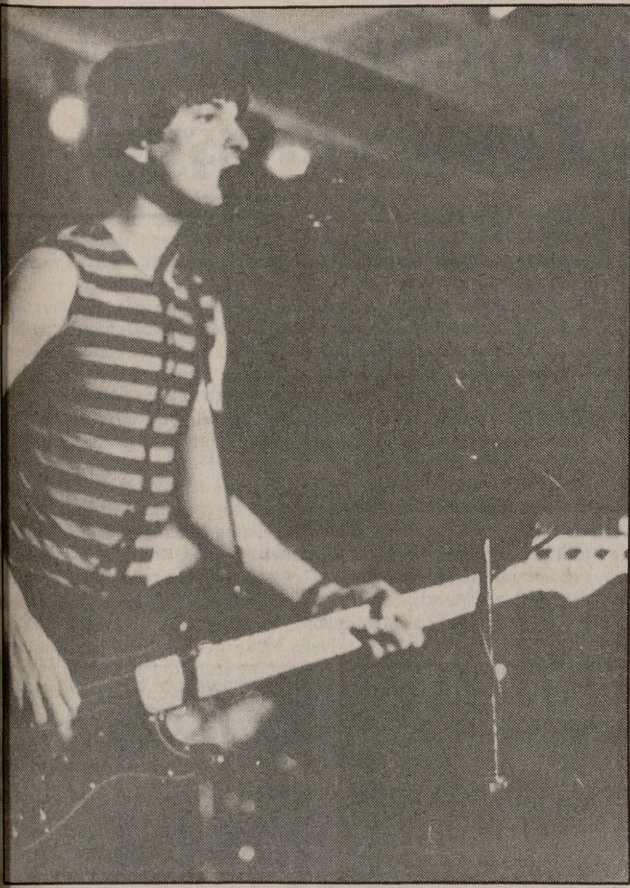


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Staff Photo by Jeff Kerber

Jessie Sublet, bass player for the Skunks, sings his own brand of new wave music. The Skunks performed Friday and Saturday night in the MSC Ballroom. The concert, billed as College Station's first taste of new wave music, sold out both nights.

Skunks bring A&M new wave

By SCOT K. MEYER
Battalion Staff

And a good time was had by all... Writers often use that phrase at the end of stories — generally those concerning social events — to indicate that the event being described was not dull, and not dreary.

But the words belong at the front of this story, because if there is any one thing to distinguish the Skunks concerts from everyday concert fare, it is the fact that everyone had a good time.

The Skunks performed in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom Friday and Saturday nights, before sell-out crowds.

The Skunks perform "New Wave" music, a rather non-specific label which covers everything from the spacey, electric organ dominated music of Devo to the simple, back-to-basics rock music of the Ramones. The Skunks consist of a bass guitarist, a lead guitarist and a drummer, and the music they play is rather basic rock-and-roll.

To pogo one only needs a steady beat, which the Skunks obligingly provided. And although more tickets were sold than their were seats set up in the ballroom, anyone who chose to could have sat down because so many people were dancing.

A good sociological study could probably be done to determine why music dealing with pain and anger and such, whether rock and roll, rhythm and blues, jazz, ska, folk, punk or new wave, has so often appealed to young people who were not interested in pain at all, but only in having a good time.

Whatever the reason, the Skunks' audience showed up wearing homemade new wave costumes, and many of them danced throughout the entire concert. The theme of the concert seemed to be "let's listen to some good, loud music and have a good time," and the Skunks did their part by providing the music.

The audience did the rest, and if this concert was any indication, College Station is ready for more new wave music.

C.S. rezoning hearings Tuesday

Public hearings on a number of rezoning ordinances are scheduled for the College Station City Council meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

The areas under consideration include:

- a 9.2 acre tract located on the north side of Southwest Parkway and approximately 1,000 feet east of F.M. 2154 from Duplex District R-2 to Apartment Building District R-5. The application is in the name of Paul Wahlbert & Assoc., Architects.
- the following lots in Southwood Valley Section 4B from General Commercial District C-1 to Apartment Building District R-5: lots 10-20, Block 17; lots 1-4 and the adjoining 20 feet of Lot 15, Block 18.

The application is in the name of Southwood Valley, Inc.

- a 2.38 acre tract located on the northeast corner of Sebesta Land and East Bypass from Single Family Residential District R-1 to General Commercial District C-1, applied for in the name of Mrs. JoAnn Atkins.
- lots 1-15 of the Chalet Village Addition located between Holliman Drive and Concho Place from Single Family Residential District R-1 to Single Family Residential District R-1A. The application is in the name of Dr. W.E. Crenshaw.

The council will consider separate ordinances rezoning each of the above items after the public discussion.

TCU dorm fire Sunday; no one hurt

United Press International
FORT WORTH, — It took 50 firemen about three hours Sunday to extinguish a blaze in a dormitory at Texas Christian University, officials reported, and none of the 152 women who lived in the dorm was injured.

The dormitory was built in 1972 and was the newest on the campus. Authorities estimated damage at \$55,000.

The fire started at about 4 a.m. in one of the rooms on the top floor of the three-story building and sleeping students were awakened by a smoke detector alarm system.

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Review

The songs were all about adolescent love, or more precisely, about the anger, frustration and confusion associated with that love. New wave music is often either the music of anger or alienation, and in the case of the Skunks it is mostly the former.

The crucial thing is to actually sound angry, because otherwise the songs sound campy rather than authentic. The Skunks managed to sound, if not angry, at least annoyed, which is probably close enough.

Their audience, though, was neither angry nor annoyed. They were here to have fun, and most of them did.

To the audience, new wave music is not about anger or alienation so much as it is about cheap plastic sunglasses and narrow ties. And of course, pogo-ing.

The pogo is the authentic dance of new wave music, consisting mostly of bouncing up and down as though on pogo sticks. There are other moves as well of course, which can be improvised by the individual dancers.

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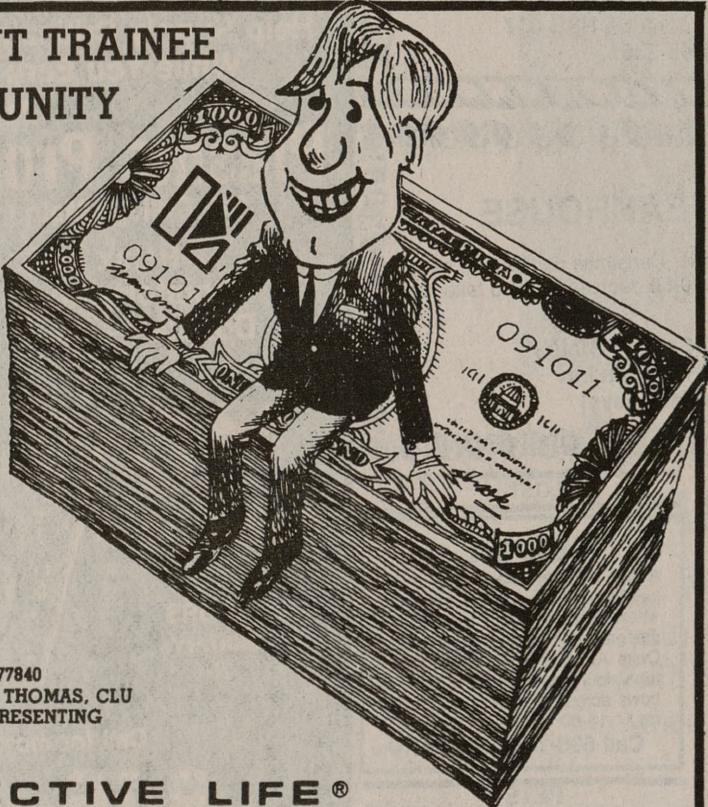
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TOW AWAY ZONE

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MONDAY, DEC. 1st

all cars parked on the grounds of the Circle Drive-In will be towed away.

