

Concert: yearly show an A&M tradition

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The show has become even bigger than the groups that are performing there," he said.

The fact that the new yell leaders will be putting on a yell practice gives the night a special meaning for graduates, he said.

"I feel like this has become a tradition and a way to say goodbye to the seniors each year," he said. "It's a way to honor them."

Among these graduates are friends of the performers themselves. Ingram said that doesn't bother him, though, because he knows that Aggies and friends are everywhere he plays.

"They're ready to let it all hang out and then we see them later on the road," he said. "We kind of send them off with a bang."

Because members of Jackopierce are not too much older than most graduates, O'Neill said the band has always had a lot of college students. Because their songs reflect their experiences, O'Neill said fans will continue to relate to the band.

"You kinda grow up with them,"

he said. "In a few years, if I'm bitching about a wife and kids, they'll probably relate to that."

He said fans want to know that songwriters have experienced what they are singing about.

"If you write honest music, then people who respect honest music are gonna like you," he said.

played with a drummer and bassist for the first time in front of a large audience.

"I could imagine that some people just want to hear two acoustic guitars like it used to be," O'Neill said. "But knowing you guys, I'd feel terribly under-armed for the affair. For such a

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promoter for the Aggie Final

Ingram shares this emphasis on his music's honesty. He said it is what sets him apart from mainstream country music.

"A lot of people who like country music hate the dishonesty that goes along with it," he said. "I don't do that kind of stuff. Everything I write about is an extension of me."

Although they plan to stick to honest songwriting, Jackopierce has evolved from an acoustic duo to a full band, complete with bass guitar and drums. At the Aggie Final two years ago, they

celebration, I feel much better equipped with a full band."

Watching the band evolve has become an annual event. Wednesday's crowd will hear some of Jackopierce's new songs from the band's next album, which is set for a June 18 release date.

As the event goes into its third year, Ingram said, he looks forward to celebrating the end of finals with future Aggies.

"I hope the tradition lasts," he said. "I hope we're still doing it 10 or 15 years from now."

Weekend Preview

- Friday**
- Midnight**, a blues band, is playing at Sweet Eugene's House of Java.
 - Boyd**, a rock, country and comedy performer, is playing at Chelsea Street Pub & Grill.
 - Duarte**, a rock performer from Austin, is playing at the Dixie Theatre. **Sunset Heights**, a rock band from Houston, is opening.
 - Logan Brothers**, an acoustic rock band, is playing at The Tap.
 - Rock-A-Fellas**, a classic rock band, is playing at the 3rd Floor Cantina.
- Saturday**
- Boyd**, a rock, country and comedy performer, is playing at Chelsea Street Pub & Grill.
 - Mike Cancellare**, an acoustic rock performer, is playing at Sweet Eugene's House of Java.
 - Candlebox** is playing at the Texas World Speedway.
 - W.C. Clark**, a rhythm and blues performer from Austin, is playing at the 3rd Floor Cantina.
 - Ice Cold Blues Band**, a blues band, is playing at the Brazos Brewing Company.
 - Quickserv Johnny**, a rock band from Dallas, is playing at the Dixie Theatre. **Tablet**, a rock band from Dallas, is opening.
 - Raging Eden**, a heavy metal band, is playing at The Tap.
 - Gary Stuart**, a country and western performer, is playing at the Texas Hall of Fame.
 - The Wicks**, a rock band, is playing at Fitzwilly's.

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