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## Local

Money, facilities cause problems

# Town Hall fills concert dates

By DEBBIE ROBERTSON  
Battalion Reporter

The MSC Town Hall Committee has scheduled three additional attractions, but is still trying to schedule more entertainment for 1981-82.

Contracts have been signed and approved since Sept. 1 for the following performances, each of which is subject to change:

- \*Oct. 25, Chuck Mangione
- \*Nov. 13, Pablo Cruise
- \*Jan. 26, The Harlem Globetrotters.

Town Hall had earlier scheduled the following attractions:

- \*Oct. 12-14, "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas"
- \*Nov. 18, "Sugar Babies"
- \*Nov. 25, Michael Murphy (Bonfire)
- \*Feb. 26, Oak Ridge Boys
- \*April 1, "They're Playing Our Song"

A concert will be announced later for Oct. 30.

Other shows being considered for the year are Rick Springfield (Fall), Anne Murray, Dan Fogelberg and The Beach Boys (all Spring), Town Hall Chairman Lauren Pennington said.

She said Town Hall was unable to get James Taylor, Eddie Rabbit or Crystal Gayle.

Two thousand people were chosen randomly last April for a

survey. The survey listed over 200 performers of which 24 were to be selected. Other questions on the survey concerned ticket prices.

"Sixty percent of them were returned, which is good," Pennington said. On May 1, the selec-

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tion committee of student leaders from the Corps, dorm and faculty, discussed the survey results.

"We are not in the profit-making business," Pennington said. "We figure on a break-even basis. We try to help the students out with the ticket prices."

If it's going to cost over \$10, we must decide if it's worth it."

Pennington said a major problem for Town Hall is the size of G. Rollie White Coliseum. She said that last November, Bruce Springsteen's production manager came in to inspect the col-

iseum and he said, "No way!" Kenny Rogers and R.E.O. Speedwagon's stage would fill half of the coliseum floor.

Another problem is the technical difficulties the coliseum causes, Pennington said. "Some groups cannot hang as many lights or speakers due to their weight, or have a stage big enough for them," she said. "We would love to get some of the big groups in, but the price they ask and our facilities make it difficult."

Kyle Field has been suggested as an alternate location. "If we were to use Kyle Field," Pennington said, "we would have to use rain insurance." This means, if it rains, Town Hall would still have to pay the performer.

After Town Hall decides to try to get a certain performer, one of six or seven agencies the performer is with is contacted.

The agency contacts the performer's personal manager to discuss

the time, money, and technical set-up. Negotiations then start between the performer and Town Hall. The agency will then call

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Town Hall back to tell them yes, no, or as usual, maybe.

"We need three to four weeks to get prepared (tickets, public relations, posters)," Pennington said, "though no tickets will be printed until we get the contract."

All tentative performance dates must be approved by Dr. Leonard

Ponder, department head and physical education, who schedules the coliseum for volleyball and basketball games at preference.

"We almost lost Chuck Mangione because of a volleyball game," Pennington said. Instead, he will perform in Budder Auditorium.

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This year Town Hall was named Talent Buyers of the Year by Talent Board Magazine.

Pennington said the award will help Town Hall attract top performers.

## City Council discusses pavilion, animal shelter

By RANDY CLEMENTS  
Battalion Staff

The College Station City Council during a workshop session

Wednesday reviewed plans for a concert pavilion in Central Park and discussed agreements for the operation of the animal shelter.

The pavilion plans, presented by Jody Bates of the Brazos County Arts Council, show an amphitheater with berms to be built with acoustics.

City Manager North Bardell said the pavilion will be built on an elongated band hall style with acoustics for both instrumental and voices.

Mayor Gary Halter said the pavilion, which will accommodate outdoor presentations like musicals and theatrical shows, will compete with any existing facilities because there is nothing comparable in the area.

Director of the Parks and Recreation Department Steve Beachy said a limiting factor in the project is parking because of strain on the road and concerts scheduled at the same time may cause

Bardell said construction on the pavilion will be put up for bid before coming back to the council for funding. The council has set a \$80,000 in the budget project, but the project may cost as much as \$100,000, he said.

The council also discussed a contract between College Station and the Brazos Animal Shelter Corporation for the running of an animal shelter.

North Bardell said the corporation is to negotiate a contract with the humane society for the operation of the animal shelter.

A suitable budget proposal must be brought to the government bodies involved with the corporation before the agreement will be considered by the council, he said.

The animal shelter is funded by Brazos County, Bryan and College Station through the corporation, with Brazos County Judge R.J. "Dick" Holmgren, Mayor Richard Smith of Bryan and Mayor Halter on the board of directors.

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