

State and Local

Bluegrass act takes first in MSC Variety Show

By Margaret Artz
Reporter

A bluegrass duo won first place Friday in the 1986 Memorial Student Center Variety Show, which featured 12 acts and two guest performers.

The show was held before a sold-out audience in Rudder Auditorium.

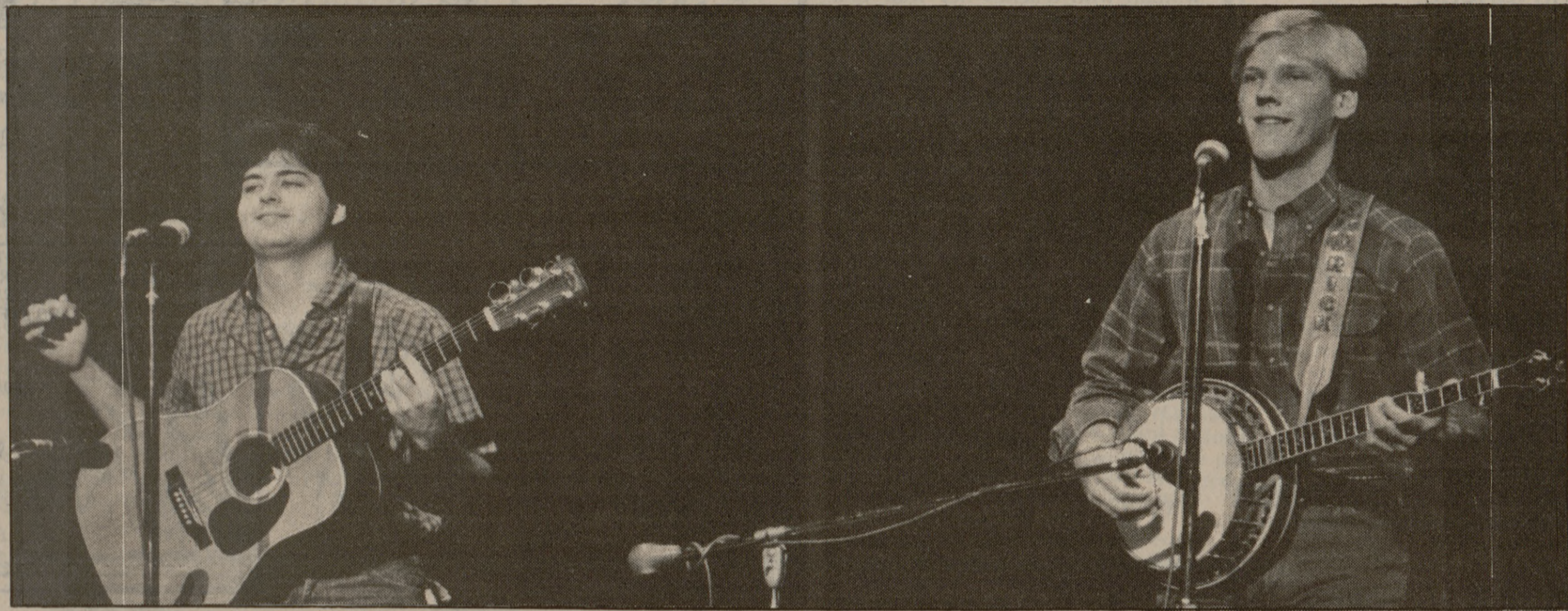
Tim Williams and Rick DeLeonard took first place in the show for their performance of "Too Far Gone." Williams and DeLeonard, both from Idaho, placed third in the 1985 variety show.

"Not Necessarily Music," a rhythm-and-blues band, won second place for performing original music written by member David Owens. The group also featured Barry Bates, Phil Brandon, Drew Decker, Larry Gregory, David Hess, Steve Owens, Aaron Kocurek and Ken Scott.

"The Pendergrass Brothers," a guitar/vocalist duo featuring Gary and Benny Pendergrass, won third place.

The three winners received cash awards of \$100, \$75 and \$50, respectively.

Also performing in the show were the "Aggie Wranglers" and a Cast of Thousands, a country-and-western dance troupe; Ron Golub, who sang and played the guitar; "The Foot-tompers," a fiddle and guitar combination featuring Felix Guerrero and Jerry Grimsley; "Magic at its



Tim Williams and Rick DeLeonard perform the version of "Too Far Gone" that won them first place at the MSC Variety Show.

Photo by Anthony S. Casper

Best," a magic and comedy act performed by Robert DeVargas; and Marc Bailey, who sang original songs and was accompanied by Rick Thurman.

Other acts included "Lovesongs, Old and New," featuring singer Martin Hubert; "Chi Omega Pro-

ductions," a dance team featuring Lisa Richardson, Merita Staggs, Sheri Steele, Karen Leatherman, Deanne Rickert and Kelly Mueller; "The Swinging Cadets," a singing and musical group featuring Claire Borne, Dennis Garth, Ely Dlugos, Amy Ferguson, Meg Kash and

Mandy Schubert; and Jeff Smith, a musician and vocalist who performed several original songs.

The variety show also featured a guest performance by Michael Patino and Rhonda Grider, a piano/vocalist team that won first place in last year's show, and a rendition of "The

Cotton Bowl Shuffle" performed by Steve Owens, Mark Giltner, Gary Jenkins, Mark Taylor, Rusty Batey, Marc Powell, John Maverick and Jeff Fite.

The show's master of ceremonies was comedian David Naster.

White predicts re-election despite poor poll showing

MARSHALL (AP) — Despite a new opinion poll showing him trailing each of the three Republican gubernatorial candidates, Gov. Mark White insists he's not worried about his re-election chances.

Recalling 1982 polls that showed him losing to then Gov. Bill Clements, White said his first full day of campaigning Saturday left him feeling good about the May 3 primary and the general election.

Although White was greeted by unhappy teachers at some of the East Texas appearances he said the sweeping school reforms he pushed through the Legislature in 1984 were necessary for the state's future.

"The children of our state are going to be the oil and gas of our future," White said. "Next month, we'll be graduating 160,000 youngsters across this state, and I see each and every one as a potential Spindletop."

Hopefuls shun LaRouche's party

HOUSTON (AP) — Organizers for Lyndon LaRouche claim to have fielded more than 80 candidates for Houston-area Democratic Party executive committee posts, but some candidates now repudiate connections to the political extremist.

Several candidates describe themselves as political innocents who first bought LaRouche literature at airports or on downtown sidewalks. They talk of being wooed by LaRouche supporters with frequent phone calls and personal visits.

Some said they mistakenly thought LaRouche and his National Democratic Policy Committee were affiliated with the Democratic Party

when they were asked to make donations to the committee.

And now they want out. D.R. Murrin of Channelview, a candidate in Precinct 150, is one person who no longer wants to be linked to the group.

She said her candidacy was "kind of a railroaded deal. They prey upon a person that really doesn't know too much about what's going on, and I consider myself just an average working person."

The Houston Post reported Sunday that it contacted 22 LaRouche candidates for the executive committee and 14 either disavowed any continued affiliation with the NDPC or

wanted their names removed from the ballot.

Mary G. Molina, a candidate for the Precinct 70 seat on the executive committee of the Harris County Democratic Party, said, "I'm not running for anything, and I don't want to run for anything."

Molina is one of the NDPC counts among its list of candidates, but she said she was not aware she's running for the post.

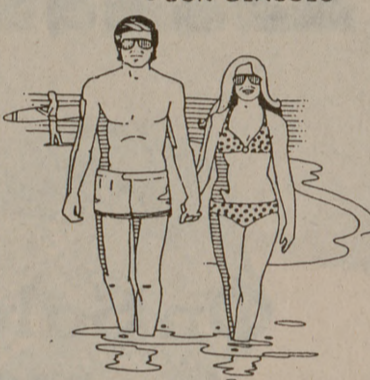

Harley Schlanger, the committee's Southwest director and candidate in the 8th Congressional District, said the group had not been contacted by any candidate wanting off the ballot.

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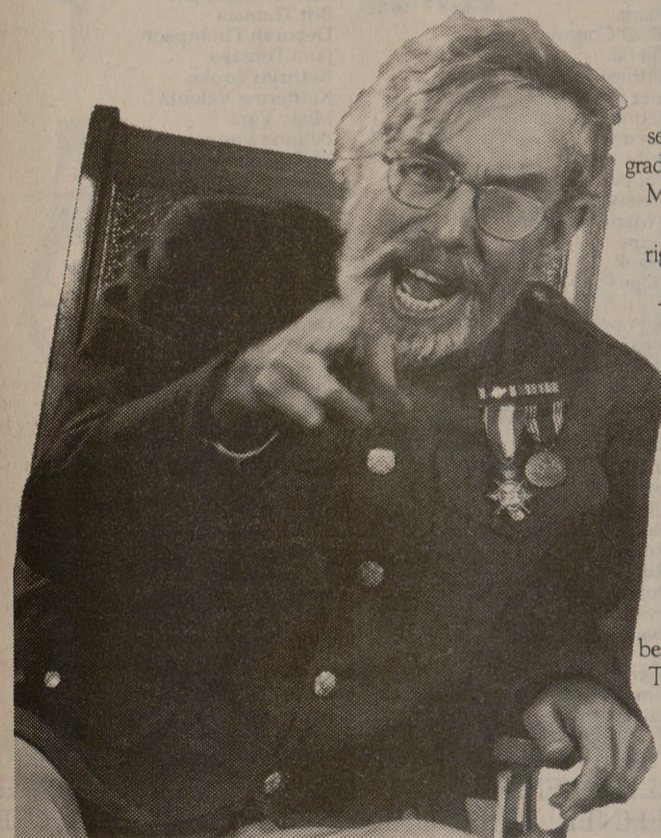
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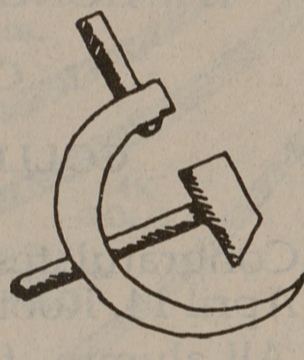


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MSC Town Hall/Broadway and the Arts Council of the Brazos Valley present "The Oldest Living Graduate" April 24 at 8 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium at Texas A&M. Part of Preston Jones' Texas Trilogy, this special tribute to the people of Texas is made possible by the Texas Commission on the Arts.

Don't miss your chance to reserve the best seats in the house! Tickets are available at Ticketron and the MSC Box Office, 845-1234. VISA and MasterCard accepted.

Ticket Prices	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
Non-Student	\$8.50	\$6.75	\$4.50
Sr. Citizen/Student	\$7.50	\$6.00	\$4.00



FROM OPPRESSION TO FREEDOM



Beginning last Wednesday reports have circulated that Nobel Peace Prize winner Andrei Sakhorov would be released from Soviet internal exile within the next month. On April 16th MSC Great Issues Committee is bringing to Texas A&M Alexander Ginzburg. Alexander Ginzburg is a former Soviet dissident and colleague of Andrei Sakhorov. Both Ginzburg and Sakhorov were persecuted for their outspoken stand against the Soviet government's infringements on civil rights. In 1981 Ginzburg was traded to the West for 2 convicted Soviet spies.



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