

HeadWest offers impressive debut

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THE BATTALION

HeadWest
Words
Planet Dallas Studio
Porcelain Records
**** (out of five)

Rick Trevino, Jack Ingram, Lyle Lovett and Jackopierce all had early success in the A&M music scene. HeadWest has broken into the scene with the release of their first album *Words*, that they are serious about following in the successful footsteps of Trevino and Jackopierce.

The band that has created a local following with its Wednesday night shows at The Tap, as also been doing regular shows in Austin this semester. With the band's first album, fans will get a chance to hear more original songs from the band that mostly does covers during their weekly show.

Words does not even contain one weak song, with each track having its own distinctive sound and rhythm that could be most closely classified as progressive rock. *Words* has songs that rise above the rest. "Uneven," "Problem Child," "Channel Surfer" and 200 Blocks are four standouts. But the top honor goes to a track that ironically has no words at all.

"Moments of Clarity," a strictly instrumental piece, offers a perfect ending to this near-perfect work. It leaves the listener wishing that it lasts longer. But all in all, this is one album that you won't have to use the skip button on.

Words is sold locally and wherever HeadWest plays, and the band continues to play at the Tap weekly. HeadWest will also be playing in Houston, Dallas and Austin this summer.

HeadWest is one Bryan-College Station band local music fans should to try and catch on its way up.

Hot new Tejano band takes stage at 3rd Floor

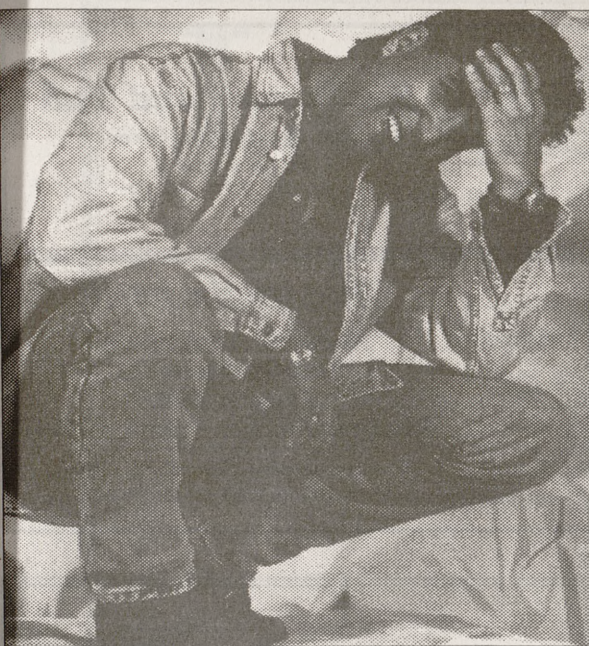
Tejano band Gary Hobbs y su Grupo Mezquite will grace the stage of 3rd Floor Cantina tonight.

Hobbs and his band established a name for themselves in the Tejano music scene by releasing a near-platinum album in 1994, "Te Vas A Acordar." The album has sold almost 100,000 copies and produced four top five national hits on Radio y Musica.

The title song was No. 1 on the charts for nine straight weeks and propelled the album to gold status, selling over 50,000.

Hobbs received six nominations at the 15th Annual Tejano Music Awards, including "Best Male Vocalist," "Male Entertainer of the Year" and "Record of the Year."

The band has recently released a new album titled "Soy El Mismo," which became the seventh hottest selling album in the nation in two weeks.



Gary Hobbs

Top 10 reasons why I should go to London to see Letterman

- 10) To teach the queen how to hump it.
- 9) I love rain and fog, and we just haven't had enough of it in Bryan-College Station
- 8) To give my co-workers a break.
- 7) Win back Laura Wilson after that Tony Corsett fiasco.
- 6) Two words: airline peanuts.
- 5) I look great in women's clothes. (Oh, this is from the top ten reasons why I should be head of the FBI.)
- 4) Whoop Charles' butt in an intense game of Chinese checkers.
- 3) Stand outside Buckingham Palace. Shout at the top of my lungs, "My name is Bob French. I work for KBTX and I'm not wearing any pants."
- 2) Rub it in Queen's face that our state is bigger then her whole damn country.
- 1) To show Princess Di the real Big Ben.

Contest nets student trip to London

Call the neighbors and wake the kids, this Aggie's top 10 list won

By Amber Clark
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He didn't take it seriously at first, but few people take David Letterman seriously.

But John Bellefeuille, a graduate student in chemistry, decided at the last minute to give it a shot. Now he's won a chance to see "The Late Show" live from London.

Kroger, Coca-Cola and KBTX Channel 3 sponsored a contest to send one lucky winner to London to see Letterman while he spent a week taping "The Late Show" there. Contestants had to submit a top 10 list, giving their reasons for wanting to make the trip. Out of 10 finalists, Bellefeuille was the winner after a random drawing.

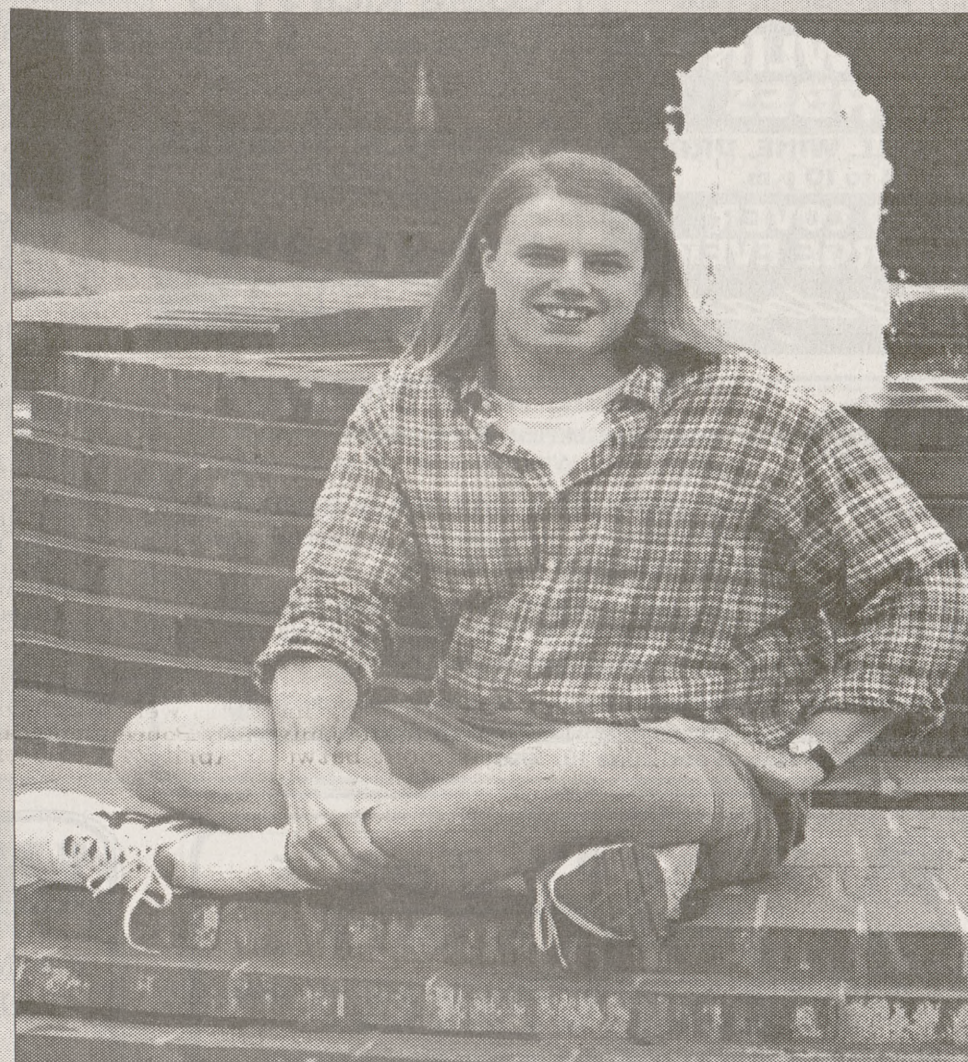
Bellefeuille said he heard about the contest from a friend, but at first he wasn't interested. An adviser in the chemistry department said he enjoyed Bellefeuille's comedic antics and finally convinced Bellefeuille to submit a list.

"I'm usually the lunchtime entertainment," Bellefeuille said. "I finally decided to do it the night before it was due and turned it in by 5:00 the next day."

During that time he got feedback from a few friends, and Bellefeuille said he relied on their help in revising the final list. Several days later, Bellefeuille got a call from a Kroger representative telling him that he was one of the 10 chosen finalists.

The final winner was announced at a live broadcast from Kroger. Bellefeuille said he was surprised he won, but he didn't act as happy as people expected.

"I think everyone else is more excited than I am," Bellefeuille



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John Bellefeuille, a chemistry graduate student, will travel to London to see a taping of "The Late Show." Bellefeuille won a seven-day, all-expense-paid trip to see the show in a local contest.

said. "As soon as my name was announced, I had two friends that peeled out of their apartments and came straight over."

Bellefeuille said he and his friends are avid Letterman fans, and they usually watch the show every night.

Although he will not appear on the show, Bellefeuille said he was excited about the seven-day, all-

expense-paid trip to London.

"Everything is paid for," Bellefeuille said. "But the biggest bonus is that I get to see Letterman."

The trip is for two, and Bellefeuille said his friends have been especially nice to him lately. But Bellefeuille, who is from Vermont, has already decided to take someone from back home.

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