

# Musician urges community to support local bands

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After four years and countless nights of either watching or playing in live bands, the time has come for me to speak my piece. As an avid live-music fan in Bryan-College Station, I've seen good times and bad.

You see, musicians are a strange lot. They hang around together in various states of decay from the previous night's exploits. They also sit around ribbing each other about their musical abilities and quirks. Most of all, they enjoy bad-mouth-

ing other bands for various unimportant things they do or don't do. For the most part, local musicians are a group of people with no organization to represent them. Because they have no structure, they don't really stick together.

Why? I don't know. I mean it's not like the competition in Bryan-College Station is so heated that bands can't speak to one another or help each other out when they need it. Egos aren't where it's at, especially when the local community equates musicians with lepers.

I also have a bone to pick with everyone else out there who has never gone to see a live band. Don't have the money? It's

cheaper than a movie and it lasts longer too. I guess people don't realize when they pay two or three dollars that they are paying for those musicians' time and sweat. Crowds give them a reason to return to practice in the stuffy heat of some storage building, sacrificing eardrums and study time in hopes that someone out there cares enough to listen. Some people may even think that the live music scene isn't that bad around Bryan-College Station.

Sure, a lot of people remember Four Hams On Rye and their moderate success in this town and others but, as far as live music goes, Bryan-College Station is a bust. What makes this so inconceivable

to me is the fact that the music capital of Texas, and possibly the southern half of the United States, is only 100 miles up the street next to that school that everyone hisses about. Why?

Are people in this town not capable of being creatively expressive? Is everyone content with dancing around in the dark, listening to someone moan abstract, depressing garbage against a computerized backbeat?

Last year, the local live music scene was at its peak. Crowds were consistently packing Eastgate Live on Wednesday nights for the open stage. Bands ranging from heavy metal to punk to blues and alterna-

tive music were getting the chance to play for receptive crowds. Even bigger bands like the Killer Bees and Eric Johnson were packing them in. That's all changed now. Only the die-hard fans still come out to see live music.

The worst part about it is that often when an organization needs a band they go to Austin to get it.

Oh, thanks so much. Way to support those local guys.

At least they booked a local band for Ring Dance. Otherwise I would be staying at home Saturday night. I certainly wouldn't fork over \$5 bucks for tickets to support the huge fee they would be paying some band from Austin.

Now comes the good part where I get to list some local bands that I admire (something I've wanted to do since I got into journalism). Well here goes (in no special order): The Kerouacs, The Change, Further the Curve, The Burned-Out Circus, Street Pizza, Agent Orange and the Defoliants, Butter Both Sides, For Crying out Loud, Don Pope and Friends, Sneaky Pete and the New Madmen, The Scoops, The Bang with No Sleep, Subculture, Waterfront House, Blueshound, Pain Furniture, The Texas Twisters, The Against One, Demented, The Madnads (rest their souls) and all the other bands that have the drive, desire and courage to get up and do something that they believe in.

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### FOOTNOTES

- Final Round Golf Scores are due in the Recreational Sports Office by 5:00 PM Monday, April 24.
- Saturday, April 29, Fun Run 10:00 AM at G. Rollie White.
- Saturday, April 29, Frisbee Golf Tournament at 12 noon at Mt. Aggie.
- Sunday, April 30, All University Innertube Water Polo Finals from 6 - 9 PM in the Indoor Pool.
- Monday, May 1, All University Volleyball Triples Finals.
- SOA Picnic, Bee Creek Park, 1 PM, Saturday, April 29. Food, drinks, sports, and awards.

**RAINING???** Call 845-2625 to see if your game has been rained out.

**GOLF DRIVING RANGE HOURS**  
The Driving Range, located at the Intramural Sports Center, is now open for operation Mon-Thu, 3 PM - 6 PM; Fri, 12 PM - 6 PM; Sat, 10 AM - 6 PM; and Sun, 12 noon - 6 PM.

### IM GAMEPLAN

ENTRIES CLOSE: APRIL 29

**FUN RUN CONTEST DATE:** Saturday, April 29, 10:00 AM. **LOCATION:** Meet in front of G. Rollie White. **APPROXIMATE DISTANCE:** 3.1 miles (5K). **ENTRY FEE:** Free!!! **ELIGIBILITY:** All TAMU students, faculty, staff and spouses. Men's and Women's individual competition. No Team competition. **AWARDS:** All University Champion T-Shirts will be given to the winners (male and female) in each of the following age groups: 18 and under, 19-20, 21, 22-25, 26-35, 36-45, 46+. Anyone under 18 competing in this run must be a TAMU Student. Entrants must present a current student ID or recreation ID with intramural validation on race day. **FRISBEE GOLF CONTEST DATE:** Saturday, April 29 at 12 Noon. Meet at Mount Aggie. **ENTRY FEE:** FREE!!!! **ELIGIBILITY:** The contest is open to all TAMU students, faculty, staff, and their respective spouses. Competitors must present a current student ID or Recreation ID with Intramural Validation. **EQUIPMENT:** BRING YOUR OWN DISC!!! **DIVISIONS:** Men and women will compete in singles competition only.

### ALL UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONS

- HANDBALL DOUBLES**  
Men's A Ruben Perez & Miguel Perez  
Men's C Michael Sawyer & Ronnie Bryant
- TABLE TENNIS DOUBLES**  
Men's A Tai Fang Wu & David Lin  
Men's B McKery & Mc Kimmey  
Men's C Tim Chang & Chong Hsu Liu  
CoRec A Tina Swangphol & Duong Nguyen  
CoRec B Lori Gongora & Tim Elzner  
Women's A Lori Gongora & Yvette Santiesteban  
Women's C Martina Seyfert & Laura James

- HORSESHOE DOUBLES**  
Men's A Blake Baylor & Ron Angst  
Men's B Rusty Burkett & Keith Henke  
CoRec A Hope Martin & Sean Calliham
- BADMINTON SINGLES**  
Men's A Daryl Jones  
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### General Motors Auto Expo

April 25 and 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. are the reschedule dates for this event which was originally scheduled in February. This event is sponsored by the Texas A&M Sports Officials Association and General Motors and will feature nine General Motors vehicles. In addition, there will be a drawing on Wednesday, April 26 at 3:00 p.m. for two \$500.00 cash prizes to be given away. Anyone is welcome to stop by the Auto Expo and register for these prizes. Last year Texas A&M had the largest Auto Expo in the nation. So far this year, Florida State University has eclipsed that record. The Texas A&M Sports Officials Association is hoping to beat Florida State's new record for attendance at this event.

### TAMU-OUTDOORS

**Climb A Rock At Enchanted Rock State Natural Area**  
Intermediate Climbing Trip April 28 - 30  
Registration: April 10 - 24

Join us at the Rock and experience the thrills of rock climbing and rappelling! This intermediate climbing trip is open to those who wish to learn more advanced climbing skills and techniques. More challenging climbs and rappels will be introduced. The \$30 (\$35 non A&M) fee for this adventure includes rental of group camping equipment, climbing equipment, camping permits, and experienced instruction. The trip is offered to intermediate climbers and is limited to 10 participants.

**KAYAKING WORKSHOP ON THE SAN MARCOS RIVER**  
Saturday April 29 - 30 Registration: April 14 - 24

Take the weekend off and learn the fundamentals of kayaking in a two day class offered by TAMU Outdoors. The first day will be an introduction to kayak strokes, rescue, and the eskimo roll. The second day will be spent on the San Marcos River learning how to paddle the boat and get a feel for white water. The \$45 (\$55 for non A&M) fee for this workshop includes transportation, group camping equipment, kayak equipment, camping permits and experienced instruction. Sign up early because class size is limited.

Register for these trips in the Recreational Sports Office, 159 Read Bldg. For more information about these trips or TAMU Outdoors, contact Patsy Greiner, 845-7826.

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