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Larry Gatlin sings Thursday night in G. Rollie White coliseum.  
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## Gatlin 'polished' despite problems

by Patrice Koranek  
Battalion Staff

Despite recurring problems with the sound system, Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers Band showed Thursday night's audience in G. Rollie White Coliseum that little problems can't stop a veteran act.

Playing to a house that was about two-thirds full, the Gatlin brothers showed that they had a polished act. Throughout the performance, Larry, the leader of the group, interjected comments about the whooping and hissing of the Aggie crowd. Several times during the evening he stepped back and clowned with the audience, giving the crowd a feeling for the people behind the music.

The group started the evening on a mellow note with "She Used to Sing on Sunday," and worked their way into fast-paced hits like "Nighttime Magic" and "All the Gold in California."

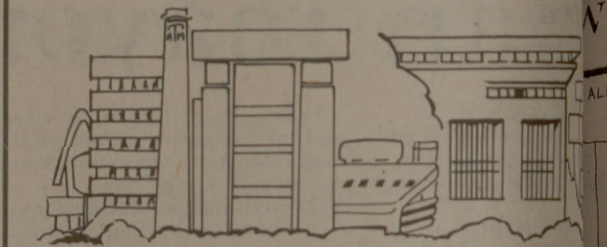
But no matter what kind of song the group was doing, the harmony and balance between the brothers' voices were great. In slow, haunting melodies like "I've Done Enough Dying Today" and "Midnight Choir,"

Larry's voice seemed to make the crowd sit up and listen to the poignant words. And in the faster songs, the backup from the band and harmony from his brothers kept the songs moving.

About midway through the performance, the band and brothers Steve and Rudy left the stage. Larry pulled up a stool and after bantering with the audience and telling Aggie jokes, he did a solo — a nonsense song called "I'm Just a Mannequin."

Trying to end the performance with "All the Gold in California," the band left the crowd excited instead of ready to leave. Realizing the audience's mood, the group came back and sang "We're Number One" and then left the audience in silence as they sang the gospel song "Alleluia."

The Gatlin Brothers' stage was simple compared to that of the opening act, the Bellamy Brothers, who also were entertaining. Hits like "You Ain't Just Whistlin' Dixie," "Sugar Daddy," "Let Your Love Flow" and "Reggae Cowboy," set the mood for the rest of the evening.



## Around town

Community classes to be offered

Beginning soon, more than one hundred classes and activities will be offered to area residents through the College Station Community Education spring session of classes. Registration for these classes will be held March 29 at the cafeteria of A&M Consolidated High School located on 2818 and Welsh Road. College Station residents may register beginning at 7 p.m. and all other area residents may register beginning at 7:30 p.m. Late registration will be held March 30-31 in the Community Education office, 109 Timberridge College Station.

Classes will be offered for all age groups in the areas of vocational, technical, and office skills; music and dance; personal enrichment; arts and crafts; health; fitness; recreation; and communication. Most courses run for six weeks with an average tuition cost of under \$20.

For more information on the types of classes offered, contact the Community Education Office at 696-3829.

### Wheelchair runners hold lap-a-thon

The three-man Texas A&M wheelchair track team is to see how many laps around Kyle Field they can accomplish in one hour's time. Sponsors will be solicited for a reward amount for each lap.

The lap-a-thon is to raise money for two programs: a trip to Colorado and a kayaking program for disabled students.

Any support will be greatly appreciated. For more information contact Larry Gee at 260-3097.

### High School Co-Rec softball offered

The College Station Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a High School Co-Rec Softball League. This league is for boys and girls in grades 9-12. All games will be played at Bee Creek Park on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The entry fee is \$130 per team. Registration and take place March 14-25 at the Parks and Recreation Department located in Central Park.

The Parks Department will be taking registration for the A&M Consolidated High School on March 22 from 11 a.m. till 1:15 p.m.

There will be an organizational meeting on March 23 at the College Station Community Center located at 109 Timberridge Jersey Street at 6 p.m.

For further information please call the College Station Parks and Recreation Department at 693-7273.

### BAC formal scheduled for Saturday

The Black Awareness Committee is holding a formal Saturday from 8-11 a.m. in the AggieLand Inn.

The theme of the formal is "Stepping Out" and tickets are \$8 for couples and \$5.50 for singles and are available at the MSC Box Office and at the door.

### Former CIA Director to speak here

Former CIA Director Admiral Stansfield Turner will speak at Texas A&M University on March 22 at 8 p.m. in the Rudder Theater. The topic of his speech will be "International Hot Spots." His talk is a presentation on how to identify and interpret information on the unrest in the world political arena.

Admiral Turner directed the CIA from 1977 to 1981 under President Carter. Prior to that he was Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Second Fleet and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces in Europe from 1974-77. Admiral Turner's job as Director of Central Intelligence put him in control of the entire U.S. intelligence community.

Admission is free. For more information please contact MSC Political Forum at 835-1515.

### Kiwanis to sponsor Pancake Day

Kiwanis Pancake Day has been set for Saturday at the Brazos Center.

The three Kiwanis Clubs of Brazos County will be serving pancakes from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. A delicious meal consisting of sausage and all the pancakes you can eat, along with coffee and milk will be served.

Prices are \$3 for adults and \$2 for children under 12. Proceeds from this 31st annual Pancake Day support community activities of the three local Kiwanis Clubs. Everyone is invited.

If you have an announcement or item to submit for the column, come by The Battalion office in 216 Reed Mall or call Tracey Taylor at 845-2665.

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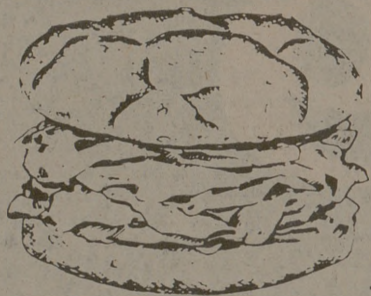
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