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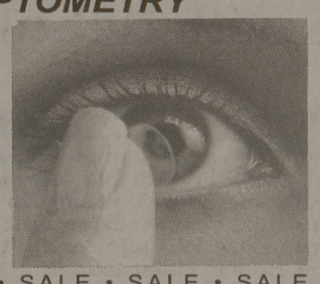

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Photo exhibit shows early African-American culture

By JULIE POLSTON
Feature Writer of THE BATTALION

The current photography exhibit at the Sterling C. Evans Library depicts African-American life in the United States from ballet dancers to businessmen, newlyweds to soldiers, young children to cowboys.

"Images of the Past - A Photographic Study of Things That Once Were" is composed of original photos from the private collections of Brazos Valley families. The pictures were enlarged and reproduced by photographers Sunny Nash and J.R. Mac.

Nash is publisher and editor-in-chief of "Legacy" magazine, a periodical published in Hearne and dedicated to the study of African-American family, life and history. She said she feels the exhibit is important because it offers people a new and different perspective on African-American culture.

"The reason for the exhibit is to celebrate a different kind of image of African-Americans," Nash said. "Most people think of African-Americans in a much different manner than those people display with their cars, hats, clothing and jewelry."

The pictures show poverty and hard times as well as wealth and material possessions.

"We were not aware that there was so much wealth in the African-American community during the 1930s in the midst of the depression," Nash said. "They understand very, very well how to live on next to nothing."

Nash said the photos are a great way to teach people about another culture because people like to look at pictures rather than read.

"With this exhibit, people will see that people are all the same," she said. "We end up seeing a lot more of our similarities than differences."

Nash said she hopes the exhibit will teach students about the African-American culture, and allow them to view all African-Americans in a more positive light.

"I hope they will take away a different impression of African-Americans," she said. "I hope they will take away a higher regard for African-Americans than some people have."

Nash said she had the idea for the exhibit about seven years ago. She said she has been gathering material for two years with Mac, a free-lance photographer from Dallas who reproduces the photos.

This 1920 photo, titled "Couple in the Woods" is a part of the library's photo exhibit now on display.

"People have been really wonderful about reproducing their pictures," Nash said. "They want other people to know about them."

Mac, creative director and chief photographer for "Legacy," has reproduced hundreds of family photos. The oldest photograph in the collection, a Civil War-era wedding picture of former slaves, was taken around 1865.

"It is very important for families to have their photographs professionally reproduced," he said. "Photographs help us to preserve our history."

The exhibit, which is located on the first floor of the library by the elevators, will be on display until Oct. 31.

Reggae band returns under new name

By SUSAN OWEN
Assi. Arts & Entertainment Editor of THE BATTALION

The Killer Bees, under a new name and without frontman Michael E. Johnson, will play tonight at the Stafford Opera House.

They may call themselves the UZ-2-BZ's, but they aren't has-beens yet. Johnson is taking a break from the road, and the band is taking the opportunity to steer in different directions.

Thanh Nguyen, promotions manager for Stafford, said the band is "trying to branch out," adding a funkier sound to their strong reggae background.

The four band members combine many styles of music. Ishmael Sealy, Wallace Hammond, Gino Ronde and Jay Williams comprise jazz, blues, gospel and classical influences.

After six years of successfully selling reggae to the masses, the band is exploring Caribbean and "soca" sounds.

"Most of the time when they play here the place is sold out," Nguyen said.

He said he expects a crowd of 200 to 250, but is unsure whether the upcoming first round of tests at Texas A&M will affect attendance.

The UZ-2-BZs have an album coming out in December and will do a support tour with Johnson afterwards, Nguyen said.

The band will start about 9 p.m., he said. Stafford's doors open at 8 p.m. and tickets will cost $5.

Around Town

Information is provided by the individual nightclubs and is subject to change.

Music

Gallery Bar
In the College Station Hilton at 801 E. University Dr. Only ages 21 and older admitted. Call 693-7500 for more information.
Friday, Saturday – Big Apple Trio. Jazz. Starts at 8 p.m. No cover.

Kay's Cabaret
At Post Oak Mall. Ages 18 and older admitted. Alcohol served. For more information, call 696-9191.
Thursday - Writers and Performers Showcase with Kyle Hutton. Open mic. Starts at 9:30 p.m. $1 cover.
Friday- Rif Raf. Rock and roll. Starts at 9:30. $3 cover.
Saturday - Two bands Cocked and Bone Orchard. Starts at 9:30 p.m. $3 cover.

Two Pesos
Located at 303 University Dr. in College Station. Alcohol served. For more information, call 846-4135.
Wednesday - Sneaky Pete. Sing-along. Starts at 8 p.m. $2 cover.
Friday - Mirror Image. Starts at 10 p.m.

Stafford Opera House
Located at 106 S. Main in Bryan. Alcohol served. For more information, call 775-4082.
Thursday - UZ-2-BZs - Reggae. Tickets $5. Doors open at 8 p.m.
Friday - Audio Assault ITT and Lesson Seven. Industrial Music. Tickets $5. Doors open at 8 p.m.
Saturday - Shoulders. Alternative. Tickets $5. Doors open at 8 p.m.

Love Shack
Located at 318 N. Main in Bryan. Alcohol served. For more information, call 775-1578.
Wednesday - Billy Boy - Comedian/Country Singer. $1 cover. Starts at 8 p.m.
Friday - Body Chemistry Featuring Ana. Rock and roll. $2 cover. Starts at 8 p.m.
Saturday - Petting Zoo. Rock and roll. $2 Cover. Starts at 8.p.m.

Comedy

Sundance Club
Located in the College Station Hilton. 801 E. University Dr. Call 693-7500 from more information. Alcohol served.
Thursday - Comedy night- Featuring Peter Hefty and David Lamont. Tickets $4 in advance and $5 at the door.

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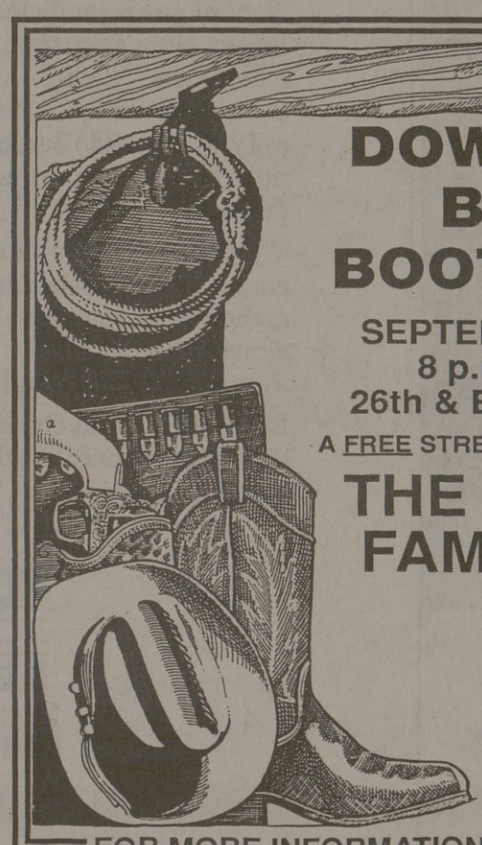

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Walt Disney World Co. representatives will present an information session on the Walt Disney World College Program on Thursday, September 24, 7:00pm in room 410 — Rudder Tower. Attendance at this presentation is required to interview for the SPRING '93 COLLEGE PROGRAM. Interviews will be held on Friday, September 25. The following majors are encouraged to attend: Business, Communications, Parks & Recreation, Theatre/Drama, Horticulture, and Entomology.
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