

Local bands offer variety

By Had Binion
Reporter

When is the last time you saw a live band in this town?

You don't like heavy metal or Louie Louie'?"

Boy has it been a while since you've been to a live music club if that's all you think there is.

Sure, most Bryan-College Station musicians may just be doing it for fun, but you just might be surprised at what you see.

The range of live music in Bryan-College Station is diverse, stretching from country and western to rock 'n' roll to blues and even punk rock.

A lot of people who prefer live country and western music go to the Texas Hall of Fame.

Todd Davis, a junior accounting major, has been going to the Texas Hall of Fame since he was a freshman.

He especially enjoys two local country and western bands, The Debonaires and The Hall of Fame Gang.

"I used to always see The Debonaires on Thursday nights and The Hall of Fame Gang on Tuesday nights," Davis said.

Terry Ray, a local musician, feels that top 40 music is also popular in Bryan-College Station.

Ray is a member of a new top 40 band called The Change. Originally from Bay City, Texas, he has played in several bands based in Bay City and Austin.

The Change is concentrating on playing the most current dance music.

"I've been in bands that played for 2,000 people every weekend, and it was a big change to come to Bryan-College Station and play for 20 people," Ray said.

Ray said the music scene is much more competitive in Austin and Houston.

It is much harder to get a band going in Austin because of the competition, he said.

"There really isn't very much talent in the Bryan-College Station live music scene as opposed to other towns, and good musicians are hard to come by," Ray said.

John Hamilton, an employee at Lippman Music Co. in College Station and drummer for The Change, also feels that top 40 is what most people want to hear.

"People in Bryan-College Station have been waiting for a good top 40 band to surface and the trend is starting to turn back in that direction," Hamilton said.

"Last year was characterized by many blues bands around town including The Crawl and Thunderin' T and The Storm (of which Hamilton was drummer).

A punk rock movement started last year when a band called Street Pizza started their own brand of punk.

"Street Pizza started out as four guys who got together to be wild and have some fun, now they are one of the most popular bands in Bryan-College Station," Hamilton said.

There is a great way to meet musi-

cians thanks to the Lippman Jam, an informal jam session with an open stage for all musicians.

The Lippman Jam was started three years ago by Brian Lippman, owner of Lippman music. Lippman is a musician as well as a music store owner and could relate to the problems of musicians trying to meet one another to play.

"The Jam is one of the most popular attractions in town because there isn't a cover charge to get in and

people can hear many different kinds of music," Lippman said.

"A lot of bands have formed from people meeting and playing at the jam including my own band, The Kerouacs."

The Kerouacs are a local original three piece rock 'n' roll band that has been playing in Bryan-College Station and Houston for about eight months.

It's members pride themselves on playing almost 100 percent original music.

Cable company offers new choice

idents will have a choice between a 27-channel Family Pac and a new five-station package from Cooke Cablevision Inc. this year.

The new package is comprised of KBTX-TV, the local CBS affiliate; KAMU-TV, the local PBS station; KXXV-TV, the Waco ABC affiliate; KCEN-TV, the Waco NBC affiliate; and KTVT-TV, a Dallas independent station, according to Tom Rose, plant supervisor.

This package will be offered at \$4.70 a month, rather than the \$17.95 fee for the 27-channel Family Pac.

There is an installation fee for cable service.

College Station City Council authorized the new package on June 9.

The availability of the service became active 60 days after the council approval.

Some students feel this less expensive package will be to the definite advantage of their pocketbooks.

"Sure I'll sign up for it," graduate student James Henson said. "I haven't been able to afford basic cable in the past. I wouldn't even watch half of those channels. But this way, five channels would be to my, and most student's benefit, financially."

Food service offers different services

By Denise Thompson
Reporter

If throwing a TV dinner in the oven is your idea of serious cooking, a day in the kitchen of a University dining hall could foil that image.

Last year, Texas A&M cafeterias and snack bars served enough potatoes, frozen fruits, vegetables and juices to fill 10 railroad cars.

Napkins alone filled three railroad cars.

In fact, J.W. Maynard and James Moore, assistant directors of food services, say local businesses can not provide a fraction of the food and materials needed to feed people eating on campus.

"During the peak times, like in the fall, we serve around 50,000 meals a day," Maynard said. "No University or state funds are used for food services because it is impossible for the University to furnish us with quantities like the 10,000 pounds of beef we can serve in a day."

Besides providing food for dining halls and snack bars, the department sponsors several special services for students and faculty.

Weekly festivals are held in Sbis Dining Hall and the Commons to offer a change from day-to-day meals.

Moore said food services will sponsor the first weekly festival of the semester with a 'Welcome Back-to-School Barbecue' Sept. 2.

"We're going to have the barbecue in front of the Sul Ross Statue," he said. "We'll have food and entertainment of some kind. Students on meal plan will get it as part of the meal plan, but other students will have to pay."

A birthday cake service for students is the newest proposal the department is considering.

"What we want to do is send announcements to student's parents about the service and have the parents call and order the cake," he said. "That way, the student could just come to the MSC and pick up a birthday cake his parents ordered."

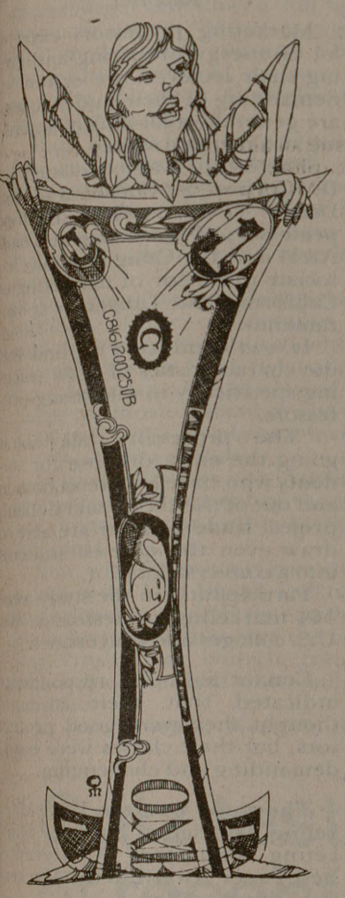
A wedding and special occasion cake service is already available in the MSC. People interested in ordering a cake should call 845-1118.

Catering is another specialty the food services department offers.

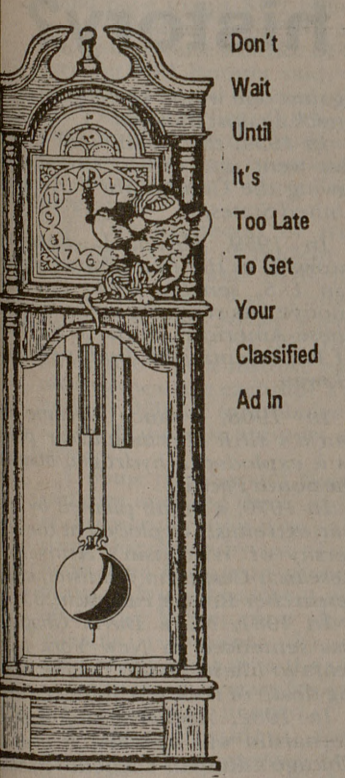
The MSC and the Commons cater on-campus activities. However, no off-campus catering services are available.

Although not completed, a convenience store is being built in the Underground Snack Bar, Maynard said.

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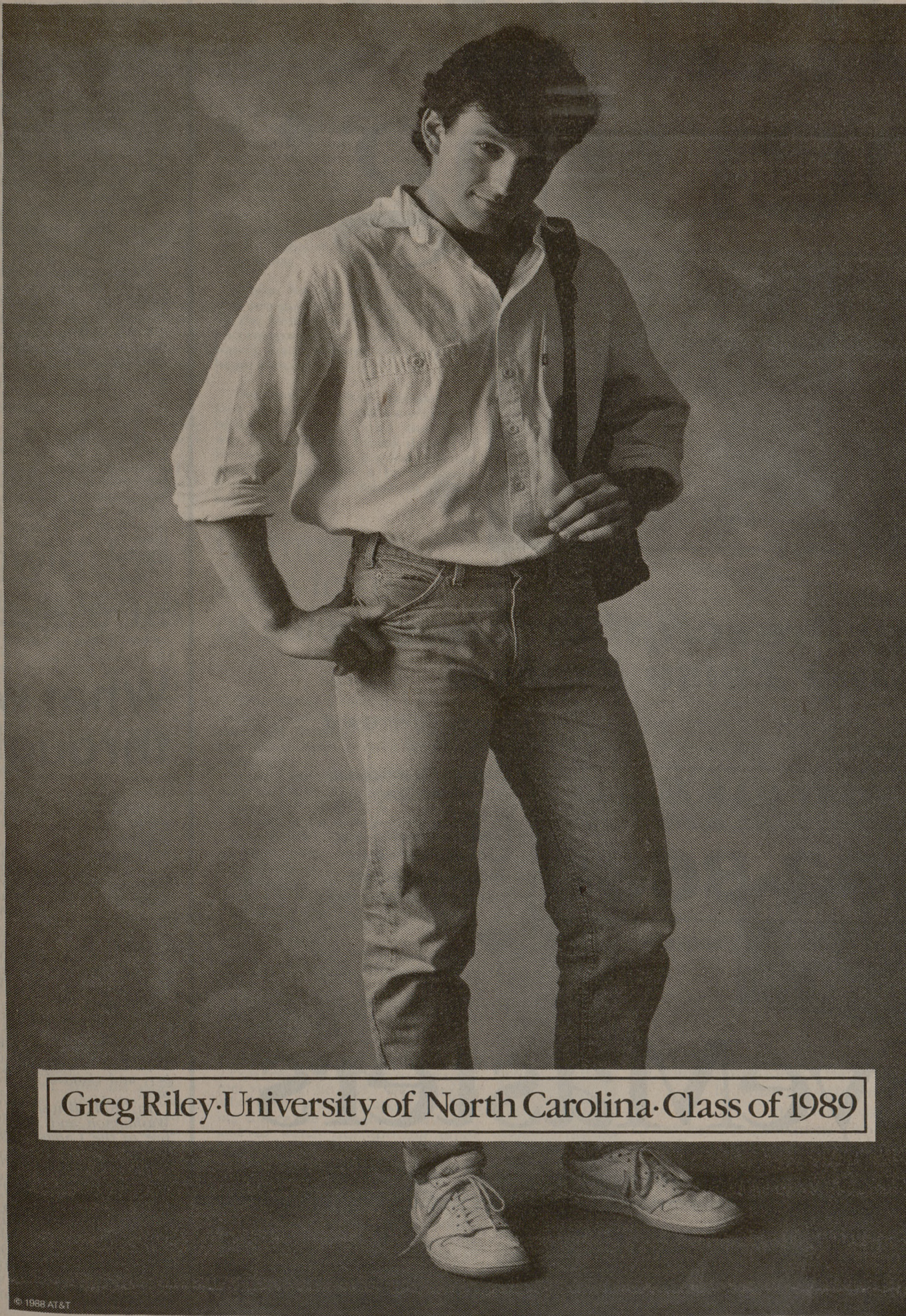
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