

Rock band seeks Spanish army fans

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MADRID, Spain — The five members of Comando Rock swagger on stage with guitars, short haircuts, shiny black boots, the latest wrap-around sunglasses and costumes of decidedly military design.

As the red and blue strobe lights flash, the five musicians launch into songs that have propelled them into the public eye as the country's newest and most unusual group.

Comando Rock is a public relations project of the Spanish army.

The generals and captains who dreamed up the idea figure that having their very own rock group will help promote army values and improve the image young people have of the Spanish military.

"Rock is communication," said the band's manager, Capt. Jose Lera, watching a taping session for Comando Rock's first

television appearance. "That is what we hope to do: communicate with youth, bring the army closer to them."

Lera, a career officer in his early 30s, dressed for the session in ski jacket and corduroy pants, said a general who is "strictly a two-step fan" conceived the idea of Comando Rock.

Army sociologists and psychologists immediately began a remarkably complex series of studies and opinion polls to see if cadets and potential cadets would respond favorably. In other words, would it play in Pamplona? The answer was a resounding yes.

The only remaining detail was to find army cadets who could handle a guitar as well as a rifle. As luck would have it, a member of one of Spain's major rock groups had just been drafted.

By all accounts, the debut of Comando Rock in December at the Zaragoza army camp was a great success. Some 1,500 cadets and their girlfriends stomped and clapped to original songs like "The Goal of Honor," "Christmas on Guard Duty," "The Forgotten Dead," and "Peace Creates Heroes."

The steady rhythm and mainstream tunes were arranged by Vargas, but the lyrics were written by the army sociologists. The band "tells us what kind of song they want, and we write it for them," Capt. Lera said.

UNIVERSITY CENTER SCHEDULING NOTICE

APPLICATIONS FOR MEETING ROOMS IN THE UNIVERSITY CENTER COMPLEX FOR RECOGNIZED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS, CLUBS, AND GOVERNING BODIES ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE 1983 FALL SEMESTER (AUG. 29 - DEC. 16) IN THE SCHEDULING OFFICE, 2ND FLOOR, RUDDER TOWER.

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What's Up

Wednesday

- 31ST ANNUAL KIWANIS PANCAKE DAY:** Three Kiwanis Clubs of Brazos County will serve pancakes at the Brazos Center this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for children under 12.
- CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** A study of the book of Revelations is scheduled for 6 p.m. at St. Mary's Student Center. The Newman Club meets at 7:30 p.m. in the student center. Bring a friend for mass and fellowship.
- TEXAS A&M SAILING CLUB:** A club outing will be discussed at 7 p.m. in 321 Physics.
- APICS — AMERICAN PRODUCTION AND INVENTORY CONTROL SOCIETY:** Bill Ridings will speak on "The future of APICS" and elections will be held at 7 p.m. in 156 A&A.
- AGGIE SCOUTS:** Cookie sales and a spring trip will be discussed and Dr. Stone will be at a meeting tonight. For more information, contact Kari at 693-6833.
- AGRICULTURAL COMMUNICATORS OF TOMORROW:** Story assignments for The Agriculturalist will be handed out at 7 p.m. in 301 Reed McDonald. All ag. jour. majors are welcome.
- RHA TRADITION AWARENESS COMMITTEE:** A traditions workshop to discuss Aggie traditions is scheduled for 8 p.m. in 202 HECC. A field trip will be taken, weather permitting. Everyone is welcome.
- LIBERTY COUNTY HOMETOWN CLUB:** A meeting is scheduled at 7 p.m. in the Letterman's Lounge in G. Rollie White Coliseum.
- UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHAPEL:** Lenten Service with Holy Communion is scheduled for 10 p.m. at the University Lutheran Chapel, 315 N. College Main, College Station.
- LAMBDA SIGMA — SOPHOMORE HONOR SOCIETY:** An Ice Cream Social for current members is scheduled for 8:30 p.m. in 145 MSC.
- INTER-VARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP:** Habakkuk, a multimedia experience based on the Bible, will be shown at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater. It inquires into the meaning of History, God's role in the world and hope.
- MSC AGGIE CINEMA:** "A Night at the Opera" will be shown at 7:30 p.m. in 601 Rudder. Admission is \$1.50 with a Texas A&M I.D.
- PI SIGMA EPSILON:** A general meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in 125 A&A.

Thursday

- JUMPROPE FOR HEART:** The physical education department and The American Heart Association are sponsoring Jump Rope for Heart, a fund raiser, Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in 303 E. Kyle. For more information and forms go by 158 E. Kyle.
- TAMU SOCIETY FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND NEW VENTURES:** Frank Sekera will speak on the INIVE program at 7 p.m. in 120 A&A.
- CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** Married Students will hold a covered dish supper at 6 p.m. in the student center. On and off-campus Catholics will meet at 8 p.m. at the student center then go to the Hall of Fame.
- TOYOTA OWNERS ASSOCIATION:** Parts orders will be taken during a meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 321 Physics.
- ASPA:** Walt Baker, president of Brazos Valley Personnel Association will speak at 7:30 p.m. in 151 A&A.
- AGRICULTURE ECONOMICS CLUB:** David Howard Cargill will speak at 7:30 p.m. in 110 Harrington.
- MSC CEPHEID VARIABLE:** "Firefox," with Clint Eastwood will be shown at 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. in Rudder Theater.
- ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA (FRESHMAN HONOR SOCIETY):** Pledging — all freshmen with at least a 3.5 GPA having completed at least 15 hours, are eligible for membership at 6 p.m. in the MSC Ballroom.
- TAMU ICE HOCKEY TEAM:** Discussion of this week's games in Austin at 8 p.m. on the second floor of Sterling Evans Library.
- TAMU FENCING CLUB:** Meeting at 7 p.m. in 267 E. Kyle.

New rub-on drug may treat baldness

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WASHINGTON — A drug introduced in 1979 for high blood pressure treatment was found to have a strange side effect: it appeared to stimulate the growth of hair. Its maker is now testing the drug as a treatment for baldness.

Preliminary testing indicates the drug, minoxidil, produces hair growth in 20 percent to 40 percent of balding men and women when applied to the scalp in liquid form. As soon as the drug is discontinued, hair stops growing and falls out.

When taken in tablet form for high blood pressure, minoxidil sometimes causes fluid retention in the body and can cause fluid around the heart, a dangerous condition. Doctors usually must give the patient another drug to prevent fluid buildup.

The Upjohn Co., maker of minoxidil, is sponsoring a major study at 21 medical centers across the nation to see if the

drug is safe when applied externally as a baldness treatment, and to confirm its effectiveness as a hair growth stimulant.

The Washington Hospital Center is participating in the study and is beginning to enroll 100 volunteers between the ages of 18 and 49 who have what dermatologists call pattern balding, which is the most common form of baldness. With this condition, balding appears from the forehead to the crown in men and less frequently in women.

"At the present time, we don't know what to expect," said Dr. Thomas Nigra, chairman of dermatology at the medical center. "I'd say we will see a population of people who are going to grow hair and we'll also see a population of people who will not grow hair."

Doctors know that liquid minoxidil is absorbed to some degree through the skin and reaches the blood stream.

"Therefore, we must be concerned about the potential fluid

retention side effects," Nigra said at a briefing.

Because of the risk of effects, Nigra said all subjects will be given thorough physical examinations before taking the drug. The exam will include X-rays of the chest and sound measurements of the heart. These will be repeated in three months.

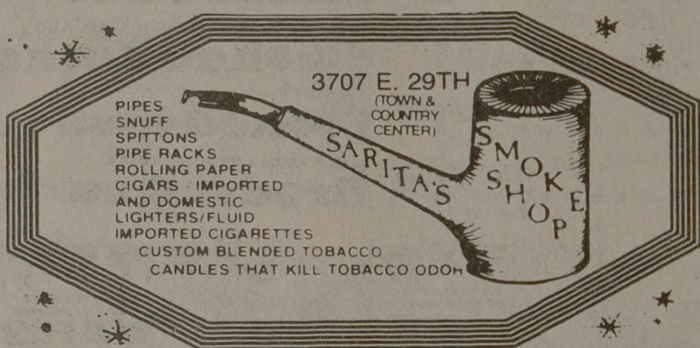
Every patient also must check himself daily to check for fluid retention.

The liquid preparation, which is not available at drug stores, will be massaged into the scalp twice a day at the rate of one cubic centimeter for each cubic centimeter of the scalp.

Half of the patients will be given a dummy preparation for the first three months and then they will be switched to a 3 percent concentration for the rest of the study. The other half will receive 2 percent or 5 percent solutions.

Once a month the subjects will return to the medical center for a hair examination. Researchers will count every hair in a 1-inch circle to see how effective the drug is.

Nigra said the drug probably will only work in those people who have little hair, or vellus hair, remaining in the bald area. The agent, he said, probably stimulates the growth of those hairs rather than inducing new hair growth.



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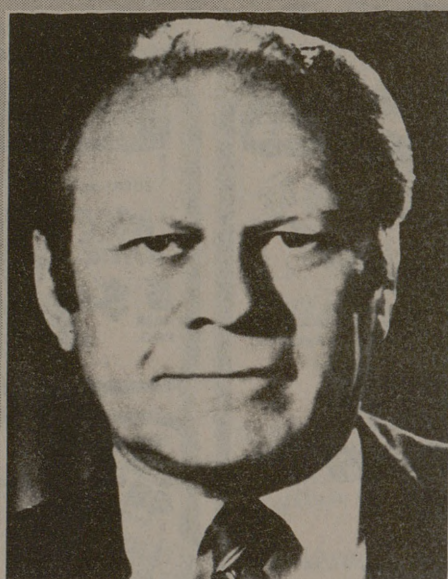
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