

Local

Russell-Cooper blow crowd away

By TODD WOODARD
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Intensity describes the Shake Russell-Dana Cooper Band. From the opening chords of "Song on the Radio," Russell and Cooper leaned into their microphones and sang of old times and old lovers and '47 Chevrolets, their faces tight with expression. They sang to an enthusiastic audience. Many of them Houston residents, those people came to have a good time and were not disappointed.

It was the band's first show in Rudder Theater. Before, they had frequented the Basement Coffeehouse, with its tight seating and small capacity. This 700-plus audience dwarfed a Basement audience for Russell and Cooper last February.

Just as then, Russell's gravelly voice and Cooper's range and harmony blended, making music that goes down like sippin' whiskey, jolting at first but warm and satisfying.

Feeling is important, he said. "Beethoven, Bach, they just weren't trying to sell records," he said in a pre-show interview.

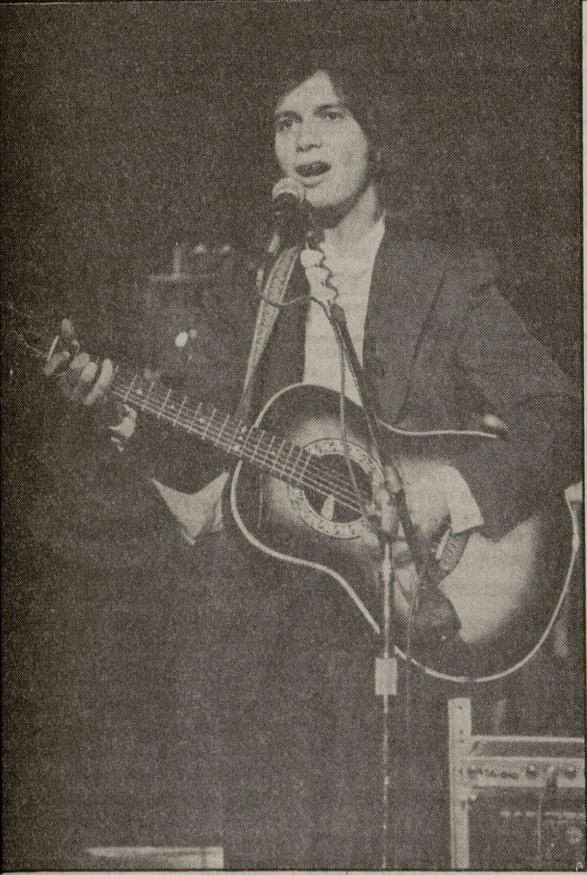
That feeling Russell mentioned hushed listeners when Russell sang "You've got a lover." With Michael Mashkes on bass, Jim Alderman on drums and accordion and Riley Osbourn on keyboard and piano, Russell sang about other lovers and himself:

*"You've got a lover, and it's not me,
He can't love you like I can,
and there will be others, yes I understand,
but will they love me like you can?"*

Alderman would play his accordion after Russell sang, and it was all romantic and sad. When Cooper added harmonica, melancholy washed over me.

I think Russell took everyone's minds and shipped them to a place where hurt is poignant but not crippling. Nobody even coughed. Eventually, I was aware of nothing except my memories and Russell's voice, "But will they love me like you can?"

After Russell finished, a pregnant pause followed. Then the minds came back, bringing nervous coughs and rabid applause with them. My hands were stinging until I realized how hard I was hitting them together.



Shake Russell sings an original tune before a full house in Rudder Theater Tuesday night. Russell fronts the Shake Russell-Dana Cooper Band, a Houston-based group. The concert was sponsored by the MSC Basement Committee.

Saturday is MBA/Law Day

By JANE G. BRUST
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Students interested in business administration or law degrees can gain insight from experienced persons on Saturday.

MBA/Law Day, an annual project of the MSC Council, will bring representatives from ten law schools and ten schools offering MBA programs to Rudder Tower for two four-hour programs, Chairman Doug Noah said.

The deadline for sign-up at the Rudder Box Office is 5 p.m. Friday. Tickets are \$1 per program or \$1.50 for both, with the MBA program in the morning and the one for law in the afternoon.

An additional \$3.50 will buy a barbecue lunch catered by Food Services.

One keynote address will be made at each program. Jess Totten, assistant to the dean at the University of Texas Graduate School of Business, and Garland Walker, dean of the South Texas College of Law will make these addresses.

Panel speakers include representatives from law schools at Tulane, Georgetown, Baylor and Texas Tech.

Noah said among the panel speakers at each program will be former students of Texas A&M University who have entered into such graduate work. Each panel will conduct a question-answer period.

He said the MSC project is designed "to offer insight from people who have been through it."

The MBA/Law Day committee expects 400 persons to attend the program, even though ticket sales have been slow. Noah said the sales usually pick up quite a bit at the end of the week.

"Our project is funded by revenues from the tickets and from solicited donations — we don't get any student service fees," he said.

Noah said the project is budgeted for \$2,700, most of which covers printing costs for publicity posters and information packets distributed at each program.

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Reps from apartments meet OCA

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Protection from dishonest apartment managers was the focus of the Texas Apartment Association-directed discussion at Tuesday night's Off-Campus Aggies meeting. Barbara Stone, chairman of the owner/resident council of the Bryan-College Station Apartment Association, said the organization has provided the Off-Campus Center with sample complaint forms and procedures that would help student tenants with complaints against managers or apartment owners.

"Young people are too naive when they sign their first lease and don't



read the whole contract," said David Stone, who owns 24 rental units here.

Besides providing education for its members, TAA wants to make leases clearer and follow fair standards of competition. The TAA also vows to endeavor to expose all schemes to mislead or defraud the apartment-residing public and to aid in the exposure of those responsible.

However, the association cannot help tenants file legal action against their apartment managers, nor obtain claims for them, Stone said. It can only expell the member, she said.

In other business, OCA bonfire chairman Phil Suter offered transportation to the cutting site Sunday. Interested students should contact him in the OCA cubicle in the Student Programs Office in the Memorial Student Center or meet him between 6:15 and 6:30 a.m. in front of Duncan field.

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