

# Imitation

Will the real Prince please stand up?

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The screams at Tip-Top Records would have made you think he was the real thing. And the purple trench coat, white jump suit, boots and the beaded hat made him more convincing.

Sean Farrar, Prince look-a-like, even speaks in the hushed voice of the superstar.

People at the record store were shocked, he almost looked too real. Farrar signed photographs of himself and talked to the crowd. Meanwhile several girls stood by in awe.

"He looks just like him," one admirer said. "I think he's sweet."

Farrar, a 20-year-old Baltimore native, has been performing as Prince for about two years, mostly at benefits.

He says acting like Prince is easy for anyone who is a Prince fan.

"I've been a Prince fan from the very beginning," Farrar says. "Anyone who is a Prince fan naturally knows how Prince would act."

Jeff Rave, Farrar's manager, says Prince heard rumors of his double and made a special trip to get a first-hand look.

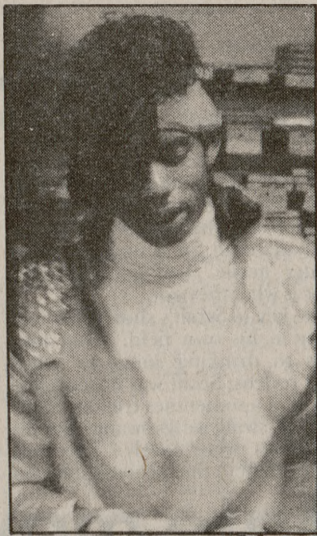
"He was interested so he came down to Baltimore to get a look at Sean," Rave said. "He was very subtle, but he was surprised at the resemblance."

One unimpressed mother told her daughter she would have to leave soon for an appointment. When her daughter threw a fit, her mother threatened to leave her.

Fits by fans are common when Farrar is around. He says he gets tired of people yanking on his hair to see if it's real.

"One girl actually stuck her hands down my pants," Farrar said.

Farrar hopes his look-a-like work will be good experience when he begins his own show business career. He plays a number of instruments and usually performs with his own band. Texas was just a little too far away for the band to make the trip.



Sean Farrar as Prince

Farrar is to perform at a benefit for the Brazos Valley Food Bank on Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Bryan Civic Auditorium.

Rave promises an exciting show. "It's just like watching a Prince video," Rave said.

# CS council to aid handicapped

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The College Station City Council awarded a contract Thursday for a sidewalk that may help handicap students get to school a little easier. And the council got a chewing out from a College Station woman who said she has had enough of a bad situation.

The sidewalk will line Nagle Street in the Northgate area. Council members said the proposal was first considered after several members saw that handicapped students were having a hard time getting along on the street.

Nagle Street runs between the new parking lot, formerly the mud lot, and St. Mary's Catholic Church. Wade Contractors received the con-

tract with a low bid of \$11,146 and projected the work will take 30 days.

The council also got an earful from Irene Barksdale, who told the council she was fed up with the traffic problem at two intersections near Southwood Valley.

She said the intersections at Ponderosa and Highway 6 and Deacon and Highway 6 are dangerous and residents in her neighborhood want something done about them.

Barksdale said there have been a combined total of 74 accidents at the two intersections. She presented a petition to Mayor Gary Halter and some strong words.

"You people are elected to represent us and if you don't we'll get someone who will," Barksdale said.

After the meeting, Council member Lynn McIlhenny assured Bar-

ksdale that the council was aware of the problem. But McIlhenny said the highway department would have to contribute to a solution the problem.

In other action:  
• The council considered a proposal that would make Wilderness Park a reserve for an endangered species of orchids. Wilderness Park is about 400 acres south of town that the council has set aside for a park.

Dr. Hugh Wilson, a biology professor at Texas A&M, gave a presentation on the rare flower.

• The council renamed the Brazos County Arboretum after D.A. "Andy" Anderson in honor of his outstanding service to the community. Halter said Anderson was instrumental in establishing the Arboretum.

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