

Best Bets

"Best Bets" — a local entertainment information column — will be a regular feature of At Ease. It'll probably always be on page four or five, and aside from providing names, times, dates and places of bands and other entertainment-related events that happen around here, from time to time there will be information on events in Dallas, Houston and Austin (just in case the urge to embark on a road trip should strike).

Le Cabaret

This jazz club is the newest club in town, and offers live entertainment on weekends and occasionally during the week.

Tonight Houston group Jazz Plus will perform and Saturday Metropolis will play. Both shows will begin around 9 p.m. The club is located on Welborn Road north of University Drive. For more information call 846-1427.

Dr. G's

Located on South College, this club offers a little bit of everything. Acts over the summer have included everything from reggae to punk to rockabilly to folk music and just about everything in between. The club sells beer and wine — no hard liquor — but does provide set-ups for those who bring their own bottles.

Here's this week's calendar:

Tonight — I-Tex and the Frontier Dove Boys. Made up of two former members of reggae group the Lotions, this new group plays "country reggae."

Saturday — Rockabilly group Four Hams on Rye. This band — increasingly popular in the area — is a hometown group that includes a couple of Texas A&M students.

Sunday — Zeitgeist. Billed as "psychadelic hard-core punks from Austin," this group makes their last Texas stop at Dr. G's before taking off on a tour of the East Coast.

Monday — Legendary Blues Band. Rhythm & Blues. Glance down at the story under this column for more info.

Tuesday — Company Sea. No music — this is strictly for grins. A group of local comedians who perform skits. This week's topic is "Son of Q-Drops."

Wednesday — Dance Attack with Deanna. No live music. Deanna plays disc jockey while the floor is open for dancing.

Thursday — Killer Bees. Another reggae group. From Austin. Need more be said?

Most shows start around 9 p.m. For ticket and other information, call Dr. G's at 845-1812.

The Lakeview Club

Country/Western dance club that hosts live bands most of the time. Saturday — Dennis Ivy and the Dennis Ivy Band will be playing at 9 p.m. for ticket information and reservations call 823-0660.

The Texas Hall of Fame

Country/Western dance club that hosts live bands most of the time.

Tonight — The Debonaires will be performing.

Saturday — Jerry Nell and the Jerry Nell band will be playing.

The club is located on FM 2818 and shows start at 9 p.m. For more information call 822-2222.

Boogie-woogie blues band bops by Bryan

Superlatives aren't uncommon around here. And Aggies are pretty accustomed to the biggest, best, and top of the line. Well, The Legendary Blues Band, touting a pretentious but deserved title, is bringing its legend to Dr. G's on September 10.

Willie Bennett of Dr. G's said the band is the biggest show planned for the fall. Advanced tickets are \$7.50.

The famous "PineTop Perkins," 70-year-old lead pianist, has been named by critics as "the last of the barrelhouse boogie-woogie stylists."

Calvin "Fuzz" Jones, bassist-vocalist, and Willie "Big Eyes" Smith, drummer, are not only tight in their musicianship but

have been known to steal the show from Jerry Portnoy, harmonica player and lead-vocalist.

The group has performed in 26 countries, every major music festival in the world, Carnegie Hall, Kool Jazz Festivals and at the White House for the Carter administration. As the Muddy Water Band they collected six grammy awards.

The Legendary Blues Band, reminded rock 'n' roll of its roots during world tours with Eric Clapton, The Rolling Stones and Bob Dylan. They also appeared with The Blues Brothers in the movie of the same name and were featured in the movie "The Last Waltz."



New B/CS radio station offers top forty, fewer commercials

By DENA L. BROWN

Staff Writer

Tired of hearing too many commercials on the radio? KKYS (Kiss) 105, a new radio station in the Bryan-College Station area, believes in playing fewer commercials.

Program Director Skip Bishop says the commercial load for the station is half of the other stations in town, tying in with his own philosophy of playing less commercials.

Bishop says that the Bryan-College Station area is a good market for radio because it is growing.

KKYS 105 plays a "progressive contemporary hits format," Bishop says, combining top forty songs with the biggest smashes like Madonna, Prince, and Tina Turner. The station never plays hard-core rock groups.

Before starting the station, he says, a lifestyle survey was taken to study the market.

The least satisfied age group in the area was female, aged 22 to 49, so the station has targeted the market as 18 to 49 year-old males and females with a leaning toward the females.

KKYS is owned by Broadcast Properties, which owns six radio stations, four in Texas and two in Florida.

Bishop and one of the disc jockeys, Dr. Lou, come from a station in Panama City, Fla. Music Director Chris Bailey, who selects the records that go on the play list, comes from Atlanta and Florida.

The station's call letters add to its promotability.

So far, KKYS has sponsored a "Wet KKYS" contest where water balloons were dropped on

contestant's heads. If the contestants caught the balloons, they won a chance to try for a trip to Padre Island.

The contest, which had a \$1.05 entry fee, benefited the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The station's next contest is a "KKYS for Cash" contest. The first "KKYS for Cash" contest will be held tonight at Scandals.

Contestants will kiss their partners for one minute and five seconds. The audience will decide who wins by their response to each couple's efforts. Winners will receive \$105.

The next contest will be held at Malibu Beach Club on Friday, Sept. 14.

Winners of the "KKYS for Cash" contest will go on to a "Night of the Lips" contest where they can win \$1,005.

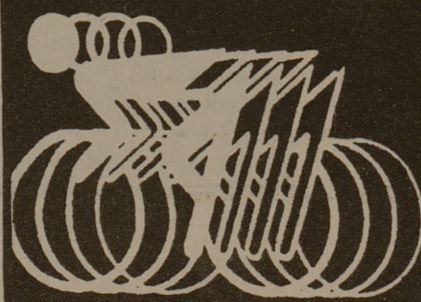
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