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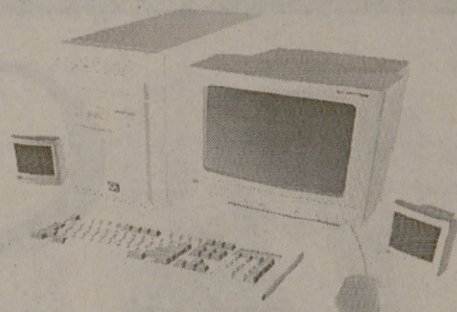
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## Bringing VARIETY to the MSC

## MSC Town Hall brings eclectic mix of entertainment to Texas A&M

BY RILEY LAGRONE  
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College Station may be the home of Texas A&M University, but the size of the city sometimes prevents it from attracting the same caliber of entertainment as larger cities. Luckily, keeping Texas A&M students entertained has been the mission of MSC Town Hall for almost 50 years.

As one of the four committees that originally made up the MSC, Town Hall has been bringing entertainment to A&M since the 1940s. This year, Town Hall is at its strongest. The committee has a record number 180 members and a new relationship with Reed Arena. It seems one of A&M's oldest organizations is gearing up for its most successful year to date.

Town Hall began its semester this past weekend with a retreat that allowed its members to become acquainted with each other.

Chosen by an application/interview process, the 103 new committee members are preparing for the coming year's activities, which include smaller events such as Coffeehouse and Play Anything. Say Anything as well as larger shows like the November 20 Faith Hill concert.

Lise Bohn, a Town Hall co-chair and a senior English major, said the organization feels good about its increased size and is ready to expand its programs as well.

"We're really excited about all our new members," Bohn said. "We're ready to take on some new projects, and we feel like [now we can] represent a good cross-section of the University."

In the past, Town Hall has organized concerts ranging from Sonny and Cher to R.E.M. and has even had some famous committee members such as Lyle Lovett. Vice-chairs are in charge of Town Hall's programming. They are responsible for booking acts, which includes contacting management and signing contracts. The bulk of the committee is divided into units, each led by a director. These smaller groups concentrate on designated areas of expertise and put in the legwork required to make an event happen. Town Hall also keeps a logbook in the Student Programs Office that committee members can use to offer suggestions for upcoming events.

Over the years, Town Hall has honed concert organization to a science. The committee has worked hard to develop positive relationships with concert promoters and other industry insiders.

Their efforts have seemingly paid off as Town Hall continues to book acts such as Harry Connick Jr. and George Strait that would otherwise overlook a small town like College Station.

Town Hall is also making an attempt to book other types of artists. "Club shows" feature acts such as Tori Amos and other performers considered to be non-mainstream.

The shows, which normally take place in Rudder Auditorium, have historically been some of Town Hall's most innovative and groundbreaking shows.

Although these concerts normally run smoothly, Christine Ogilvie, a Town Hall co-chair, said an event can sometimes become more complicated than expected. When Town Hall brought alternative act Cake to Rudder Auditorium, for example, the lead singer of the band reportedly disappeared just before showtime.

"Two girls saw him in Rudder and yelled 'Hey, you're the guy from Cake,'" Ogilvie said. "He just turned around and ran. It was funny."



JAKE SCHRIKLING

Mark McDavid, a junior marketing major, sings at MSC Town Hall's Open Mic in front of Rudder Auditorium.

Although Town Hall does bring in large acts, the organization is just as interested in allowing students to express themselves. Several Town Hall programs, including Coffeehouse and Play Anything, do this, offering a forum for virtually any type of entertainment imaginable. Any talent, from fire-eating to bagpipe players, is welcome and even encouraged.

Melissa King, a Town Hall member and a journalism major, said the committee welcomes student participation and does everything possible to support the local music scene.

"Coffeehouse and Play Anything, Say Anything have two basic goals — to support local talent and provide students with alternative forms of entertainment," King said. "Personally, I'm sick of going to movies. These activities help both aspiring and bored students."

Although the acts that perform at Coffeehouse primarily bands that come to the committee, anyone is welcome to visit Town Hall in the Student Programs Office and get into the act.

In addition, Play Anything, Say Anything, and a monthly show off their unique skills. Instrumental soapbox are even provided.

"We were really excited about the soapbox," Ogilvie said. "We wanted everyone to get a chance to speak their mind and then sign the box when we were finished."

Unfortunately, the box has collected only three signatures so far. It should be noted, however, that the box still sits unused at all Play Anything, Say Anything sessions, and anyone wishing to speak their mind is still welcome to step up.

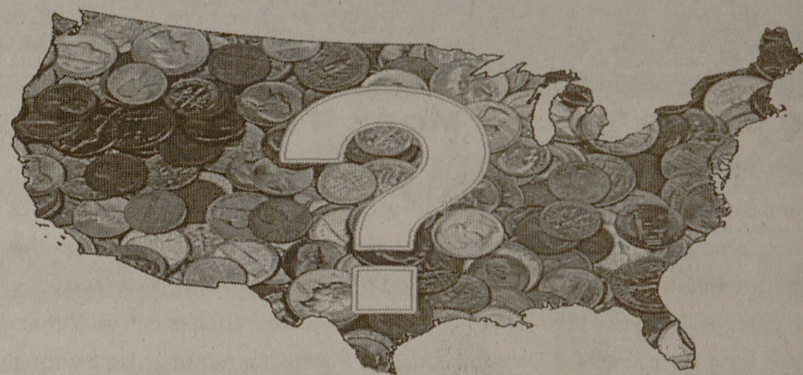
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