

Ingram's performance to benefit United Way

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A group of Aggies have organized a night of entertainment designed to produce more than a little fun. The Fiji fraternity in conjunction with the student government have put together a concert featuring Jack Ingram at Headwest. The bands will perform in the Wellborn Community Center on Friday at 8 p.m. to benefit the Brazos Valley United Way.

Bill Looney, philanthropy chairman for the Fijis, said they picked this particular event to appeal to a wide range of people in the hope of a big turnout. Looney said the two bands chosen for the event are quite different appealing rock fans as well as country fans.

Ingram has the type of mutant appeal to almost everyone, he said. "But for those who don't necessarily like the

country twang, they will come out to see Headwest, which is a really strong local name."

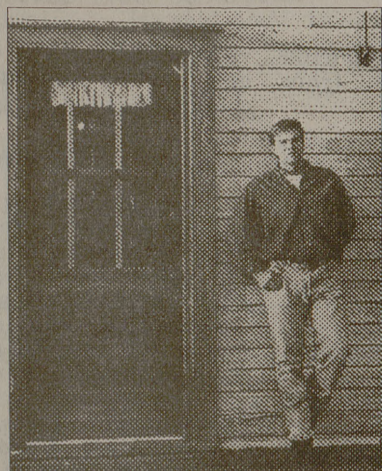
Looney said he wanted to design an event where people could have fun while raising money.

"I wanted it to be a big party and a good fundraiser," he said. "And this seemed like a good way to accomplish both."

Ashley Winkelmann, chairman of the United Way student government said events such as this concert allow many students to participate in process of fund raising.

"I want all students to know that you do not have to be a member of an organization to contribute to the United Way," she said. "We want them to get involved by coming out to the events."

This concert is part of the Texas A&M United Way Campaign which started two years ago. Its purpose is to get A&M students and faculty involved



Jack Ingram

with the United Way. The student government created a committee for it, specifically designed to devise unique ways of motivating students to contribute to the organization.

Powerful performances spur 'Specialist'

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"The Specialist" starring Sylvester Stallone, Sharon Stone, James Woods, Eric Roberts, and Rod Steiger. Directed by Luis Llosa. Rated R. Playing at Schulman 6 and Oak Mall.

**** (out of five) High explosiveness, high drama and power-packed performances make "The Specialist" a must-see for movie-goers.

Sylvester Stallone stars as Quick, an explosives expert who is able to get at those peccats that are untouchable by the law. Sharon Stone plays May, a woman vowing revenge on Miami's Leon crime family for the murder of her parents. Mau-

ro hires Quick to kill the Leons and in the process brings him out of his secluded world and into a web of deceit and mistrust.

James Woods co-stars as Ned Trent, an ex-military partner to Quick and current henchman of the Leons. Woods is able to use the seductive Mauro to get at Quick for one more confrontation with Quick.

"The Specialist" will blow you away with its powerful script that offers a combination of solid one-liners and dramatic dialogue. The special effects and photography are strong additions that resemble "Blown Away" and "Speed" but different enough to let give "The Specialist" its own identity and flair.

Stallone and Stone give quality performances, showing more acting ability than in their recent films. Known more for his deliv-

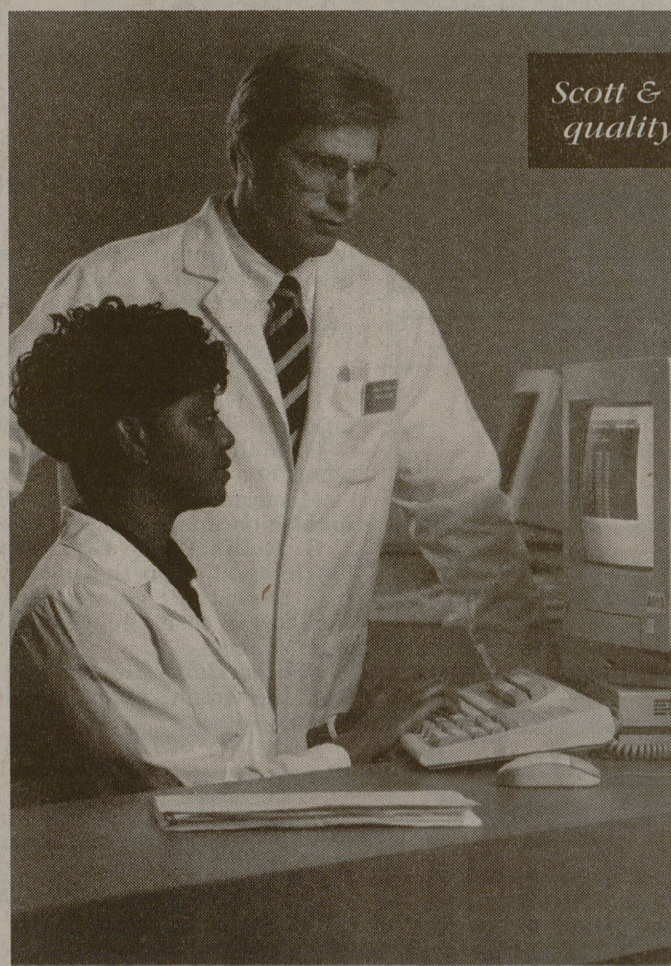
ery of a punch or few rounds from a machine gun, Stallone is cool and calculating as the explosives expert. Stone, who is best remembered for her portrayal of Katherine Trammell in "Basic Instinct," is effective in showing the ability to overcome the death of her parents and getting her long-awaited revenge.

Stallone and Stone work well together throughout the movie, even though there is not much direct communication between the two for a good part of the movie. There are brilliant supportive roles from Rod Steiger, Eric Roberts and Woods.

There aren't any real negatives about movie even for those who think they've seen enough movies about explosions in the past year. It would definitely be worth the time and money to see "The Specialist".

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