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## Daniels Band wins approval of Aggies

By BELINDA McCOY  
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The Charlie Daniels Band followed its tradition of fiddlin' and stompin' its way into the hearts of its audience Thursday night at G. Rollie White Coliseum, and the Aggies responded by following through with their tradition of warm welcomes to visiting bands.

The concert, sponsored by MSC Town Hall, got off to a slow start actually, with a somber band playing to an even more somber audience.

But as would be expected from a school steeped in tradition and patriotism, the mood of the night changed dramatically when Daniels counted off the beginning beats of "In America" to the background of an American flag.

From that point on, the band seemed to hold the whooping Aggies in the palm of its hand, passing its Budweiser cans from member to member.

Daniels himself left no doubt about who was the leader of the band as he roamed the stage with guitar or fiddle in hand, winking at this member and smiling at that member, chewing his gum as he strummed along, dancing a modified jitterbug every so often, stomping off the beginning beats, and always remembering to thrust his arm out in time to cut off the final beats.

Even though Daniels was a joy to watch, two of his musicians almost stole the show from him several times.

Tom Crain's expertise on the guitar and Joe "Taz" DiGregorio's keyboard rivaled Daniel's own talents on the guitar and the fiddle.

Most of the concert consisted of songs from the band's latest two albums, "Million Mile Reflections" and "Full Moon."

When asked later if the Aggie crowd impressed him, Daniels responded, "Yeah, I love 'em. I'd like to take 'em all home for supper."

## Foreign student seminars to continue through April

By SHEILA FRAZIER  
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International students at Texas A&M University are presenting their views on issues facing their countries in seven public seminars lasting until April.

The first seminar was held Wednesday in 102 Zachry. The next round of talks will be in Zachry on March 5.

A total of 35 members of the International Student Association have volunteered to talk on their countries' cultures, politics, and religions. Each of five students at each seminar will speak for about 10 minutes and then answer questions from the audience for another 10 minutes.

The purpose of the seminars is to increase awareness of current issues and problems in foreign countries.

International student adviser and sponsor Tina Watkins said the media in America do not cover conflicts in foreign countries completely. Because of that, she said, most Americans don't realize the

strain foreign students are under to fit the images Americans have of them.

Five members of I.S.A. who were concerned about American biases formed a committee to organize the seminars.

"There are two sides to every story and we wanted to be able to present the other side," said committee member Sandy Olivieri. "Unity is our goal," said Sam Olivieri, president of I.S.A. "Not only for international students but for the whole Aggie family."

"We all have differences and we understand that, but we have a lot in common also," Sam Olivieri said.

The idea for similar seminars is not new; they just didn't come about because of fear they would create a cold war atmosphere, Sandy Olivieri said.

At the Wednesday seminar Mostafa Mostafavi, president of the Iranian club of I.S.A. and the mediator of the speeches, said he was thankful for the opportunity for students to present their opin-

ions. The I.S.A. has 1,799 student members broken into groups from 85 countries, including the United States. Beside being a service organization, it gives members the chance to socialize with other foreign students.

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## City Council denies referendum election

By KATHY O'CONNELL  
Battalion Staff

College Station City Council Thursday night voted to deny repeal of the rezoning ordinance of the Raintree residential area. An extensive discussion on holding a referendum election to repeal the ordinance preceded the decision.

The ordinance, approved Jan. 8, rezones a 55-acre tract off the Highway 6 bypass, adjoining the Raintree subdivision.

The land was changed from residential and agricultural open zoning to M-1 planned industrial zoning.

City Attorney Lowell Denton listed three reasons why holding the election would be illegal:

—A referendum cannot change or otherwise affect the status or continuing validity of an ordinance zoning or rezoning a tract of land.

—Any attempted election held in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter would be void as to its affect on the zoning ordinance in question.

—The council cannot be legally compelled to hold a referendum

election under these circumstances.

Denton based his reasons on past court decisions concerning zone changes. He also suggested the Council "decline holding a referendum election."

The meeting was held to hear a presentation from members of the Citizens for Responsible Government. They presented a petition of 500 signatures asking for a referendum election.

Robert Webb, chairman of the organization, contends that in the city charter citizens have the right to petition for a referendum election. The charter does state citizens have this right (to ask for a referendum election); however, this doesn't necessarily apply to rezoning.

After more discussion, Mayor Gary Halter called for a vote. The Council voted 6-1 to deny a referendum election.

Councilman Bob Runnels voted against denying the referendum.

## Cavalry to perform in Houston parade

Parsons' Mounted Cavalry will ride beside dusty trail riders in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Parade Saturday morning.

Fifteen members of the cavalry will travel to Houston Friday, said Dennis Scamardo, commanding officer. Many other riders will ride on horseback to the show, but the cavalry will move its horses in trailers.

The parade kicking off the rodeo will begin at 9:15 a.m. and travel down Main Street.

The cavalry has been invited to ride in the parade in the past, but it didn't participate last year because members didn't R.S.V.P. in time, Scamardo said.

This year the cavalry has ridden in parades in Fort Worth, Navasota and Bryan and plans to ride in parades in San Antonio and Woodville.

Twenty-one junior and senior cadets make up the cavalry. Each member owns his own horse.

Cadets who want to join the cavalry can apply at the end of the spring semester of their sophomore year or during their junior year. Applicants must have at least a 2.0 grade point ratio and some riding ability.

The applications are reviewed and voted on by the junior members.

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