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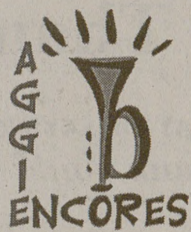
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B-CS music scene strives to diversify

Local groups, promoters look to push beyond traditional country, alternative offerings

BY AMY DAUGHERTY
The Battalion

The Bryan-College Station music scene is slowly becoming more diverse, although the combined number of local and out-of-town performers is considerably smaller than larger surrounding cities such as Austin.

In past years, the music scene primarily consisted of country performers and alternative rock bands that regularly frequented the area.

Over the last few years, however, the music scene has expanded beyond country and alternative rock to include blues, jazz, ska, rap, punk, surf rock, folk and reggae.

Dave Salmon, adviser to MSC Town Hall, said Town Hall works to achieve a diverse environment at A&M that provides entertainment for the entire student body.

"We try to determine what is popular and what under-represented groups want to see," Salmon said. "I personally think we're making strides toward a more diverse arrangement. There is still room for improvement, and we work towards diversity every day."

Aaron Comer, a bartender at Crooked Path Ale House, said the establishment sees a diverse arrangement of talent.

"It's more down-home here —

it basically differs each night," he said. "Some nights we get alternative bands with pop tunes and hard bass and other times we get bluegrass and jazz. Every night could be completely different than the night before."

Local bands find it easier to book shows in College Station, when compared to cities like Austin and Houston which have a greater number of performers.

J.T. Stewart, a member of the local band Last Free Exit, said the music scene is improving.

"I've seen it improve in the last few years," he said. "It [live music] used to just be a Friday thing. It's sad that Austin has a Monday through Saturday scene and we don't, but being optimistic about it, it's improving."

"It's good for performers — there's a lack of bands," Stewart said. "In Austin it's very competitive, so it's good [playing in College Station] from the artist's standpoint. Playing music is the way we make our living — in Austin we couldn't do this. College Station sees what Austin has and we're becoming less conservative."

Randy Abbey, a bartender at the Cow Hop, said the local music scene is diverse.

"It's pretty broad — we [the Cow Hop] have country, blues, jazz and mostly alternative rock



James Cook of local band Floor performs at the Crooked Path house Tuesday.

— some make it and some don't," he said. "I definitely think there's a good scene."

Comer said the music scene is continually improving.

cal music scene, and Town Hall a lot for it," he said. "[The scene] has blossomed a lot. I definitely think the scene is getting better."

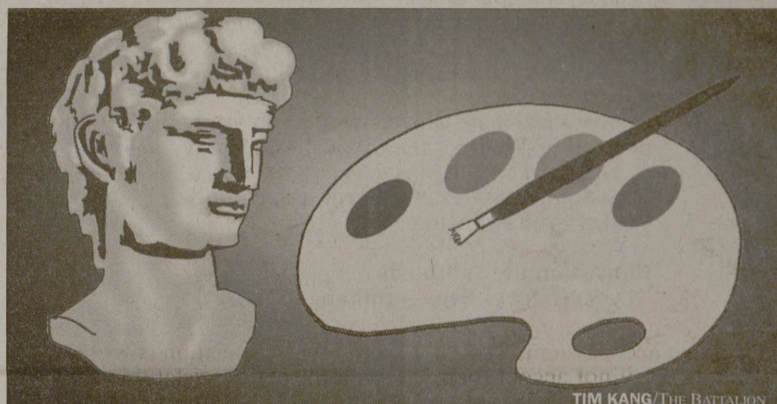
Arts Council offers events to explore creativity

BY AMY CURTIS
The Battalion

Celebrating the National Arts Awareness Week, the Arts Council of the Brazos Valley offers artistic entertainment and the chance to express oneself.

P. David Romei, executive director of the Arts Council of Brazos Valley, said the council is hosting a variety of events this week.

The Arts Council, located at 2501 Texas Ave. South, Suite 105-C in College Station, is hosting the Local Color Gallery's annual Holiday Market, a display featuring Texan artists. He said the exhibit features not only paintings, but sculptors, wood carvings and crafts. He said all of the crafts and art work are done by people from



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Texas and have some kind of regional design.

He said Joe Smith, a renowned sculptor, is also featured and three of his steel pieces will be exhibited

and sold.

Romei said almost everything at the exhibit is for sale. He said there will be crafts displayed and sold such as homemade teddy bears,

clothing, ceramics, vases, and jewelry. He said the jewelry played is always popular. Art including watercolors, drawings, paintings, wood carvings and sculptures are for display and sale. One of the interesting things there are ceramic wine glasses shaped like red bell peppers.

Romei said there will be poetry readings Sunday at 8 p.m. at the Arts Council called "Bring Out the Talent," and will feature aspiring poets. He said the event is to bring interesting poetry and stimulating poetry together to be heard and appreciated. He said it is an open event where anyone is welcome who is interested in art. Chuck Taylor, a nationally claimed poet, will be present at the event.

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