

The Crowd gets into concert — eventually

By **RICHARD OLIVER**
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From the beginning, it was obvious the crowd was not ready for the "new" England Dan and John Ford Coley.

The group, synonymous with soft, sensuous love ballads, amazed everyone Friday night at G. Rollie White Coliseum with a beating, driving arsenal of hard rock selections.

For nearly three-fourths of the show, the Aggie crowd sat stone-faced to the vibrating group. Not that England Dan and John Ford Coley weren't charismatic enough to excite the crowd — they were. John appeared in a Superman costume, minus the cape, with red satin pants. He pounded on his piano and jumped all over the stage while Dan grimaced and relentlessly hammered out song after song, urging the crowd to "sing it," only to be greeted by bewildered stares.

Slowly, finally, the crowd began to snap out of its daze as the group pounded out such songs as "Gambler," "We'll Never Have To Say



ENGLAND DAN

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Goodbye Again" and "I'd Really Love To See You Tonight."

Gradually, almost as if they were afraid to be heard, the crowd responded until everyone was on his feet clapping and singing.

The band pranced around the stage and seemed oblivious to the crowd as they cranked out songs such as "Rollin' Fever," "Movin' On Down the Line" and "Maybe Tonight."

At one point, drummer Dan Gorman and guitarist Bubba Keith jumped into the crowd to urge the clappers on. Gorman repeatedly excited the crowd with his on-stage antics and terrific drum solos, and Keith was impressive with his versatility on the rhythm guitar, bongos and harmonica. The lead guitarist, Ovid Stevens, provided a welcome addition for the hard rock fans by coolly playing one guitar lick after another.

Having obviously won the crowd

over, the group returned for a 30-minute encore, playing "Runnin' After You" and "Wendy."

The opening act, Mac McAnally, was delightful and charming, and at one point drew more crowd re-

sponse than the headline group. The crowd cheered enthusiastically "Your Grandmother's Mirror," "Opinion On Love" and his one hit single from years ago, "It's A Crazy World." His flair clearly appealed to the crowd.

After the concert, Dan Seals, (otherwise known as England Dan, the brother of Jim Seals of Seals and Crofts), eased himself into a chair and sighed heavily. Dressed com-

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fortably in a pair of blue jeans and a loose shirt, he was clearly pleased with the performance.

"The crowd was great," he said, grinning. "I was told they'd just sit there and listen, and they did for awhile. I wasn't expecting them to hang from the rafters like that."

Asked the reason for the change from soft love ballads to hard rock, Seals laughed and leaned back thoughtfully.

"Rock and roll is where we came from," he said. "The soft stuff was just a departure for us. Besides, music is a progression and we have to keep moving on."

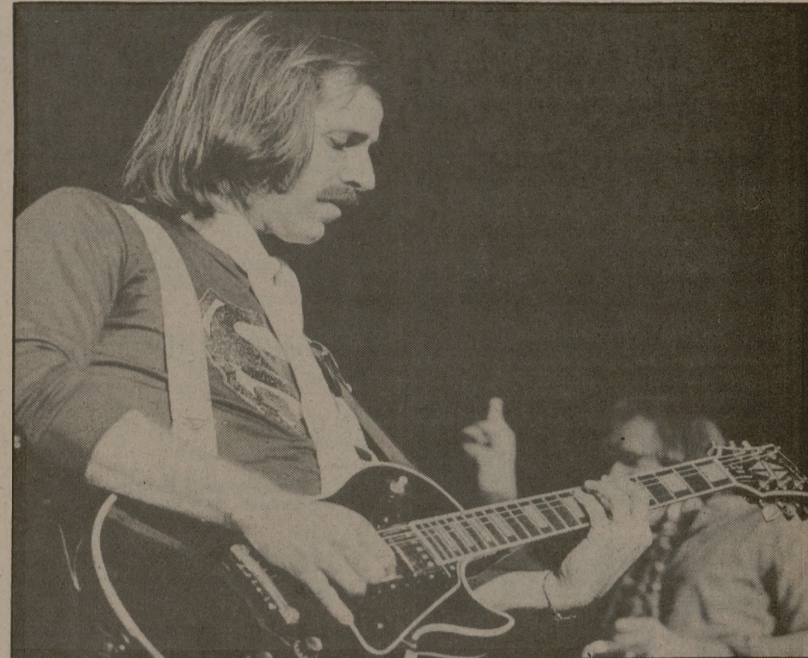
At that point, John Ford Coley came in and collapsed in a chair. He smiled when asked about the crowd. "Man, I thought they'd be much more rowdy than that tonight," he said. "I was told you all would be really rowdy, but ..."

Both Seals and Coley were excited about their new album, "Dr. Heckle and Mr. Jive."

"This album reflects our musical change and a little of the difference between John and me," Seals said. "We wanted to change to a harder rock format on the last album, but we decided to wait. This album is for John and me. It's our way of doing it."

As he and Coley got up to leave, Seals turned and said, "I guess our way is finally happening."

Judging by the bewildered crowd response, I don't know.



JOHN FORD COLEY

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Workers vote to join union at ARC plant

By **REGINA MOEHLMAN**
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By a bare 10-vote margin, employees at Agency Records Control, Inc. voted Friday to join the Office and Professional Employees Union.

Of the 220 employees eligible to vote, 112 voted in favor of the unionization, 102 against.

ARC, located on the East Bypass, produces computer record forms. The majority of employees eligible to vote were computer and key punch operators, computer maintenance personnel and shipping and mailing clerks.

Jack Langford, a Houston representative of the Office and Professional Employees Union, explained that though the employees will become part of his union, they will have complete control over their own local and will make all their own decisions. The union will only advise and represent the employees, he said.

Langford said it would take a week to ten days to receive certification from the National Labor Relations Board.

After that, the union and ARC officials will begin negotiations, Langford said. He was not sure what exact changes the employees would ask for.

Representatives of the union came to Bryan-College Station last October at the request of employees who complained of unfair wage and promotion practices as ARC.

Employees at ARC are paid on an incentive wage system. They are rated for efficiency each month and the rating they receive determines their next month's salary. Employees complained this causes their wages to go up and down.

They also complained that an employee can be promoted only if a supervisor likes him.

Dr. Robert Bower, president of ARC, refused to comment on Friday's voting results.

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