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Judy's concert offers tight mix of different styles to A&M fans

By Staci Finch
Reviewer

"Where did it come from/ he didn't care/ he's a teenage millionaire." If that quote is unfamiliar, you weren't part of the 800-plus crowd that attended the Judy's concert last night, and you missed out.

The band members look more like business executives than musicians. They play a style of music that is a mixture of dance rock and new wave, and entertained the fans for two hours at DeWare Field House.

It was a better concert than the last time the Judy's visited Texas A&M, and that was partly due to the lineup changes. David Bean returned on lead vocals, but the addition of Barbara Dondro, keyboardist for the Dishes, was an excellent choice. Her vocals blended perfectly with Bean's, and the result was a tightly packed show.

The technical problems that plagued the band at last year's performance were eliminated. The only problem was a slight echo of the drums off the back wall, but what can you expect from a building constructed of concrete and bricks?

As far as the music was concerned, the crowd had different preferences for songs, but seemed to think the performance was a success. In addition to the tight vocals and music, the Judy's came across with an energy that made up for the late start and long intermission.

All comments about the band overheard in the crowd were positive. And if the vocal adulation wasn't enough, the visual reinforcement should have been.



David Bean of the Judy's sings "Watching My TV" during a show at DeWare Field House Thursday.

The fans danced to all the songs, some with more abandon than others, but all with enthusiasm.

The band's range of chords and vocals wouldn't make it into the New

York Metropolitan Opera, and if you were expecting wild laser shows and screaming guitar solos, you should have been at another concert. But those in attendance at the Judy's knew what they were in for and ap-

peared to like it. The Judy's music was made to bop to, with the solid bass and drums keeping the beat and the keyboards and guitar inviting participation from the hips and shoulders.

Vandals strike shack despite guards posted by SAA group, police

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The anti-apartheid shack on campus was struck by vandals for the third time early Thursday morning, despite surveillance efforts by both the police and students.

University Police Director Bob Wiatt said someone knocked down one wall of the shack about 12:30 a.m. Thursday. Both the UPD and members of Students Against Apartheid have been guarding the shack, but Wiatt said a vandal or vandals apparently struck in between shifts.

"It appears as if a person or persons ran by, slapped it and knocked down one of the sideboards," Wiatt said.

Jeff Dyess, programs director for Students Against Apartheid, said the shack looked like someone had just pushed it over. He said the shack was rebuilt and standing again shortly after 4 a.m. Wednesday.

Dyess said the incident did not come as a big surprise, but still was upsetting for members. He said he does not know who is responsible for the vandalism or what the motives are.

"I don't know if it has anything to do with racism or not," he said.

SAA President Susan Vint said her theory is that the vandals are people who are not politically opposed to the shanty, but just don't realize what it stands for and don't like the way it looks.

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that it's people who really just don't know any better," Vint said. "They are the ones that are ignorant on the subject."

Wiatt said the UPD has been increasing its patrols in the area around the shack, which stands between the Academic and Harrington buildings, as a response to the repeated incidents of vandalism.

"We are trying to be very active in the area both with uniformed and plainclothes officers," Wiatt said. "If we do catch someone, we'll file all the appropriate charges. . . . We're not taking this lightly."

The permit for the shanty expires Monday, Dyess said, but the group may try to get an extension. Vint said the group originally planned to take the shack down by Monday, but that now it might try to get an extension on the principle of the matter since people keep knocking it down.

Vint asked that anyone who has information about any of the incidents of vandalism contact the University Police Department.

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