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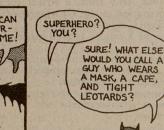
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Culture Club's George hopes to reclaim stardom

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Boy George, the androgynous former president of Culture Club, is trying to climb back up the pop charts after surviving the crushing downers of heroin addiction and the overdose deaths of two friends.

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"I'm totally relaxed about my life," he said on a recent stop in Los Angeles. "I'm totally relaxed about what I am and what I do and what I

This is the first time the pop star, whose real name is George O'Dowd, has been allowed in the United States since his 1986 conviction for

heroin possession in England.

The conviction, which led to the disintegration of the hit-making Culture Club a year later, forced the

singer into a rehabilitation program. His current solo album, High Hat, was released to favorable reviews earlier this year but didn't get much airplay in this country. He hopes his U.S. visit will spur interest in the soon-to-be-released single, "Whis-

Now 28, Boy George hit the music scene at the start of the decade as a backup singer with the British group Bow Wow Wow. He eventually formed his own group, the Sex Gang Children, which later evolved into the Culture Club. Boy George attracted the most attention of the foursome with his outrageous makeup, silky voice and 6-foot frame

"If you look at the pop industry, not a lot of people stick out as being particularly interesting. I think at the time we were the most colorful thing happening," he said.

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But in July 1986, Boy George was arrested in London for heroin possession. He pleaded guilty, was fined \$370 and agreed to enter a treatment program.

Shortly after Boy George's conviction, colleague Michael Rudetski died at the singer's London mansion from a heroin overdose.

Then on Dec. 20, 1986, Boy George and pal Mark Golding were arrested for marijuana possession outside a London nightclub. The next day, Golding was found dead in his apartment from a drug overdose. Boy George is sensitive to questions about those troubled times.

"I think it's very difficult to put into words," he said when asked what he has learned from the ordeal. "There are certain things that I feel that I couldn't possibly explain without making it sound really futile."

In Advance

KANM hosts benefit concert at Sneakers

KANM, A&M's student-run radio station, will be hosting a fall benefit concert this Friday night at Sneakers (514 Harvey Rd., past the Taco Bell). The proceeds from the show will go towards expenses and the purchasing of new equipment for the alternative radio station.

Scheduled to perform are Lesson Seven, a synthesized industrial/progressive-dance band from Dallas' Deep Ellum, Houston's Earth Army, an underground-

hardcore/art-rock group and Bryan/College Station's own progressive rocker's Spittelfist, formerly the Monads.

Also, drawings will be held throughout the night for free albums, tapes and other music give aways from an assortment of record labels and musical genres. The benefit is scheduled to begin at 9:30 p.m., and the door cover is \$3, or \$2 with a KANM t-shirt, which are on sale through Friday in the MSC hallway.

Judy's play at Parthenon 'Thrash Bash'

The Kappa Sigma fraternity and Pi Beta Phi sorority are hosting a "Thrash Bash" benefit tonight at the Parthenon (815 Harvey, in the Woodstone Center).

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Playing at the benefit will be popular dance-rockers The Ju-

dy's. Tickets are \$6 and can be purchased in advance at the MSC or at the door.

All proceeds from the evening's performance will be donated to the American Heart Association.

'Mainly Mozart' features pianist Hersh

The third concert of the University Chamber Series' 1989-90 season will be performed Monday at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater. The concert, "Mainly Mozart," will feature pianist/violist Paul Hersh performing two concertos with Maestro Franz Krager conducting the Brazos Sinfonietta.

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The performance will begin

with the Brazos Sinfonietta playing the Warlock's Capriol Suite for String Orchestra and end with Mozart's Symphony No. 29 in a Major, K201.

Tickets for the evening's performance are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students and are available at the MSC Box Office, 845-1234.

Aggie Flashback

The following information was gathered from past issues of *The Battalion* and reflects issues that occurred during this week in A&M's history.

10 years ago — About 200 students rallied at Rudder Fountain in a demonstration concerning the Iranian hostage crisis.

25 years ago — The Battalion reported members of the Corps of Cadets reactions to the students' first week in the new air-condi-

tioned Dorms 14-16. "Old Army is goint to Hell," one cadet said. A younger Corps member felt differently, "New Army is great!" Old meets new.

50 years ago — Ground courses at the A&M aeronautic school began with W.I. Truettner in charge of instruction.

75 years ago — The local A&M football season closed with a 24-0 win over the Oklahoma A&M Indians at Kyle Field.

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