Aggies go for Johnson's show

By PATTI SHOQUIST

Those who stayed home to do nework Tuesday night missed on an evening that would have en some of the pressure off any dent's mind

Michael Johnson, composer of the t song "Bluer than Blue," per-med before a receptive half-filled se in Rudder Auditorium.

Returning to Texas A&M for the ird time, the opening act Meis-rg and Walters could have carried show by themselves. They reved enthusiastic crowd response

roughout their performance.
They broke the ice on their first my when Steve Walters broke his ar string. However, they tried show as much professionalism as could by making it look like t of the act

he multi-talented musicians yed several instruments includthe banjo, guitar, piano and rinet. They refreshed the crowed th such hits as "Danny's Song," in hich the audience sang with them, ad got the crowd stomping and pping to "Rocky Top."

The duo had a chance to play a philosophical tunes of their own luding, "Life is Never Knowing," ire," and "Everybody Needs a you'd like.

Time to Sing." They came back on stage following a standing ovation to sing "Wooden Ships.

After more than an hour of the warm-up performance, Johnson came on stage with a few surprises. The audience found that he is a comedian as well as a talented artist.

He greeted the audience by saying, "My, isn't it lovely that we're having weather," he greeted the audience, then said he wanted to start off with a song that he "learned off one of his albums.

The crowd howled to most of his songs, which were satires on politics, country music, love and sex. He sang songs such as "Let's Drop the Big One Now," "I'll Find a Garbage Can and Throw Myself Away, and "The Wonderful World of Sex."

In contrast to his comedy and satire, Johnson played mellow and classical music as well. For his encore he played a basanova, and then he borrowed Gordon Light-foot's song, "Wherefore and Why." The audience did not seem to

mind sacrificing a night of studying for the three-hour Town Hall special attraction. In fact, one student screamed to Johnson from the audi-"You can sing to us all night if

\$20.8 billion in state budget

House wants to keep lid on tight

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AUSTIN — House members are ready to begin consideration of a proposed \$20.8 billion state budget for the next two years, and Speaker Bill Clayton predicted legislators will do all they can to prevent any drastic increases in the spending bill during the debate.

"The general mood appears to me to be to hold the line pretty close. I don't really foresee a lot of amendments being attached to the bill," Clayton said.

The proposal is \$269 million less than the appropriation bill drafted by the Legislative Budget Board, but still is larger than Gov. Bill Clements desires.

One area of the bill Clements opposes is a provision giving school teachers a 5.1 percent annual pay increase in addition to so-called step increases based on experience and education. The governor wants the step increases abolished, and the overall teacher pay increased 5.1 percent a year — the same as other state employees. Clayton said that is not likely to happen,

There may be an amendment offered to do that, but if it is I would think there would be 100 votes against it," the speaker

Debate on past appropriation bills has lasted as long as two weeks, but Clayton said the House may be able to pass this session's budget bill by the end of this

In legislative action Tuesday, the Senate tentatively approved 24-7 a bill by Rep.

Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, allowing retail stores to add extra fees on charge pur-

chases for insurance coverage.

Parker said the bill will allow Montgomery Ward and other retailers to offer special combination insurance coverages cur-rently prohibited by the state insurance

"This bill's only purpose is to add to the cost of purchasing at Montgomery Ward and other stores that choose to use it," argued Sen. Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin. "This bill's only purpose is to fuel the flames of

Doggett threatened at one point to read a Montgomery Ward catalog to stall action on the bill, but said he had agreed not to filibuster against it in exchange for Parker's help last week in opposing a bill revising the state's Deceptive Trade Prac-

'This is insurance not to benefit the customer but to benefit the seller and the customer just gets charged for it," Doggett

"It's not voluntary. If you want that stereo or television you're not going to be able to get it unless you buy that insur-

Sen. Bill Patman, D-Ganado, joined Doggett in speaking against the bill. This is a special interest bill that you're carrying for Montgomery Ward," Patman

He contended the bill will add \$6 a year to the cost of a \$100 credit purchase at Montgomery Ward.

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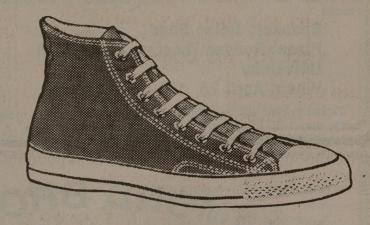
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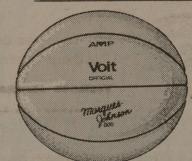
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Aggie Moms' club to hold annual meetings, boutique

The Federation of Texas A&M niversity's Mothers' Clubs will ld its annual spring meetings Friand Saturday in the Memorial

ident Center at Texas A&M Uni-

University President Jarvis Miller and Texas Commissioner of Agricul-ture Reagan Brown are scheduled to Mothers' clubs in Texas and three in and Texas Commissioner of Agriculspeak to the organization during activities planned in conjunction with the University's Parents' Day pictures and other items. Many of

Education specialist w calls mainstreaming cruel to handicapped

m be as cruel as giving them no mainstreaming program work to-pecial help at all, an expert on spe-gether for his benefit. education said Tuesday at Texas &M University.

Dr. Marc E. Hull told the atewide workshop on the vo-tional special needs of the handapped that he considered ainstreaming "an absolute crimial act in some cases.

"If we're going to make mainstreaming less than what it ould be, we had just better forget "the assistant director of special ducation in Vermont told 250 cators at the session.

"I have seen mothers so brain-ashed about the great benefits of ir child to be pulled out of a great ecial program," Hull said. "In the me of mainstreaming, these parents take their children out of a omprehensive program that has ocational education, functional ath and reading, and put them to a school with no special proms and 300 nonhandicapped stuts. That's criminal. Hull pointed out, however, that

was in favor of mainstreaming as g as it is treated on a one-to-one , and not just the lumping tother of people in the name of sointegration.

"You have to take mainstreaming ne case at a time," he said. "You e to take the opportunity to look

Mainstreaming handicapped stu- at every child and have everyone nts into conventional classrooms who is going to be a part of his

"If you just throw people into a program, you lose the balance special education has spent years put-ting together for the handicapped,"

ing is like that, I say forget it. Hull said he was in favor of installing monitoring systems into all handicapped programs to keep the balance between special education

Hul continued. "When mainstream-

and the handicapped working prop-

Activities for Aggie moms will pictures and other items. Many of the items will be maroon ad white and one of a kind.

The federation's executive board will meet Friday afternoon, under the leadership of the president, Mrs. Eleanor Walters of Austin. Federation officers will host an open house at 7:30 p.m. This activity gives Aggie moms not familiar with the federation and its activities a chance to learn more about it before

the Saturday meeting.
At 8:30 a.m. Saturday, the federation will host a coffee for Aggie moms and guests and the boutique again will be open. At 9:30, the federation's annual spring meeting will begin. It will include special music by the Singing Cadets, in addition to a greeting from Miller and re-

marks by Brown.
Officers for the 1979-80 club year will be elected and installed at the meeting. The installing officer will be Rear Admiral Kenneth G. Haynes of the Texas Maritime Academy in Galveston.

A banquet with entertainment by the Revaliers will follow.

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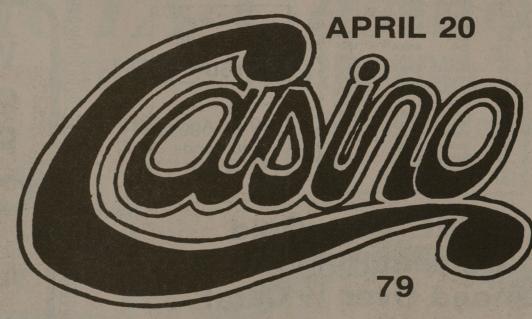
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