

Night Ranger and Cheap Trick thrill receptive crowd

By SAMBUCHMEYER
Reporter

Night Ranger and Cheap Trick played for an enthusiastic audience Friday night in Texas A&M's G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Cheap Trick was the opening act and quickly bashed its way through an energetic set list including the band's biggest hits. The group was fronted by singer Robin Zander and guitarist extraordinaire Rick Nielsen. With a barrage of flying guitar picks into the audience, Nielsen and the rest of the band performed rousing versions of "I Wanna You to Want Me," "Stop This Game," "She's Tight" and "Standing on the Edge." But the biggest response were registered for the band's latest hit "Tonight It's You" and the classic "Surrender."

However, the night belonged to Night Ranger. Coming off to the stage by way of a magic lamp and explosions, the band strutted its way through an incredibly tight set. With flashes of boyish charm, bandmem-

bers Jack Blades, Jeff Watson, Brad Gillis, Kelly Keagy and Alan "Fitz" Gerald thrilled the crowd with their own brand of heavy metal.

The highlight of Night Ranger's show was the guitar heroics of Watson and Gillis.

With songs like "Four in the Morning," "Sentimental Street," "Night Ranger" and "Touch of Madness," the band completely manipulated the crowd. The piece de resistance, however, was Watson's guitar solo on the song "You Can Still Rock in America," in which he featured an eight fingered hammer on/pull off technique.

The band's encore featured two of its biggest songs. The song "Sister Christian" was met with an overwhelming response as was the band's very first hit, "Don't Tell Me You Love Me."

At the end of the concert, bassist Blades assured the crowd that even though this was Night Ranger's first appearance in College Station it wouldn't be the last.



Guitarist Brad Gillis of Night Ranger displays some of his talents at Friday's concert.

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