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Buffett brings tropics to A&M

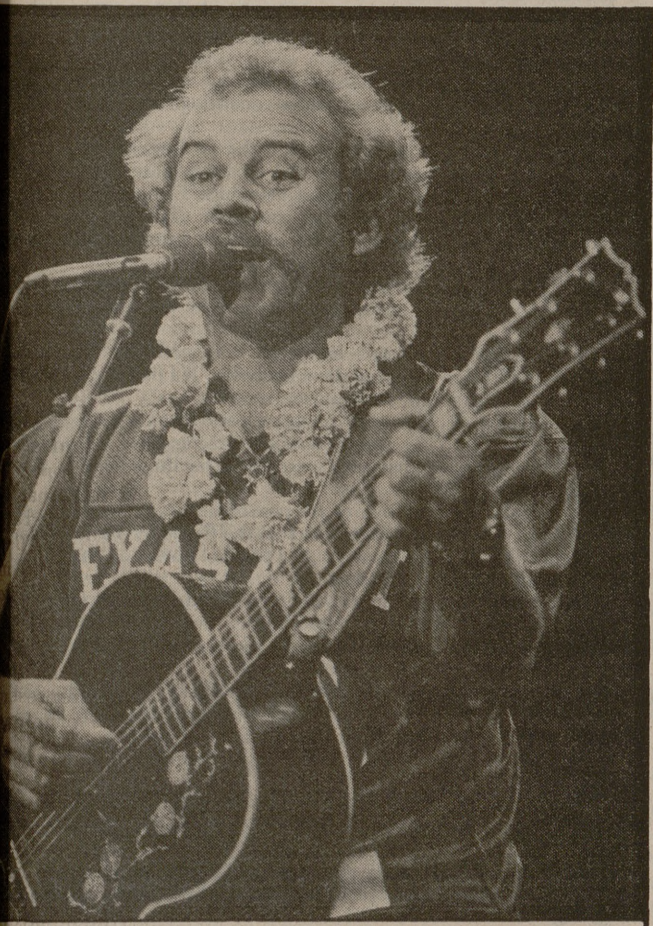


Photo by Dave Einsel

Jimmy Buffett and his Coral Reefer Band led a pre-spring break beach party with several of his hits including "Stranded on a Sand Bar" and "Coconut Telegraph" in G. Rollie White Coliseum Saturday night. The concert was presented by the MSC Town Hall Committee.

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Battalion Staff

Jimmy Buffett took Texas A&M by storm Saturday night before 5,000 fans in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Buffett, who is winding up his tour, performed 25 of his hits, many of them alone and some with Harry Daily, the only original Coral Reefer still in the band. The MSC Town Hall Committee sponsored the concert.

On March 5, Daily and Buffett celebrated their sixth year performing together.

Buffett began the evening alone with one of his earlier hits, "Stranded on a Sand Bar" followed by "Changes in Attitudes, Changes in Latitudes."

Review

Three other Reefers joined Buffett for several songs before the rest of the band came on stage for his first number off of his latest album. "It's My Job," "Coconut Telegraph" and "Volcano" came next, followed by "Cheeseburger in Paradise."

Slowing the pace down a bit, Buffett and his band then performed his first hit, "Come Monday."

The band, performing alone, played for some two hours, much to the delight of the partisan crowd — and Buffett knew it.

Following a 20-minute break, he returned to the stage with Daily on bass guitar to perform "Livingston's Gone to Texas." Next came the crowd's favorite — "God's Own Drunk." That number brought a roar from the crowd.

The remainder of the Reefers returned to the stage after "Song for the Children, Song for the World" to perform another favorite — "Let's Get Drunk and Screw."

Another number off of his latest album, "Good Fight", was followed by "Son of a Sailor."

The two best performed songs of the evening followed, both receiving tremendous approval from the crowd: "A Pirate Looks at Forty" and "The Weather is Here, Wish You Were Beautiful."

That number was perhaps, the strongest of the night. It was also intended to be the last of the evening.

After a tremendous applause, though, the band returned to the stage to perform "Incommunicado" and "Fins".

Buffett and his band finished the evening, following his second encore, on a high note with "Dixie Diner."

Using all 10 members of his Coral Reefer Band to their fullest, Buffett put on one of the best, most professional shows Texas A&M University has seen in some time.

Applications for rodeo queen open

Applications are now available for the rodeo queen contest for the 1981 Brazos de Dios Rodeo and Fiesta.

Brazos de Dios will be held April 9-12 at the Brazos County Pavilion.

The contest is open to residents of Brazos and adjoining counties. Applicants must be between 16 and 21.

Judging will be in three categories: appearance, personality and horsemanship. The winner will qualify for the Miss Rodeo Texas Pageant.

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State RHAs choose 3 Texas A&M reps

Three of seven officer positions on the Texas Residence Halls Association will be filled by Texas A&M University students for the opening year. The three were chosen at the TRHA State Convention held recently in Denton. Sherrie Balcar, president of Texas A&M University's residence halls association, was named the new Texas RHA president. Balcar said that since the RHA was founded in 1973, this is the first time the president has come from the same school two years consecutively. Barbara Thompson, a Texas A&M senior who was RHA president last year, now serves as RHA president. Mark Christian was chosen as

the new treasurer and Betsy Dungan was chosen as secretary. All three will serve one year until the convention next year in Lubbock, Balcar said.

Texas A&M also won the award for the best school exhibit at the convention.

Fifteen schools attended the convention held from Feb. 26 to March 1 on the campus of North Texas State University. Balcar said the convention is attended annually by those schools which have a strong and active residence hall association.

She said the main purpose of the convention is "idea sharing" between the schools on how their RHAs can better serve the students.

Kids' dance classes to be held at A&M

Registration is now open at Texas A&M University for a creative dance class for children.

The classes, sponsored by the Health and Physical Education Department, will be held on Saturdays from March 14 to April 25.

Classes will be held in room 266 of G. Rollie White Coliseum, with classes for 5- and 6-year-olds from 9-10 a.m. and classes for 7- and 8-year-olds from 10:15-11:15 a.m. The registration fee is \$15 and must be paid by March 11. For more information, call Dr. Carl Gabbard or Sherry Allen at 845-6841.

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