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Bishop and Anthamatten were friends through their jobs at Tom's Barbecue and decided to

"I like this band a lot better," McKenzie said. "It's a lot different from Lost Prophets. We seem to gel a

Anthamatten said he anticipates some good exposure for the band through North by Northgate.

"It'll be cool to get us out there and let people see how bad we suck," he said. "I'd rather people know we suck than not know us at all.

Bishop agreed that North by Northgate is a good opportunity.

"It's about time," he said. "Hopefully, it'll add a spark to the scene. You gotta start somewhere

McKenzie said the band is set to play around the same time as Philadelphia's popular alt-rock band Huffamoose, so drawing an Aggie crowd may be a challenge. Anthamatten said getting students to see a live band in Bryan-College Station is a challenge in itself.

'We've got a lot of good friends well, we've got a lot of bored friends with nothing to do," Anthamatten said. "Drawing a crowd of people who don't know us might be hard. The people we don't know are all out at Shadow Canyon and Dixie Chicken doing their redneck thing.

Anthamatten said he would like to see North by Northgate develop a local music scene and unite the area as the South by Southwest festival has done for Austin.

'This could ebb over into our arts and music program," he said. "This could encourage directors to pump up the arts at A&M

Bishop encourages music fans to check out the band's Web site and look at the artwork displayed by Once Again Productions. He also has some advice for local students.

"It's time to get over *Titanic* and get into North by Northgate," he said.

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The band members have hopes of a future in music and are set to start looking for out-oftown gigs

Local musicians speculate that North by Northgate will open many doors for them.

"There's a lot of great bands out there but a lack of publicity," Pulley said. "But times are definitely changing for this place. Who knows? Maybe things will change after North by Northgate.

Pulley recommends music fans see Chris Duarte and Blue Earth. And, of course, he wouldn't mind seeing some friendly faces at Crooked Path Friday night.

We're a diverse band, and if you have a wide range of inter-ests, you oughta check us out," Pulley said. "Throw down the groove and a beer.

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Fans have responded well to the band's debut album, which is being distributed across the country. The band also is featured in this month's edition of Texas Monthly. Austin recommends music fans who have bought

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"Well, I'm out to prove them wrong and prove them wrong in a big way. In a few years, I hope to be known as one of the best harp players in the world."

Drummer Will Nunez has quite an impressive musical background, including stints as the Clyde Bros. Circus' drummer and a house drummer at a Bourbon Street club in New Orleans.

I feel like I'm finally home with the Reckless Panhandlers, no matter

Lead guitarist Mark Thomas was

passes to the festival to rotate between ble Dave's and Cow Hop.

'Between Atom 12, Slow Roos there's some awesome bands," Austin good-time college radio music.

Kid Fantastic will take the stage set out-of-towners a wild live performa "We hope a lot of people will com

> Van Zyl has con music scene by bands, agents and

'We were all moved by the power and passion of his songs," Thomas said. "We knew he was the one.

Andrew Asare, bass guitarist, was introduced to music in Wales, Great Britain and Ghana, West Africa. Influenced by Bob Marley, Asare was inspired by his "spiritual message and positive vibes" and moved to the States to attend Texas A&M. Asare brings African, jazz and reggae to the band.

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Promotions and booking agent Flakie Van Zyl keeps the band members in line as they struggle to keep

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