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**A**s the first rap group to break into mainstream, Run DMC has been called everything from founding fathers in the industry to spokesmen of the '80s generation.

Tonight at Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheatre, Run DMC will be delivering its hip-hop message to Gen X-ers and sharing the stage with fellow rapper Vanilla Ice and country musicians Pat Green and Jerry Jeff Walker at the '98 Ag Kickoff.

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DMC or D (Darryl McDaniels) said the crowd can expect to see hip-hop in its original form, not the rap they've seen in videos over the past 10 years.

"Basically we're gonna be doing what was done in rap music before rappers started making records, which is using a DJ, and me and run will rap over the records," he said. "That's the way it was done when rap first started and that's the way we've always done it."

D said he doesn't really define the groups' music as old or new school.

"You're gonna see true school," he said. "Everything from 1983 to 1993. Ten years of authentic hip-hop."

Mark Schaberg, co-promoter of Ag Kickoff and a representative of Popular Talent, said Run DMC was added after Tropical Storm Frances caused the postponement of the Sept. 11 show.

"We started calling around to see who we could add to the bill," Schaberg said. "It was a coincidence that Run DMC was playing a show in Houston at midnight the same night."

Run DMC will take the stage at 5:30 p.m. after Roger Creager, a local country musician.

Vanilla Ice will follow Run DMC, with Pat Green and Jerry Jeff Walker rounding out the evening.

Gates open at 4:30 p.m. D said it is great to be playing a show with Vanilla Ice because it is something the group has never done before.

"It's cool we're playing with Vanilla," he said. "We love it. We'd love four or five rappers sharing the stage with us."

D said he expects the crowd to get into the show because that's the kind of performance the group prefers to do.

"We do the original form of rap which is crowd participation," he said. "It's not about us, it's about ya'll. Throw your hands in the air, make some noise, jump up and down, alright ya'll ready for this."

"I hope ya'll come through for us. Don't disappoint Run DMC because we're going to give it all out for you."

Run DMC, made up of rappers D and Run (Joseph Simmons) and DJ Jam Master Flash (Jason Mizell), started their musical journey with *It's Like That* in 1983.

Since then, the group has garnered a number of firsts including being the



*Run DMC joins the stage with Vanilla Ice and Jerry Jeff Walker at Ag Kickoff tonight*

first rap group to go multi-platinum, have videos on MTV and be featured on the cover of Rolling Stone magazine.

D said the group wasn't really the founders of the genre, but more the pioneers.

"Groups like Sugar Hill, Grand Master Flash and Africa Banbatta led us to the door," he said.

"We just kicked it open, and in after us."

D said as a group from the common for 30-somethings DMC.

"It's not unusual for me to see a young, white doctor with his wife and kids come. Man let me tell you, when I would pretend to be you, would act like run, and records," D said.

"I tell my kids everyday, tending to today, that's not guys." And I hear that all the

In the upcoming year, he has a new album to coincide with events in hip-hop over the

D said the two will be a movie and album, *Crush* comes

"The sound will be the same as the old school, but you'll definitely hear it in the lyrics," he said. "But it's appeal to everyone, we've got

Individually, the three men with their independent record labels

D said fans can expect new music from all three companies with

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Despite this new musical direction, DMC said he will still be performing in his "Adidas always," he said, have them laced up because they're tops now. The low tops stay the same [without laces]; that's the secret.

John Dixon, co-promoter and a representative of the show, said the 7,000 fans at the event tonight will not be disappointed.

"There's not another show like College Station," he said.

D said the show will be a non-lovers as well as lovers.

"It will be a shame for anyone who misses this show, who really likes it's going to be the most enjoyable."

"But it's also an education for those who don't know what hip-hop is and

Tickets are still available for those who are not able to make it. "Our time's not over yet, we're rapping until we're 80."

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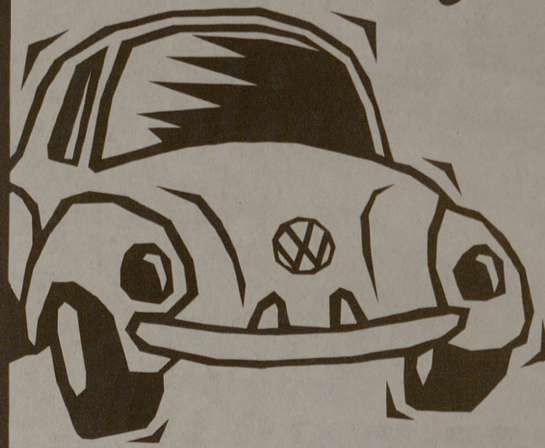


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