

## Baker says 'I'm a slob', makes a best-dressed list

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 WASHINGTON — Senate Republican leader Howard Baker, shocked at being named the second-best dressed man in government, Wednesday confessed to his colleagues that "I am a slob."  
 The small Tennessean said he has no taste in clothes and admitted his wife, Joy, makes him stand inspection in the morning before leaving their home.  
 Baker discovered his new honor in reading the

Washington Post, which ran a brief item on a poll conducted by the Tailor's Council of America.  
 President Reagan "barely" beat Baker, with former vice president and Democratic presidential contender Walter Mondale in third place.  
 "I have had a lot of surprises in my life but never as big as the surprise which faced me this morning before breakfast," Baker said at the start of the day's session.  
 Baker, dressed in a shape-

less brown suit with his coat unbuttoned, told the Senate, "I want to say I have absolutely no taste in clothes."  
 "During the Watergate hearings, I was flooded with gifts of clothing because people were ashamed to see me representing the forces of light and reason in my chosen attire," he said.  
 Baker said he began to wonder about the poll but then noticed some of the choices in other categories.

## Jimmy Buffet leads Ag to well-known hangout

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Jimmy Buffet's magical powers were in prime form Wednesday night at G. Rollie White Coliseum.  
 And as a result, Buffet put a spell on the crowd and took them on a trip to several well-known Buffet hangouts — like a sleazy bar, a beach party, the Caribbean, four lonely days in a brown L.A. haze and, yes, Margaritaville.

The trip was a success. The key ingredient in Buffet's successful potion Wednesday night was his ability to communicate with the audience like each person was his long lost friend — both during and between songs.

Buffet staged his show simply, but the props served their purpose. The 37-year-old opened his performance with some of his older songs in what was probably a very familiar setting for Buffet — a dimly lit bar complete with drunks and ceiling fans.

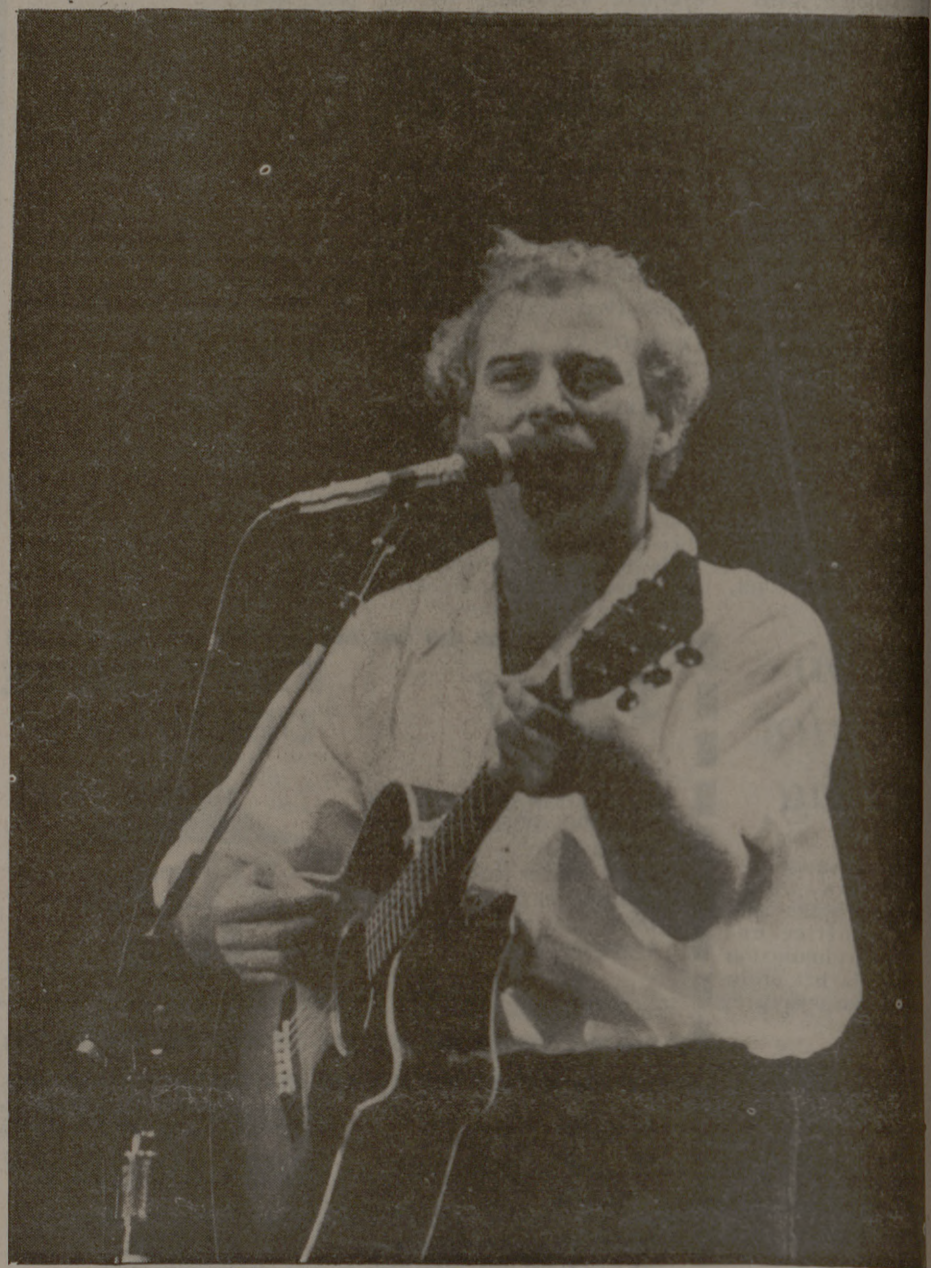
Songs like "Grapefruit Juicyfruit," "Son of a Son of a Sailor" and "I Wish I had a Pencil-thin Moustache" may not have had the crowd dancing in the aisles, but certainly were performed to near perfection by Buffet and his Coral Reefer Band.

The acoustics in the coliseum were the only hindrance to Buffet's familiar laid-back sound, but the set was successful nevertheless. His style and sound during the first set could have easily prompted visions of tall mugs of beer and billiard parlors.

But that was not to last. During Buffet's second set, the beat picked up and Buffet transformed the coliseum to a beach party that played "bootleg Buffet tapes."

"Cheeseburger in Paradise," "Changes in Attitude" and "I Don't Know Where I'm Gonna Go," were three songs that prompted the crowd to give Buffet deserved standing ovations.

Buffet's show was simple. Exploding bombs and glaring lights were nowhere to be found, but that's not Buffet's style anyway. Buffet kept things simple and direct — that's his style.



Jimmy Buffet performs at G. Rollie White Wednesday night.

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Just ask him, Buffet will tell you about what he did the first time a song of his ("Come Monday") became a hit.  
 "I bought a Falcon convertible, got my dog out of the pound and the rest is history," Buffet told the audience. In short, Buffet accomplished exactly what he set out to do Wednesday — he entertained.  
 Not without a good supporting cast, though. There are new faces in the Coral Reefer Band

on Buffet's current tour, but Josh Leo, Tim Schmidt and Co. did better than average jobs supporting Buffet.  
 What was perhaps the most pleasant surprise during Buffet's performance was good-sounding songs off his new album, "One Particular Harbour."  
 Buffet's style on songs like "Livin' It Up," and the title cut, "One Particular Harbour," hasn't changed from the sound

achieved on early albums. The performance "We are the People who Warned us About" was glorified Buffet's talents.  
 And Buffet's strong performance of his new songs that album sales should be down for a long while — should be at least two his latest album. Buffet proved that he isn't about down for a long while.

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