; **Elston Kent Grubaugh** of Clovis, N.M., agricultural engineering and U.S. Air Force Lt. **Stephen Blake Talley** of San Angelo, physics.

Fulton has also been selected for a Rhodes Scholarship beginning this summer.

## Marathon oil grant awarded to senior

Gene R. Clark of College Station has been awarded a \$350 Marathon Oil Scholarship at Texas A&M University.

A senior ocean engineering major, Clark was chosen for the award by a faculty committee in his degree field. Clark's scholastic achievements earned him the award.

Clark is a distinguished Student and member of Tau Beta Pi.

He is also a member of the Marine Technology Society and Marine Biology Club at Texas A&M. He is the son of Gerald J. Clark of College Station.

# Son asks \$350,000 in suit against parents

United Press International

BOULDER, Colo. — Tom Hansen doesn't think his parents raised him properly, and he feels so strongly about it that he's filed suit against them seeking \$350,000 in damages.

Hansen, 25, filed suit in district court Wednesday against his father, Richard Hansen of Hilo, Hawaii, and mother Shirley Hansen of Boulder.

The suit said Hansen will require psychiatric care the rest of his life because of the manner in which he was raised.

Hansen's lawyer, John Taussig Jr., said the suit alleges the parents were guilty of willful and wanton neglect.

"Basically, what we are doing is bringing suit for malpractice of parenting," Taussig said. The legal con-

cept is new, he said.

The suit said Hansen's parents neglected his needs for food, clothing, shelter and psychological support at crucial periods of his life. It stated he was forced at the age of 14 to "work long hours at menial labor on little food."

When he was 14, Hansen said he was suspended from school while the family was living in Kamuela, Hawaii, where his father worked as a scientist.

His father treated him as a "social outcast, subjecting him to humiliation and ridicule and physically attacking him," the suit said.

Taussig said he believes parents should be held responsible for damage to the physical and mental health of their children.

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