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Coffeehouse sheds light on student talents

By Amy Protas
THE BATTALION

MSC Town Hall will convert Rudder Fountain into a virtual coffeehouse with fiction readings and music Friday night.

Stephen Sandlin, a vice chairman of Coffeehouse and a senior forestry major, said Coffeehouse offers amateur performers a place to display a variety of talents.

"It's basically a venue for poets, dancers, musicians, bands, comedians or any other kind of act," Sandlin said. "We offer them a place to showcase themselves free of charge."

Often times, Coffeehouse is the first large audience an artist displays their craft in front of. Sandlin said when Lyle Lovett was a student at A&M, Coffeehouse was the first place he played.

Friday, there will be two short fiction writers, an electric bass guitar player and a guitar duo called I'm Nate, That's Casey.

Chris Carpenter, an English graduate student who will be reading fiction he wrote, said this will be his first Coffeehouse.

"I will be doing a semi-humorous story called The Great Underbelly," Carpenter said. "It's about a football player that gets buried

with his trainers, like the way some societies used to bury their kings with all their servants."

Trent Masiki, an English graduate student, will also do a reading of his short fiction. He said he gets his ideas from a variety of events.

Coffeehouse audiences usually average about 150-200 people. Masiki said he likes to perform at this venue because it builds his confidence in his writing.

"I really enjoy it," Masiki said. "I get to see if my work moves the audience. I hope they get some value and are entertained."

Sandlin said Townhall tries to offer a variety of programming with Coffeehouse. In addition to fiction readings, there will also be music.

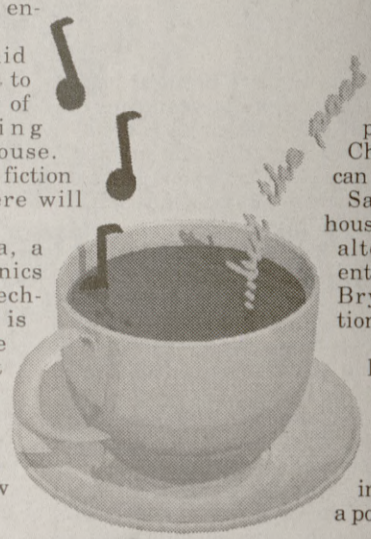
Rick Garza, a senior electronics engineering technology major, is playing the electric bass at Coffeehouse.

He describes his style as being funky with a jazzy/new age mix.

"I started off trying to play guitar, but it didn't feel right," Garza said. "I moved on to electric bass. I will be playing a tune I wrote along with a sequence."

I'm Nate, That's Casey and other one of Coffeehouse's musical acts. The duo consists of Nathan McFall, a junior business major, and Casey McFall, a junior business major. Sandlin said their style is a mix between The Velvet Underground and Jacky Pierre.

Besides free entertainment



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

For Cronkite, it's a long way from the Pup

HOUSTON (AP) — Walter Cronkite has fond memories of his high school days as a Purple Pup reporter.

The CBS anchorman walked the halls Tuesday of Lanier Middle School, where he worked for the school newspaper more than 65 years ago.

"There's nothing like this thrill of coming back today," Cronkite, 79, told students. "I started my journalism career at Lanier. I was a contributing writer at the Purple Pup."

Cronkite visited the school after receiving the Denton A. Cooley Leadership Award. Former Gov. Ann Richards presented the award, named for the heart surgeon and founder of the Texas Heart Institute.

"Without people like (Cronkite) our children would have no role models, no one to imitate as they grow to adulthood," Richards said.

Cut, Uncut and he is coming back for more

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — John Wayne Bobbitt wants another

whack at marriage with Lorena

With flowers and candles, he showed up Tuesday at the salon where his estranged ex-wife works and tried to reconcile with her, but she refused to speak to him, The Washington Post reported Wednesday.

"He came over here, and he he came back. Can you imagine the nerve?" the Post quoted one of Lorena's co-workers as saying.

In 1993, Lorena Bobbitt cut off her husband's penis, saying he had raped and emotionally tortured her. Doctors reattached it, and he has since made an unrated video, *John Wayne Bobbitt ... Uncut*.

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