

# State and Local

## Judy's performance lacks luster but shows A&M's need for bands

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The Memorial Student Center's Town Hall committee deserves a pat on the back for bringing the Judy's to DeWare Field House Friday night. The show itself wasn't that fantastic, but it showed there is a need for that type of program at this school.

The group plays a unique style of minimalistic, new wave music. The band has released three albums, "The Wonderful World of Appliances," "Washarama" and "Moo," that have been extremely popular in the Houston area.

The band's live shows also have been popular.

Originally a trio consisting of David Bean on lead vocals, guitar and keyboards, Jeff Walton on bass and backing vocals, and Dane Cessac on drums, but the band has made a few changes.

Cessac has been replaced by Matthew McCarthy on drums and a saxophone player, Scott Krshnak, has been added.

The band also has added a "girl," Vanita E. She doesn't sing or play an instrument, she just stands on the drum riser and dances. Friday night was the second time the band has played in public with the new lineup.

About 2,000 people were packed into DeWare to see the new Judy's. Most of the audience

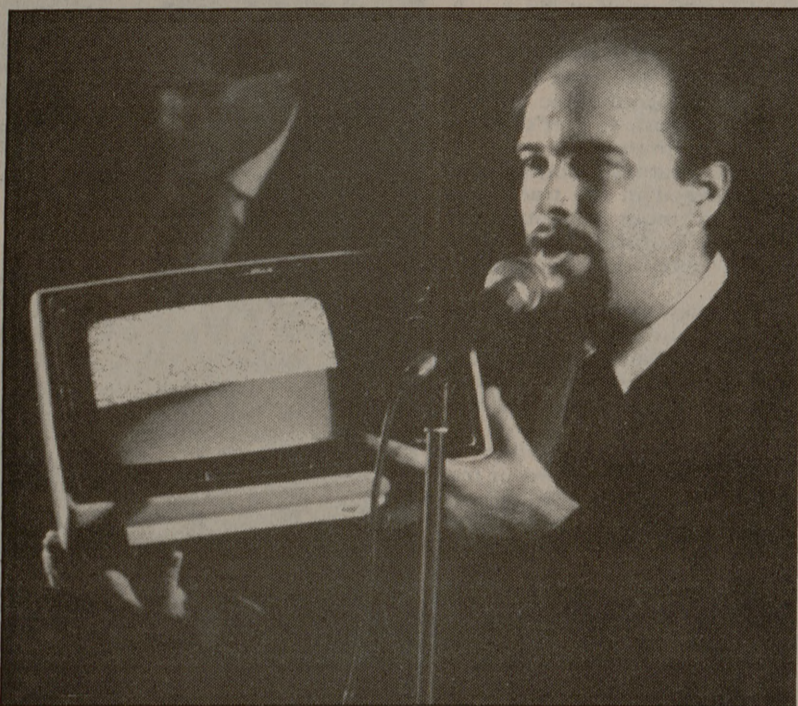
seemed familiar with the music and sang along with the band.

The look of the Judy's has changed quite a bit. The sweaters the band members used to wear, which looked like rejects from the old "Lost in Space" television show, have been replaced with black tuxedos. Bean now sports a beard and looks like a beatnik, the type who would hang around with Jack Kerouac. But he still adds his special brand of humor to the music.

During "Watching My TV," Bean holds a portable television set on his shoulder and sticks it in front of the microphone so that the chorus is punctuated with static. For "Guyana Punch," a nice little song about Jim Jones, Bean grabs a pitcher of water and douses the audience.

The Judy's played a few new songs along with songs from their albums. Aside from "Guyana Punch" and "Watching My TV," the band played "Mental Obsession" and "She's Got the Beat" from the "Washarama" album. "Milk" and "Grass is Greener" from the "Moo" album also were featured.

The evening had its ups and downs. The band didn't show much energy during some of the newer songs.



David Bean of the Judy's holds a portable television set to the microphone during the chorus of "Watching My TV."

Photo by Greg Bailey

Krshnak's sax added quite a bit to the sparse arrangements of the band, but the old songs weren't much different. DeWare's poor

acoustics caused problems. It was hard to hear the vocals over the bass and drums for most of the concert.

## Drilling program opens new facility in research park

By Bob Grube  
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After operating in cramped quarters and waiting 23 months for construction on a new facility to be completed, the Ocean Drilling Program officially has moved into its new 60,000-square-foot headquarters in the Texas A&M Research Park.

David G. Eller, chairman of the A&M Board of Regents, said Friday afternoon at the dedication ceremony that he was sure the move into the new complex was a relief to the people working with the ODP.

"The staff and researchers of the ODP have not only been split up for the last two years but they have also been in very cramped quarters," Eller said. "I'm sure they are very relieved to be over here together again."

A&M President Frank Vandiver accepted the dedication of the building from Eller.

"One of the happiest duties I have ever done at Texas A&M is accepting this dedication for this magnificent structure," Vandiver said. "It has accomplished many great things since it opened its doors at A&M. The ODP is a wonderful addition to our campus."

Dr. Melvin Friedman, dean of the College of Geosciences, said the ODP not only would help A&M but also would boost the local economy. He said that from April 1983 to August 1986, the ODP had brought in more than \$76 million in research grants to A&M.

"About 16 percent of that money will be spent locally," Friedman said, "and about 96 percent of the money will be spent in the state of Texas."

Dr. D. James Baker, president of the Joint Oceanographic Institutions Inc., said the ODP has an operating budget of \$45 million and that the new facility cost about \$5 million.

"Today we see a completion of a part of this program that began over 20 years ago," Baker said. "Today's

ODP came from the Deep Sea Drilling Program. Now it is clear we are entering a new phase of research."

"Its success is based on the expertise and enthusiasm of the science operator — Texas A&M University. President Vandiver has enthusiastically supported this program and project. The new building is just a beginning."

Friedman gave special recognition to Michel T. Halbouty, chairman of the Geosciences and Earth Resources Advisory Council, crediting Halbouty with being responsible for the program's being awarded to A&M instead of to the University of Southern California.

Halbouty said the ODP is important not only to the local area and the state, but also to the world.

"Texas A&M has collected the knowledge of the ocean depths and will help advance geological research to a new dimension," Halbouty said. "Each bit of information will lead us closer to knowing what happened on this planet many years before."

Dr. Mark L. Money, vice chancellor for Research Park and Corporate Relations, said he wants the research park to be as attractive as possible so it will attract other researchers to the area.

Dr. Philip D. Rabinowitz, director of the ODP at A&M, said the ODP is a complex organization that involves more than researchers.

"We are second to none as far as capabilities and technology," Rabinowitz said. "We who use these facilities are indeed indebted to . . . those who strove to make the ODP as excellent as it is."

"ODP is international. It is funded by the National Science Foundation and several countries, including Japan, France and Great Britain. The Russians have informed us that they will be joining the program, and have invited us to Moscow in 1987."

## Cisneros: 'New Texas' faces choice for future

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas faces a choice between mediocrity and excellence as it prepares for the "New Texas" of the 21st century, San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros says.

Cisneros was the keynote speaker Saturday for a University of Texas conference on the state's future.

A panelist on the program, Larry Temple, chairman of the Select Committee on Higher Education,

said the actions of the 1987 Legislature may determine the state's standing in higher education circles for the next two decades.

The second annual Allan Shivers Conference was part of the College of Journalism's "New Texas" Sesquicentennial project devoted to Texas' future in the information age.

Temple noted that the recent special legislative session made deep

budget cuts, mostly in higher education, and approved only a small tax increase.

"The jury is out on our commitment to higher education," he said. "When the Legislature meets in the spring . . . it may determine for a couple of decades what we do in the economy of this state as it relates to higher education."

Another panelist, economist Ray

Perryman of Baylor University said his 20-year economic prediction for Texas showed a 2.9 percent growth rate for the state, higher than the national prediction of 2.7 percent.

"It is the response of the people of Texas that causes me to be optimistic," he said. "The state always does a little bit better than expected. The people have a can-do spirit."

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