

Cheap Trick is next week's treat

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They're coming. They're really coming. The zaniest, entertaining-est rock band is really coming to Texas A&M.

Cheap Trick, sponsored by MSC Town Hall, plays here Thursday night at 8 in G. Rollie Coliseum. Town Hall should be applauded for their efforts.

Rumors started a month ago saying that Town Hall was getting Cheap Trick. But even when Town Hall announced the

concert, rumors surfaced that the group might cancel. But Town Hall spokesmen assure us that they really are coming.

In fact, Town Hall spokesmen say, ticket sales were delayed for two days to wait for confirmation.

The concert is sold out, but rest assured that you'll be able to hear the group outside as well as inside G. Rollie.

Cheap Trick is a Midwest-based high energy rock group. The group is led by guitarist and song-writer Rick Nielsen, the quintessential nerd-looking person. Nielsen and the band will go to any lengths to get a laugh. Their zany antics and audience interaction promise to make their concert here nothing short of hilarious fun.

The group's songs are pure power pop. Their lyrics are cute and direct and the songs are accessible to most. The songs also are full of catchy guitar riffs — when Nielsen refrains from his Ted Nugent imitations.

Their songs mostly are about girls: tight ones, southern ones and even ones that love to rock ... love Cheap Trick.

In addition to Nielsen, the band consists of lead singer Robin Zander; drummer Bun E. Carlos; and the newest member, bass guitarist Jon Brant.

Zander is the one with the Tiger Beat idol good looks. He has, some say, the uncanny ability to make every female in the first 40 rows think he's singing directly to them.

Cheap Trick, founded by Nielsen, formed around 1975 in the Midwest and toured that circuit for a couple of years before they released their first album, "Cheap Trick." The album raised a few eyebrows, but it wasn't until their second album, "In Color and in Black and White," that they started to become popular.

Their third album, "Heaven Tonight," with the hit single "Surrender," solidified that popularity and they're been recording gold and platinum records ever since.

Their newest album, "One on One," was released during the summer and contained the hit singles, "She's Tight" and "If You Want My Love."



Ghoulish make-up courtesy of Aggie Players

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Add the finishing touch to your Halloween costume and spirit by going to the make-up booth and haunted house sponsored by the Aggie Players from 8 p.m. till midnight tonight and Saturday night.

The haunted house will be in the theater arts rehearsal lab, in room 146 of the Academic and Agency building. Admission is \$1.

This is the first year the players have had a haunted house, Rachel Hernandez, president of the Aggie Players, said.

"Surprise things just pop out to scare you," she said. But it won't be a typical haunted house where people walk through, touch cold spaghetti and get chased out by sheeted ghouls, she said.

"We use lots of special make-up and costumes and people are doing things, not just standing around," Hernandez said.

The make-up booth will be set up outside the haunted house, with at least eight artists to cre-

ate a personalized Halloween look.

All types and colors of make-up will be used, and the price will depend on what is done and how much make-up is used. A minimum of 50 cents will be charged.

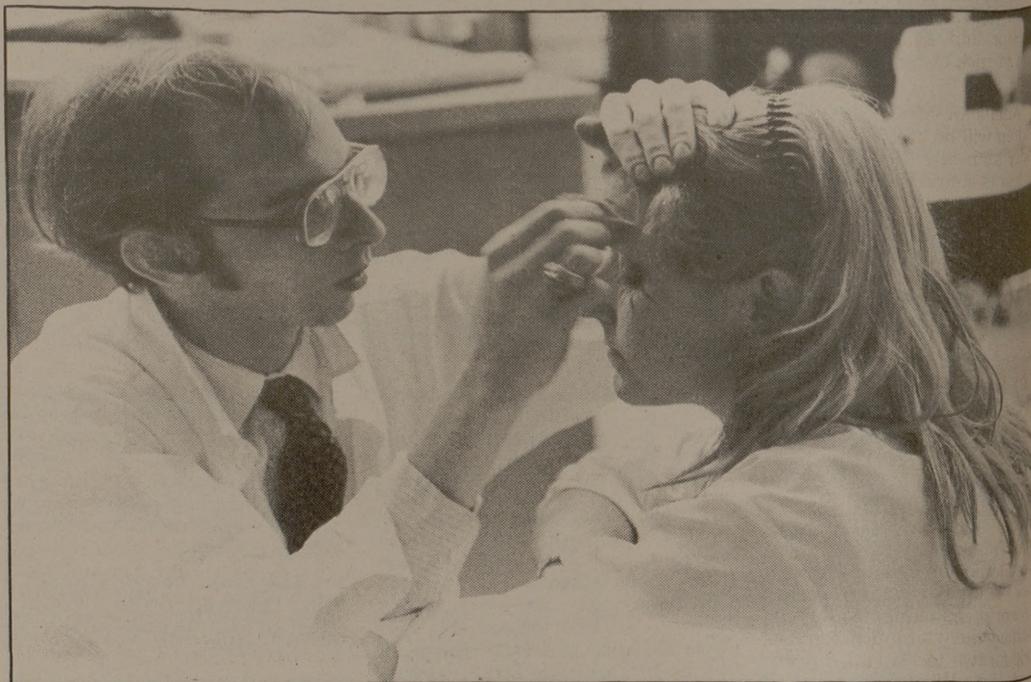
"People are only paying for the cost of the make-up," Hernandez said. "The make-up booth is something we enjoy doing."

Other Halloween activities have been planned around the community:

•The Jaycees are sponsoring a haunted house through Sunday in the Parkway Square Shopping Center from 7 p.m. until midnight. Admission is \$2.50 for persons over age 12 and \$1.50 for persons under 12.

•A Halloween Carnival will be hosted in the Lincoln Center tonight from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children.

•Post Oak Mall merchants will be distributing candy to trick-or-treaters on Halloween night, and Dracula is scheduled to arrive at 6:30 p.m.



Staff photo by Irene Mees

Bryan McKenzie, adds wrinkles to the face of Betsi Arnett, for her Halloween costume. The Aggie Players will paint A&M trick-or-treaters' faces in room 146 of the Academic

and Agency building tonight and Saturday night. McKenzie is an English graduate student Arnett is a sophomore majoring in Theater Arts. Both are from Houston.