

A&M Focus: Town Hall

MSC program aims for diversified schedule this year

By JOHN RIGHTER
Diversity is the goal of Town Hall this year, says Chair Steven Wall.

The MSC student organization coordinates and presents between five and 10 shows a year, ranging from comedy to country music to club shows.

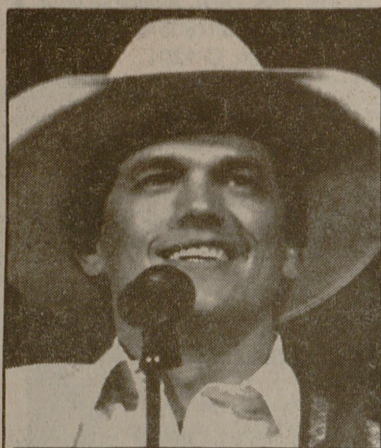
In the past, Town Hall has planned its schedule around a major country music show in the fall and spring, with several other comedy and rock music events in between.

Last year, Town Hall presented Restless Heart, Baillie and the Boys, and Asleep At The Wheel as its country show in the fall, and George Strait and Patty Loveless performed together in the spring.

Other shows last year included R.E.M., Indigo Girls, the Second City comedy troupe from Chicago and the Coors Light Comedy Commandos, featuring David Naster and Taylor Mason.

Wall says that Town Hall plans to broaden beyond the staple country shows this year. Of special interest, is the possibility of expanding the organization's club format.

Last year's Indigo Girls concert in DeWare Auditorium was very successful, Wall says, and he



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Town Hall has brought performers like George Strait and Asleep at the Wheel to A&M students in the past.

hopes that Town Hall stages several of these type shows, which would include smaller rock and alternative groups and possibly some jazz and reggae artists.

With the acoustic problems of G. Rollie White Auditorium (The ceiling supports won't hold the sound equipment, so the nor-



mally flown sound system is instead stacked on the floor) and the disappointing crowd turnout for anything but the country shows, it makes sense to focus on the smaller club shows for the rock, alternative and jazz shows.

Wall says Town Hall could present shows at a number of places

on campus, including DeWare and Rudder Auditorium.

Also, there is a possibility that in the future Town Hall might pursue a joint venture with the Front Porch Cafe.

Wall says talks between Town Hall and Front Porch owner Hugh Stearns are underway, but

such a venture would not be possible before the spring semester.

The main goal of Town Hall this year, Wall says, is to provide a more well-rounded entertainment package for Texas A&M and the surrounding Bryan-College Station area.

As of yet, the '90-91 schedule is

tentative, but Wall says he hopes to have the fall schedule confirmed by the second week of school.

In addition to the major presentations, Wall says that Coffeehouse will continue in Rumours every Friday at 8 p.m. this fall.

Coffeehouse is an open forum for every brand of entertainment. Wall describes the free-forum event as "a folkie kind of thing that is mostly musical based, but certainly not limited to that."

Any freshmen or transfer students interested in joining Town Hall for the '90-91 school year should attend the MSC Open House on Sunday, September 2, where applications to join will be passed out. About 20 freshmen-transfers will be selected to accompany the roughly 100 members selected last spring.

The Town Hall council for this year in addition to Wall is Bridget Carty, vice chair of concerts; Mark Kirk, vice chair of club; David Reysa, vice chair of Coffeehouse and Jeffrey Brown, vice chair of house. Dave Salmon is the organization's advisor.

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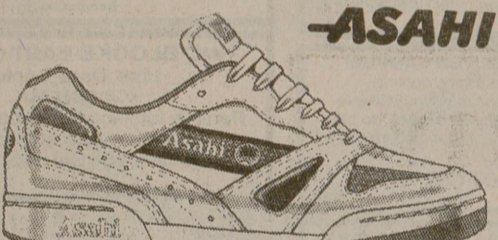


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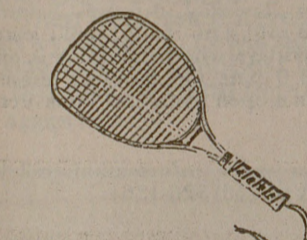


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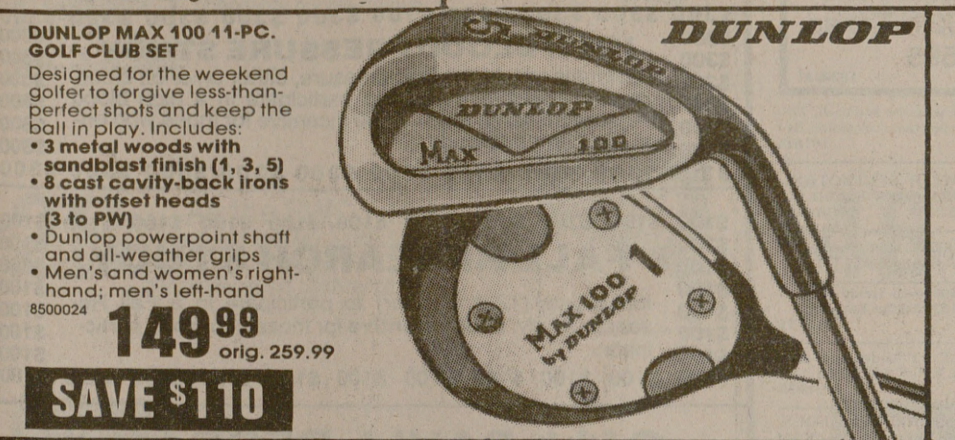
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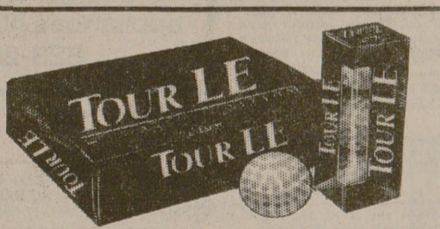
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