

Previews

Best Bets

Well, folks, if you miss the Judy's concert tonight, the Aggie game tomorrow and the Voices of Praise performance tomorrow night, you've missed the major entertainment events in the Brazos Valley for this weekend. Of course, after reading the At Ease feature on Austin, you may decide to pack your bags and head out of Aggieland one weekend ahead of schedule.

If it's just not your style to desert the Aggies when that SWC championship is so close — and yet so far — then consider some of these best bets:

Le Cabaret

Le Cabaret is in the Westgate Shopping Center on Wellborn Road. Anyone 21 or older admitted. Call 846-1427 for more info.

Next Wednesday - Lippman Music Co. Jam Session — local musicians. No cover.

Morgenstern's

This club is about one-half mile north of campus on College Main. Those 21 and older are admitted. Beer, wine and setups are served. For more information, call 846-1812.

Friday - Design for Living. Cover \$4.

Saturday - The Locomotives. Cover \$4.

Next Thursday - Battle of the Bands Part II. No cover.

Sunset Grill

Sunset Grill is between Charlie's Grocery and the Cow Hop at Northgate. Under 21 admitted.

Serves beer, wine and setups to legal drinkers. For more information on cover charges, call 846-9351.

Friday - Notropis. Jazz.

Saturday - Sneaky Pete and the Neon Madmen. '50s and '60s rock.

Sunday - Pat Foster. Rock guitarist.

Next Tuesday - The Hollow Men. New wave.

Next Wednesday - Sneaky Pete. Solo guitarist.

Next Thursday - Dru Wilson. Acoustic rock.

the judy's come to town

At a time when the public wants to hear the musical efforts of models, actors and even comedians who feel a need to exercise their vocal cords for cash, it's refreshing to find a group that's sincere.

The Judy's will take the stage tonight in Deware Fieldhouse from 8 to 11, and this trio from Pearl- and is about as sincere as you can get. Their look, their sound and their lyrics add to the genuine quality of the Judy's. They are believable.

The Judy's have put out three albums to date — "The Wonderful World of Appliances," "Washarama," and their latest, "Moo."

David Bean, the group's lead singer, says the title for the most recent album was purely spontaneous.

"It just kind of came out of the air like a lot of the stuff we do," Bean says.

The band's repertoire ranges from songs about milk and television reruns to the Iranian hostages and the Three Mile Island nuclear disaster.

But while the Judy's lyrics are simple and concise, they are definitely not lacking in intellectual depth.

"Guyana Punch", an

eerie song about Rev. Jim Jones ("There's a strange one in the jungle,/ And he says that death need not hurt,/ There's a strange one in the jungle,/ He's got something to quench your thirst./ Freshen up, freshen up, freshen up.")

explores the tragic impact of the Jonestown Massacre.

The group has a knack for satirizing the superficial and materialistic values that seem to dominate the upwardly mobile psyche today.

"All The Pretty Girls", a scathing putdown of stuck-up high school girls, ("Well they all have athlete boyfriends,/ And they all wear designer jeans,/ Always puttin' on too much make-up,/ And the prom is their only dream."), and "Magazine Man" ("He's so GQ") are perfect examples.

The music, dubbed minimalistic, utilizes few instruments and simple phrasing, producing an uncluttered sound that invariably starts toes tapping and heads bobbing to the beat.

Bean says that since releasing their last album, the band has undergone some changes.

Judy's drummer, Dane Cessac, left the band and a few new members were

added. Matthew McCarthy, 21, is the new drummer, Scott Krshnak, 23, plays the saxophone and Vanita E., according to Bean, is just the girl. She doesn't play an instrument, she doesn't sing, but she does dance a little, he says.

Besides Bean, Jeff Walton, 23, is the only other original member of the Judy's. He plays bass guitar and sings.

Most of the members are still in college, and while sometimes the needs of the band have to come after schoolwork, Bean says it hasn't been much of a problem.

"What's going on with the (college students in the) band is also going on with the people we play for. So it kind of keeps us in tune with the audience," he says.

While Bean, 24, holds a B.B.A. and an M.B.A. from the University of Houston, he plans to make music his career. He does hope, however, to put his degrees to use in handling the management side of the band, he says.

Bean writes most of the music and lyrics that the band performs. He says he has no set technique for developing a song.

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Voices of Praise present 'Gospelfest'

With voices powerful enough to move mountains, an group of student singers will be creating some major motion tomorrow night on the A&M campus. Rudder Theater will be rocking at 7 p.m. as the Texas A&M Voices of Praise, a subcommittee of the Black

Awareness Committee, presents "Gospelfest '86 ... A Gospel Music Extravaganza."

The show promises to be an uplifting event as the Voices fill the theater with inspirational music.

The Voices will sing a variety of tunes, including compositions by their own

musicians. All of the numbers are filled with such emotion and sincerity that concert-goers are sure to be caught up in the upbeat rhythm.

Tomorrow night's show will include guest choirs from San Antonio, Sam Houston State University, the University of

Texas, Prairie View A&M University and Lamar University.

After the Voices open the show, each choir will perform for about 15 minutes, and then all the groups will join together for a final performance.

If you find yourself in need of some inspiration

with finals just around the corner, you might want to give Gospelfest '86 a try. You can pick up tickets at the Rudder Box Office for \$3.50 if you're a student, and \$4 if you're not. It's a small price to pay for a large dose of spirit-lifting excitement.

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