

# State and Local

## Christian club may 'fill gap' in B-CS area

By Melanie Perkins  
Staff Writer

A new breed of nightclub opened in College Station Tuesday — one the owners are hoping will fill what they see as a gap in Bryan/College Station nightlife.

The Upper Room, a hole-in-the-wall at 701 Texas Ave. across from the Texas A&M campus, is billed as a Christian nightclub — a place for young Christian men and women to interact socially in a healthy, non-denominational atmosphere — no cursing, smoking, or alcohol.

"It is a place to share joy, problems, feelings, emotions, good times as well as bad times — a place where relationships are more important than cars or money," said Bryan attorney Bart Munro, who with two other men, formed the non-profit corporation which runs the club.

The Weldon Sisters from Navasota performed gospel music at the opening, and several speakers and well-wishers addressed the onlookers, among the more well-known of whom was Larry Ringer, mayor of College Station. Ringer wished the club success and presented a Bible to the owners.

Munro said the original concept for the club came from his high-school daughter, who was tired of ending up at Sonic when she went out and said there was no place to go for a teenager who doesn't want to



Photo by Dean Saito

Chuck Bruegger, co-partner of The Upper Room, stands by the non-alcoholic bar of the new nightclub.

drink, smoke or be chased by boys. He and his partners — Chuck Bruegger of Bryan and Jeff Leissner of Bay City — saw a similar need in the college community. Thus the concept for The Upper Room was born.

The name of the club refers to The Last Supper, where Christ shared food and fellowship with his apostles before his death. The Up-

per Room is formed on the same principles — to be a kind of meeting place or watering hole.

Besides atmosphere and fellowship, the club offers snacks, non-alcoholic beverages, games, live and recorded music, talent nights and a small dance floor.

The club agenda is flexible, since

there is no model to go by, and will be based on what people want to do or see.

The Upper Room will raise revenue through the sale of refreshments, from coin-operated games and from a \$2 cover charge on weeknights, with a \$3 cover on weekends. It's open Tuesday through Saturday from 7-11 p.m.

## Art exhibit gets a 'jump-start' with frogs that do the tango

By Rachel Cowan  
Reporter

The dancing frogs on the Harrington Education Center are part of a traveling exhibit commemorating the Texas Sesquicentennial.

Six sculptures were delivered on a flatbed truck and put in place with a crane Wednesday morning. The display, sponsored by the University Art Exhibits, will last through May 4.

The Laguna Gloria Art Museum in Austin organized the exhibit, which has already been to Lubbock and Temple. After leaving Texas A&M, it is scheduled to visit Amarillo and Texarkana.

An ice sculpture, carved out of blocks of colored ice with a chainsaw by artist Bert Long, will

be added Feb. 26. Museum representative Peter Meer expects this exhibit to last one or two days.

"These works appeal to a broad selection of people," Meer said.

University Art Exhibits Coordinator Hermona Dayag said, "People are reacting to it. Some don't like it while others are amused."

"Three Frogs," which depicts one playing a horn and two dancing the tango, were made out of plastic and steel by Robert Wade.

Luis A. Jimenez Jr., of Hondo, New Mexico, created "Howl." This Fiberglas statue portrays a wolf howling at the moon.

The child's toy from the game jacks is enlarged in Jim Love's creation, "Jack," made of steel pipe.

Large pieces of wood and steel make up the larger-than-life "Date Cluster". James Surls of Splendora, Texas crafted the sculpture.

Jesus Bautista Moroles of Rockport, Texas made "Interlocking Las Mesas", a nine-foot structure of pink Texas granite.

The red abstract sculpture of welded steel, "B-lanco 17", was created by Mac Whitney.

Dayag said the Texas Commission on the Arts helped fund the exhibit.

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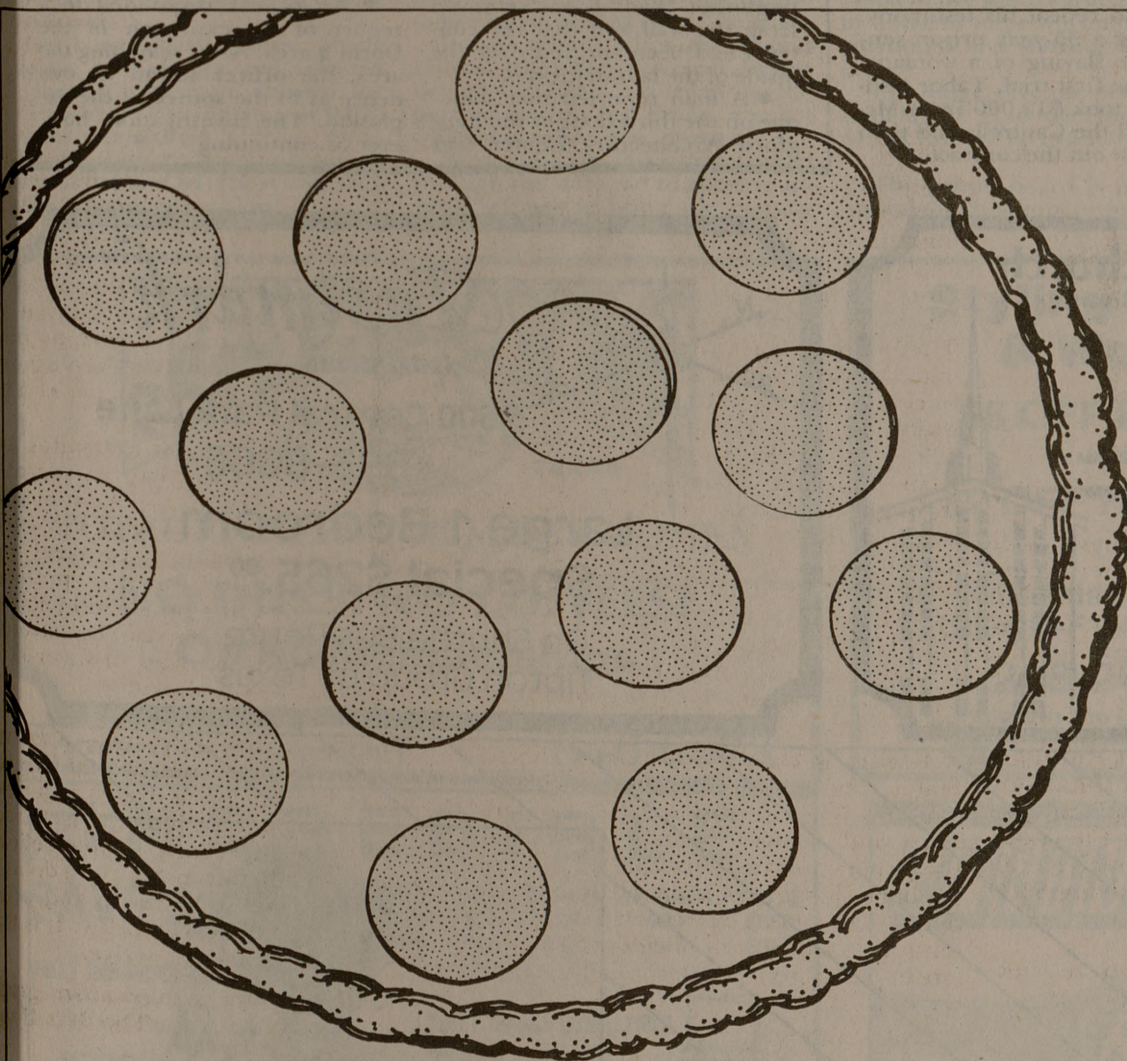
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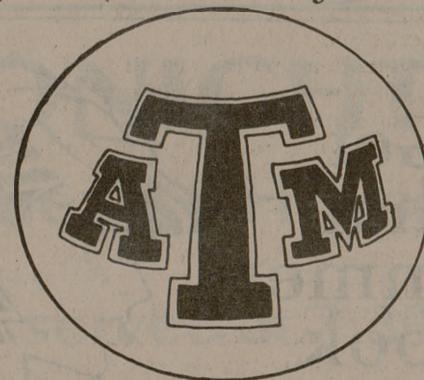


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