

Local

Audience ignited as Commodores explode

By JANE G. BRUST
Battalion Staff
With rising smoke on the stage and flashing lights above, the Commodores literally exploded in G. Rollie White Coliseum Friday night. Their concert, presented by the MSC Town Hall Committee, transformed Aggieland into what the group called Commodore Country.

A variety of soul and funk tunes contrasted to sultry love ballads to entertain a packed house of 8,000. As if warming up to stand during yell practice and the football game, the Commodores' audience stood throughout most of the concert.

But they didn't just stand there. People clapped, whooped

and boogied through the concert, generally going wild. The Commodores thoughtfully made sure the audience enjoyed itself by periodically asking, "Is everyone havin' a good time?" Anyone who had even momentarily sat down was thus encouraged to get up again.

Funky hits such as "Brick House" and "Too Hot Ta Trot" featured the Commodores dancing across every square inch of the stage in their silvery sequined suits.

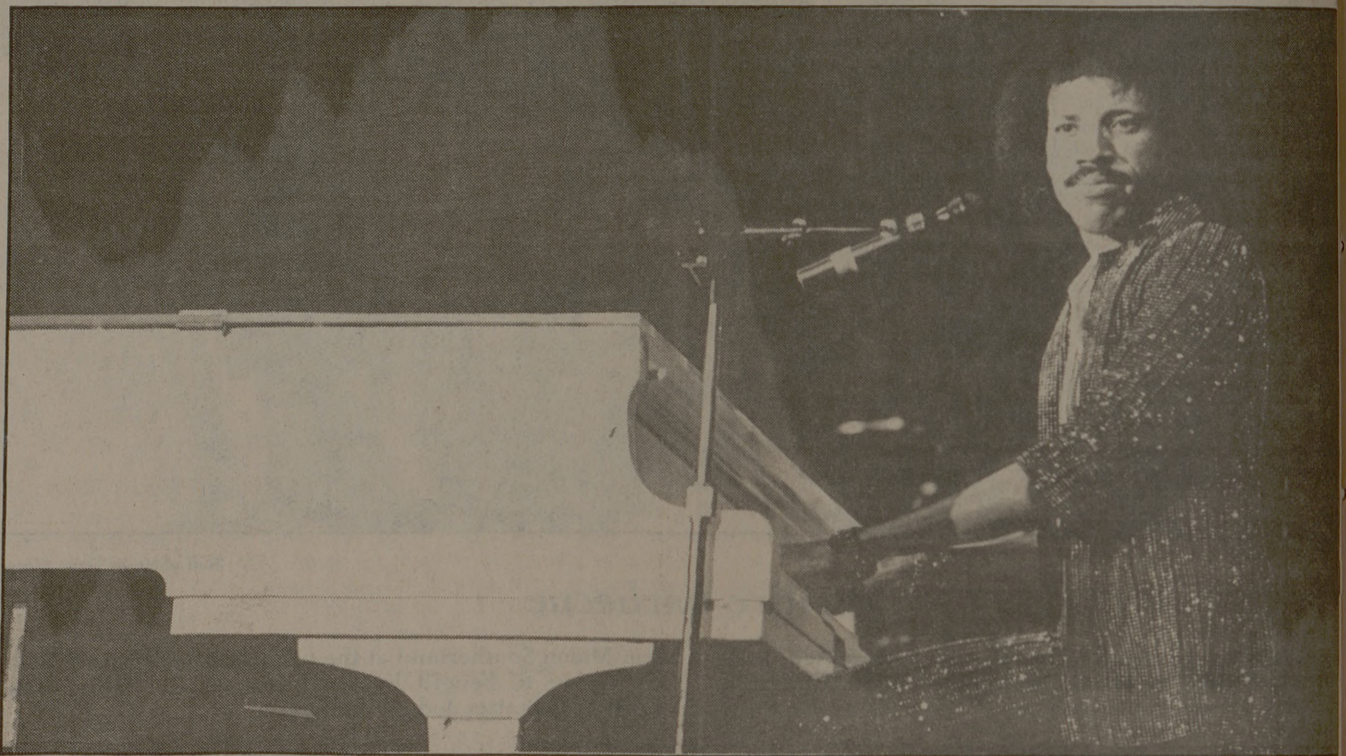
Lead singer Lionel Ritchie delighted the crowd in announcing he would sing a duet — with the audience — of "Easy."

In another duet, "Endless Love," Ritchie harmonized with

backup vocal Debra Thomas. The two bodies embraced as their sexy voices blended to sing, "I know I've found in you my endless love," bringing a briefly quieted crowd back to its feet in a standing ovation.

Ritchie charmed the audience with another popular love ballad singing, "... I do love you still." Individuals could easily recall memories of a first love and swallow them again like a smooth, rich wine.

The only problem with the concert was the Commodores' singing for only one hour, 15 minutes. But if the concert had gone on much longer, the Commodore-worshipping crowd may never have let the group get away.



Lionel Ritchie of the Commodores pauses during the song "Still" in G. Rollie White Coliseum Friday night. Staff photo by Dave Eng...

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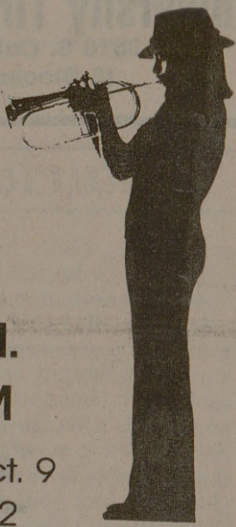
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Local farmer wins hay competition

By SUSAN FLORENCE
Battalion Reporter

A local farmer received two of four first place awards in the 1981 Brazos Valley Hay Show Thursday night.

Henry Ransom Jr. won Champion Hay grower with his mixed grass entry and first place with his Other Bermuda class entry.

Other winners include T.D. Brady, first place in the Annual class and Arthur Ueager, first place in the Coast Bermuda class. The Annual class and the Coast Bermuda class are different brands of hay.

Twenty-three Brazos Valley farmers entered hay samples for the contest and the winners were determined by the highest crude protein content.

"Hay with a high crude protein count is valuable for marketing and for the ranchers to use for their cattle," said Robert A. Nel-

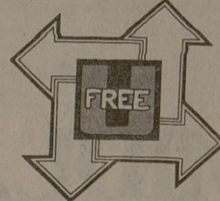
son, operations manager of the Bryan-College Station Chapter of Commerce.

"Most ranchers raise their own feed so the purpose of show is to teach ranchers better ways of producing high protein hay," Nelson said.

The third annual hay show was sponsored by the Brazos County Beef and Forage Committee, a committee of the Agricultural Division of the College Station Chapter of Commerce and the County Extension Service.

After announcing the winners a display was set up of all the hay entries. Then, a caravan toured the B-7 Ranch, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Baker, making a stop to demonstrate castrating and dehorning techniques of cattle. At another stop E.D. Davison explained good hay storage techniques to use on rolled hay in the pasture.

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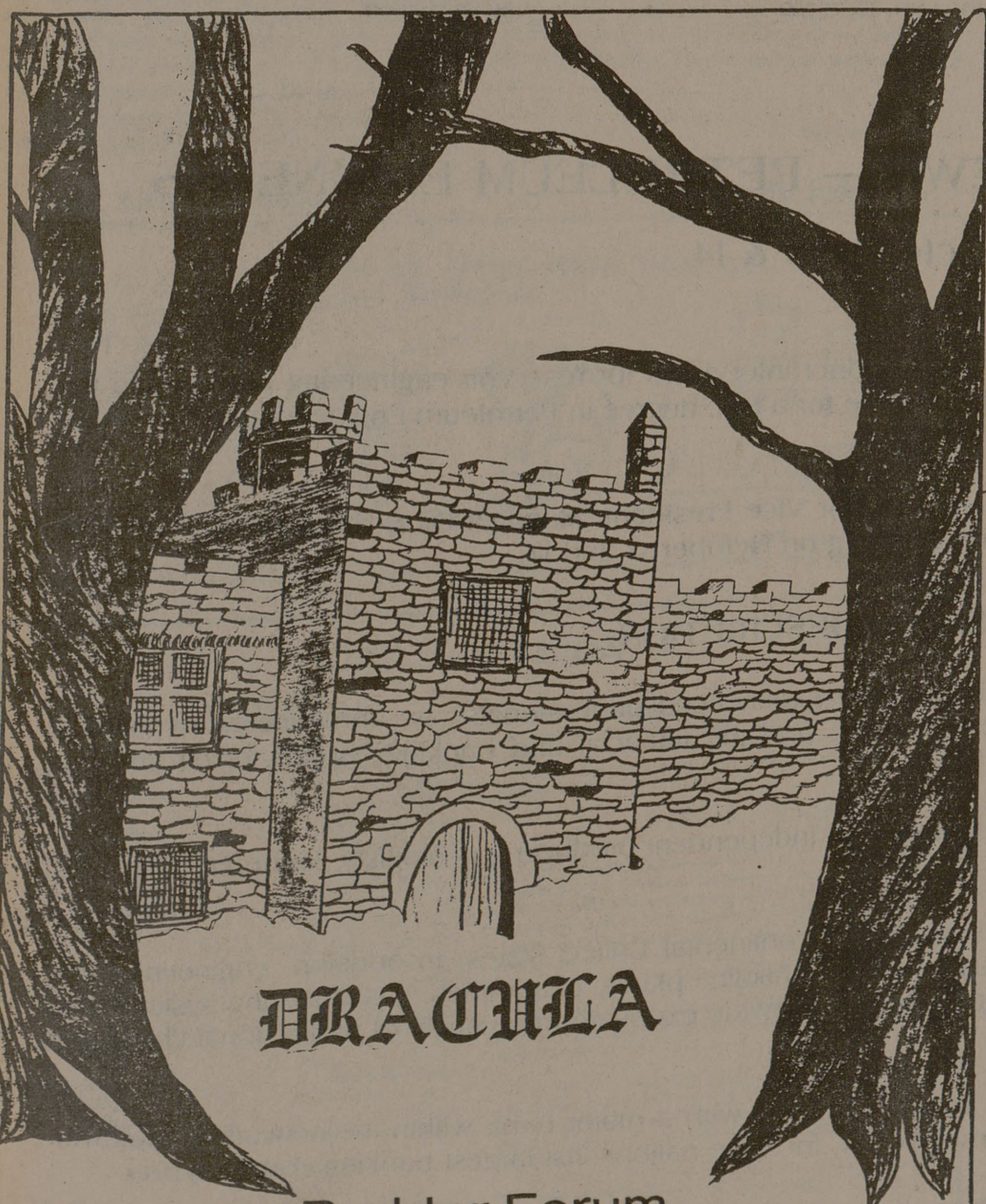


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