

Exciting to eyes, not ears

Milsap concert a medley

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The only bad thing about seeing Ronnie Milsap in concert is that he has so many hits he combines them all into a medley. Just as he gets to your favorite song, he switches to another.

Milsap entertained a less-than-full house with his songs

Review

and everybody else's Wednesday night.

Leon Everette, opening the concert with hits like "Hurricane" and "Midnight Rodeo," was one of the better opening acts Aggies have seen recently. Milsap's first song, "What a Difference You've Made in My Life," was greeted with an ova-

tion. The audience was quick to get on its feet throughout the show, but didn't have much life once it was there.

A medley included a lot of his hits, but not really enough. He spent more time singing other people's songs than his own, it seemed.

He sang Eagles' songs and Rolling Stones' songs and Pointer Sisters' songs, accompanied by a trio of tinkerbells who had obviously spent hours practicing snapping, swaying and head-tilting in unison.

Milsap has a wide repertoire, ranging from a Beethoven piece to "Jumpin' Jack Flash" to a gospel song, "Jesus is Your Ticket to Heaven."

And of course, there were the obligatory blind jokes, some old and some new. He still trusts his band only as far as he can see them, but that's okay, because they let him drive the bus sometimes. At night.

For someone who just went to the concert because there was a concert, it was entertaining.

But for people who went to hear Milsap, it was a disappointment.

Still, everyone kept an eye on him. There's probably a question in the back of the audience's mind: will this be the time he really does fall off the stage? Sorry folks, not this time.

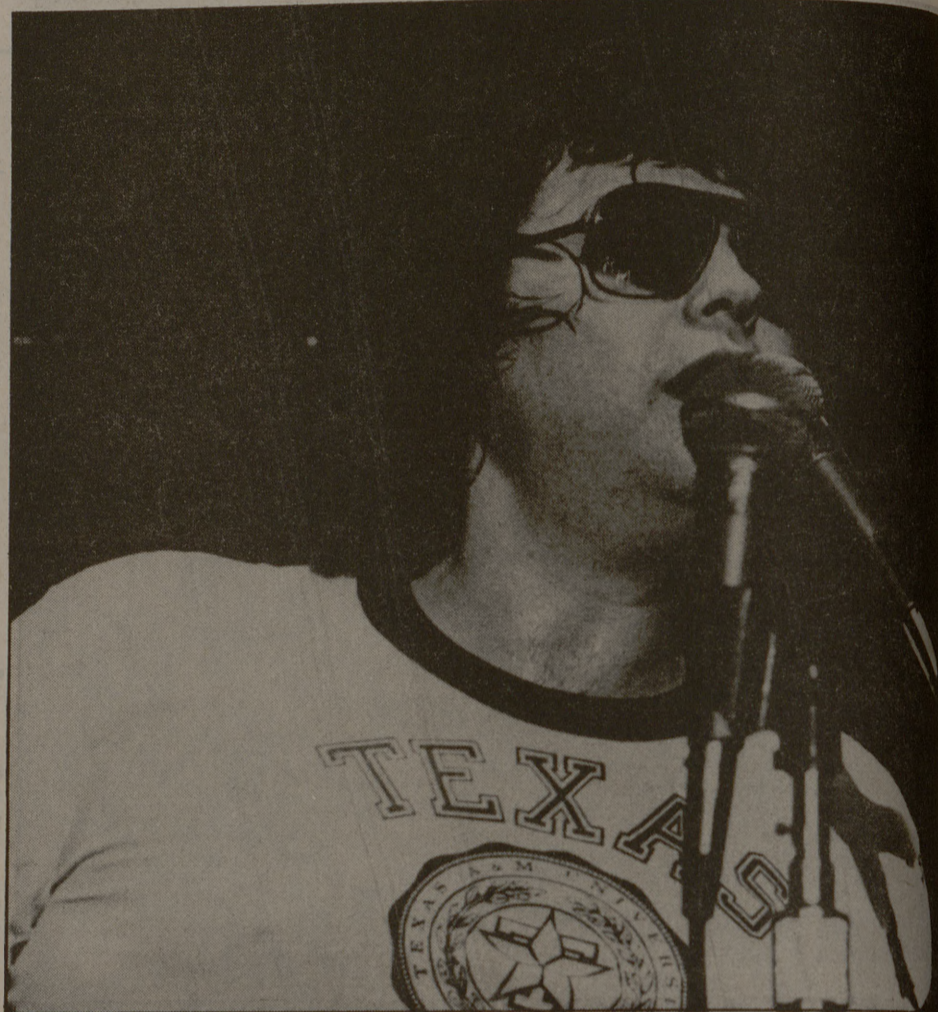


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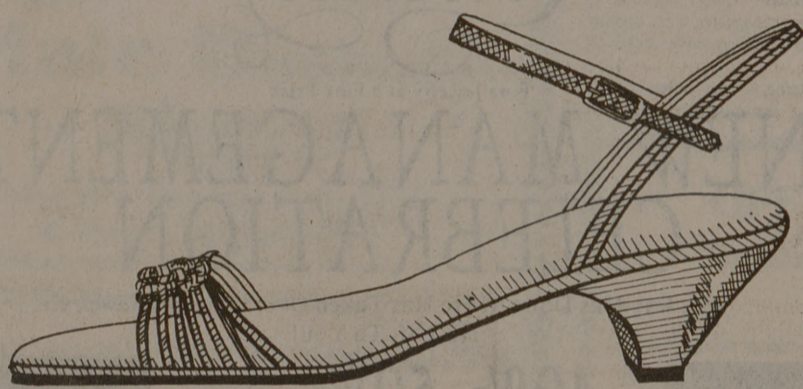
Ronny Milsap, sponsored by Town Hall, sings a medley of his hits Wednesday night in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

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Entry competition stiffens at A&M medical school

by Theresa Scott
Battalion Reporter

Competition for admission to the Texas A&M University College of Medicine is stiffer for the Class of '86 than it was for the Class of '81. The requirements are the same, but the number of applicants has increased considerably.

The medical school opened

in 1977. Applications for admission are up from 140 the first year to 930 this fall. Only 32 will be admitted.

"One of the reasons for the increase in numbers each year is because of our small class size," said Dr. William E. Ward, associate dean for student affairs in the College of Medicine. "Be-

cause of small class size, students

are better able to cope with the academic stress.

"This is a good support system within itself. Students and teachers are better able to work closely together."

Ward said that applicants for medical school need not be biomedical science or chemistry majors.

"There is no strong feeling as to what a student should major in as an undergraduate," he said. "Just about any major is acceptable."

Fishery science, engineering and English majors are presently enrolled.

However, undergraduates must take certain courses to qualify for admission. Those courses include inorganic and organic chemistry, biology, physics, calculus and English.

All 930 applicants must submit an official transcript from each university attended. Applicants must also furnish their scores from the Medical College Admissions Test.

Students are then invited to come for an interview with the 15-member Committee on Admissions. Six members are faculty at the College Station campus, six are faculty at the Temple campus and three are students elected by their classmates.

Interviews are conducted twice a month from August until June.

"In evaluating applicants, the committee relies heavily on grade averages, MCAT scores, letters of recommendation, personal interviews and physical and emotional health," Ward said. The selection committee also gets a feel for the applicant's motivation and personality, he said.

The committee does not make the final decision on admission but recommends students for acceptance to the dean.

The interview itself has a "built-in security system" for the students, Ward said. The students must go through three separate interviews with the people serving on the admissions committee. Students who don't do well in one interview may still be highly recommended on the basis of the other two interviews.

The filing deadline for admission in September 1982 was Nov. 1.

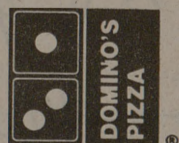
After acceptance, the first two years in residence are spent on the College Station campus studying basic science and doing classroom work.

The third and fourth years are clinical programs, mostly in Temple at the Scott and White Clinic and Hospital and at the Olin E. Teague Veteran's Center. These years consist mainly of traditional clerkships, as well as experience with ambulance care and other electives.

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