

## Student leader to speak here

The national president of the Student National Education Association will visit Texas A&M University Tuesday.

The Texas A&M chapter of the Texas Student Education Association will sponsor a public meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Room 228 of the Memorial Student Center.

The national organization works with local chapters in planning programs such as workshops on leadership skills, human relations skills and minority recruitment methods. These programs help members become good teachers and help us encourage minority students to take advantage of the membership benefits.

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## Ags react deliriously to Dave Mason, 'Exile'

By SCOTT PENDLETON  
Battalion Staff

The Aggies will still love Dave Mason tomorrow. And for a long time to come, judging by their delirium over his concert Friday evening.

Mason himself has reason to be excited. Though the singer-guitarist has been performing since the sixties, his career hasn't been decidedly successful until the past year or so.

Now, with several hits on the charts and steadily increasing album sales, Mason seems finally to have hit his musical stride.

Nothing could have been more evident to the crowd at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Drawing mainly from his "Let It Go Let It Flow" and "Mariposa de Oro" albums, Mason kept up an exhilarating pace from start to a standing ovation and double encore finish.

The audience followed him untiringly from the early peaks of "We Just Disagree" and "So High," and

stood during the encore performances of "All Along the Watchtower" and "Share Your Love."

The night started as well as it ended. Exile, the group whose single, "I Want To Kiss You All Over" was fifth on the charts last week, gave a lively opening performance.

Exile has a varied style, which the band calls "good time rock and roll." Generally, their music resembled the lyrics of Hall and Oates with a stronger rock beat.

"I Want To Kiss You All Over," which is not in that style, was written by Mike Chapman, the group's producer. Otherwise, the songs were written by guitarist-vocalist J. P. Pennington.

The audience was suspicious at first of lead singer Jimmy Stokley's past shoulder-length hair and stereotyped rock star gyrations compared to the other band members' well-groomed appearance and subdued composure.

Notwithstanding the discrepancy in appearance, the Kentuckian band performed cohesively, due no doubt

to their 14 years together. The audience quickly shrugged off appearances and got into the music.

In turn, the band members' performance became increasingly robust.

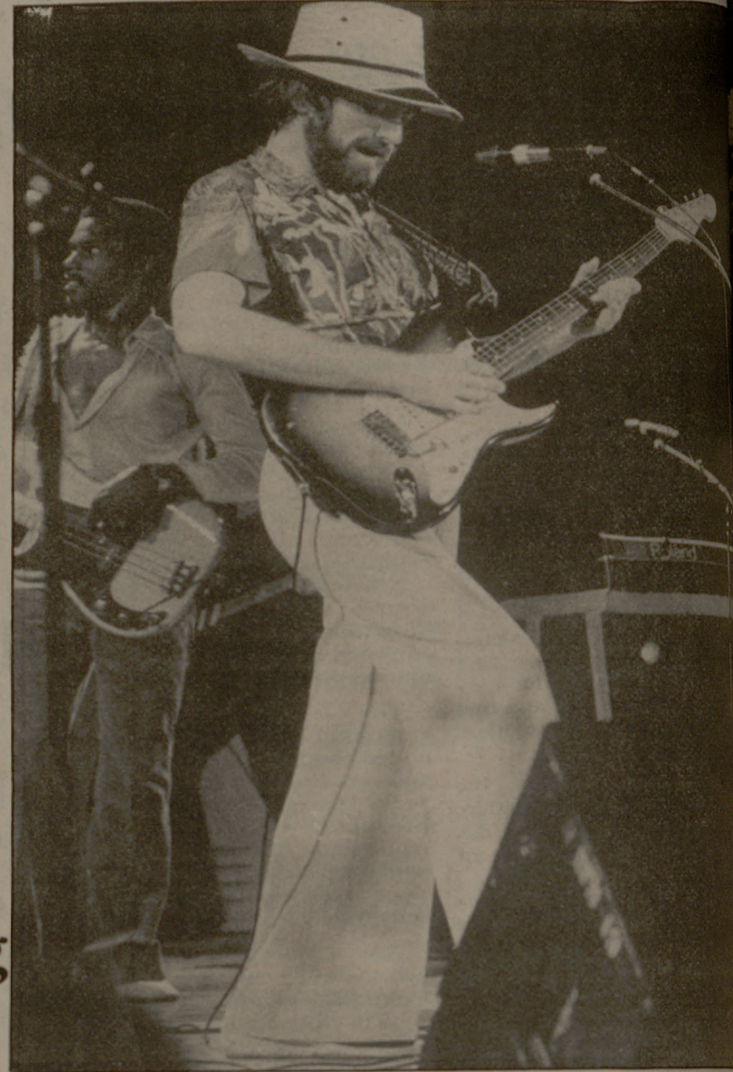
"People make us feel good," said keyboard man Marlon Hargis. He also attributed the group's onstage vitality to "plenty of milk and Wheaties."

College Station was the first stop on a brief tour that will conclude Oct. 7 at the Greek Theater in Los Angeles. They will perform there with Seals and Crofts, then go on another short tour with Aerosmith.

The group had another reason to feel good here.

"We're indebted to Texas," Pennington said. He explained that Exile's song became a hit because Clay Gish, of KRBE radio in Houston, pointed it out to the music industry.

Exile also enjoyed their stay at Texas A&M. "People are friendly. We've been treated very, very well," Stokley said.



Mason gets down

Dave Mason played and played some more for a packed G. Rollie White Coliseum audience Friday night. The singer-songwriter-guitarist prompted two encores with his versatility in playing acoustical and electrical selections. Exile, a group of new recording artists, opened the concert for Tom Hall's first event of this season.

Battalion photo by Steve Lee

## Water weed growth found choking shallow, surface areas in lakes

Texas has been especially hard-hit by hydrilla, a weed that grows on lake bottoms, reservoirs, and rivers, a Texas A&M University plant physiologist says.

Dr. Ron Newton says the plant grows to the surface of many bodies of water and forms thick mats. It interferes with nesting fish as well as water sports.

First noted in Texas in the Houston Zoo seven years ago, hydrilla

has infested parts of Lake Conroe, Sheldon Reservoir, Lake Livingston, Huntsville State Park, Toledo Bend Reservoir, the San Marcos River, the Guadalupe River, and the Gulf Intracoastal Canal.

"This problem is so formidable that it is going to take a substantial research effort to control hydrilla," Newton said. "The problem won't be answered in a day or a month. It will take years."

Carp, crayfish, and waterfowl feed on weeds like the hydrilla, and the plant has been considered a possible source of protein for humans.

The plant grows best in shallow, warm water.

"I suppose one of the really limiting factors is light," Newton said. "Hydrilla will not grow well in depths greater than 20 feet."

## Energy-efficient houses uncredited, professor says

All homes are not created equal. Some are more energy-efficient, and Texas mortgage loan officers need to start taking that into account come loan time, says a Texas A&M University management professor.

Dr. Gerry Keim said the problem is that many lending institutions don't consider differences in utility costs from house to house. If two houses are located on the same street and have the same basic construction design, they will probably be appraised at about the same value.

"I would argue that appraising an energy-efficient home and a regular home at the same value is like saying that two pieces of adjoining property are worth the same, even though one has an oil well on it," said Keim. "You wouldn't ignore the oil

well and you shouldn't ignore the energy-saving construction features. Construction features are paid to the owner over time, as the oil well pays over time. It is just a matter of figuring how much you are going to be saving."

Keim explained that in business there are some fairly simple ways to estimate the present value of savings which will accrue in future years.

He said you don't have to pump all the oil out to see how much it's worth and you don't have to wait 10 years to estimate the energy savings from a cost-effective house. Future dollar savings are worth something today.

Two other Texas A&M researchers, Dr. Frank Buffa and Dr. Bill

Pride, have been working on energy programs for lending institutions around the state.

"We want to make the lenders and I suppose the builders and consumers too, more aware that there are substantial operating cost differences from house to house," Keim said. "When an applicant applies for a mortgage, lenders will look at car payments, furniture payments, the washing machine payment, everything but the utility bills."

"Yet, utility costs may constitute a larger monthly installment than many of the other payments," Keim said.

Keim said lending institutions interested in the idea of appraising energy-efficient features, but it may be a little early for Texas. Texas utility bills are not high compared to some other states, though the difference is coming when that will change, he predicted.

"Many lenders realize the importance of and cost efficiency will be a part of it in the future," said the professor.

The three Texas A&M business analysts have already been involved by lending groups in Dallas, Lubbock and Longview to present the energy ideas. In the next few months the professors will present programs in Austin, San Antonio, Houston, Corpus Christi and Beaumont.

The key is cost-effectiveness, Keim said. "What is the use of energy-saving features if they aren't going to be practical?" he asked.

Some things, like high efficiency (energy efficiency ratio) rating air conditioners, are clearly a good investment in Texas and will save more than they cost," he said.

"High EER air-conditioners are obviously a good investment, but double-insulated wood windows wouldn't be all that cost-effective here. That's the point, what is cost-effective for a particular area or climate wouldn't be practical for another. It may be more expensive than the savings it provides," Keim said.

"Consumers, builders and lenders need to know and understand the difference," he said.

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