

Local

Pablo Cruise has slick sound

Smooth sailing for group

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Despite a change in the location of the concert, Pablo Cruise, the San Francisco based pop/rock group, managed to impress a full Rudder Auditorium Friday night. The show, originally scheduled for G. Rollie White Coliseum, was transferred to the auditorium be-

cause of low ticket sales. The move caused some frustration for ticket holders because the move was not announced until the day of the concert.

However, Comedian Bob Dubac from Aspen, Colo. opened the show on a lighter note. At the beginning of his act, Dubac announced that he was Pablo Cruise and everyone had been "ripped off." The audience responded with the traditional Aggie hiss.

"What's the matter, are your faces leaking?" he asked.

"How many of you have seen me on TV?" Dubac asked the audience later in his act. Several dozen people raised their hands. "Well, you must all be on drugs, because I've never been on TV," he replied.

After 30 minutes of heckling, Dubac left the audience smiling

and ready for the smooth California sound of Pablo Cruise.

The band is on the road to promote its new album, "Reflectors," and to introduce its two new musicians: Angelo Rossi, guitar and vocals; and John Pierce, bass guitar and vocals. The other members of Pablo Cruise are original

and "A Place in the Sun," the band's anthem.

The band's most impressive songs contained lengthy piano solos by Cory Lerios, who demonstrated an energetic virtuosity on his white grand piano. Another of its best songs was "Zero to Sixty in Five," a lengthy instrumental which gave each band member a chance to demonstrate his musical proficiency.

While the band's musicianship remained consistently good throughout the performance, the band had one annoying tendency. On their records most Pablo Cruise songs are four to six minutes long. But in concert the band stretched almost every song to over 12 minutes by filling in with redundant guitar solos.

Despite this, Pablo Cruise presented an entertaining evening of soft-rock music. The concert was the band's second appearance in College Station and judging by the audience's response, they'll be back again — and probably to a larger crowd.

Review

members: Cory Lerios, keyboards and vocals; Dave Jenkins, lead vocals and guitar; and Steve Price, drums.

From the beginning of their performance with the song "Worlds Away," there was no indication that any of the band members were new. The five musicians blended flawlessly both in their vocal harmonies and with their instruments.

Pablo Cruise effectively reproduced the crisp, layered sound of its popular songs including "Love Will Find a Way," "I Want You Tonight," "Cool Kind of Love"



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Pablo Cruise lead vocalist and guitarist Dave Jenkins entertains a full Rudder Auditorium Friday night with his smooth sound.

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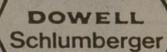
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