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The Brothers Robison ruce and Charlie play together for first time on latest tour

BY SCOTT HARRIS The Battalion

A aybe it's love — for each other or for the music — but there definitely is a driving force behind Lucky Dog's "Unleashed "featuring Jack Ingram and brothers Charnd Bruce Robison. But do not get confused he brothers are not touring together as one they are each playing their own sets.

he Robisons grew up in Bandera playing ic together, so it is no wonder the two often compared to each other. But just because are compared to each other does not mean have to like it.

That has always bugged me, because eone will be the loser," Bruce said. "They Charlie is the rowdy one and Bruce is the ospective one — it just doesn't tell the le story.

They both are quick to point out touring toer is giving them a chance to relive their dhoods

"We grew up together, we have lived together, we play together — we are real close," Bruce "We haven't spent too much time together lately, [but] this tour is bringing us together and is a lot of fun."

Older brother Charlie said, "This tour is great," he said. "We've played together forev-er, and this thing is like forced family time."

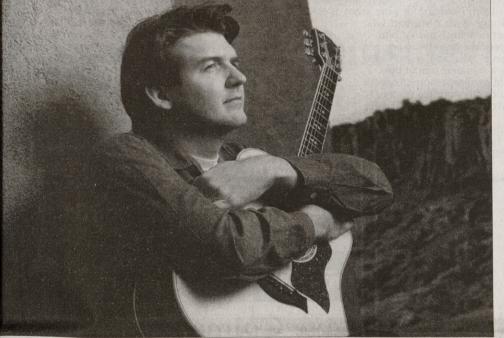
The brothers have long been a staple on the music scene, both in Texas and in Nashville. The brothers said there is a noticible the difference between the two music scenes.

"Nashville is not centered around live music; everything is studio," Bruce said. "In Texas people want to hear a live show, and it's about the music. In Nashville, it's all about the business — it's an industry.

Charlie said the Nashville scene is geared toward having radio hits.

"In Texas I can play my music the way I want to and not change it," he said. "If the radio wants it, great, but I'm not go-

ing to give them an alternative. In Nashville



Ce Robison is playing tonight at 8 at Hurricane Harry's with his brother Charlie and Jack Ingram.

they try to make the world a perfect place. In Texas we write about real life, things that actually happen.

Both said they prefer the Texas style of music because it offers more chances to be creative, and because of this they both have experienced rising popularity despite limited radio play.

'I would love to have a radio hit," Charlie said, "but not at the expense of my music. I feel that if you put it out there and it's good, then they will play it.'

Bruce credits his success to a grassroots following in Texas.

"We don't get a lot of radio play, and it's neat to go to a show and see people familiar with my songs," Bruce said. "I guess people just pass my name along."

Having only played a couple shows in Col-lege Station, Bruce's name is not as familiar as his brother's, but he said he has high hopes for the show tonight at Hurrican Harry

"My brother has played there [College Station] many times," Bruce said. "He said it is just like any other college crowd, so I can expect some rowdiness. But I like to put on the same kind of shows for the same kind of people. I just hope people will be there." Charlie said he expects a similar kind of

show he has always had here in town. "College Station has great music fans," he

said. "The college crowd is great. Even though the brothers are similar to an

extent, they said they have found inspiration for their songs in different places.

"I like to keep an open mind about things that are going on," Bruce said. "The older, I get the less time I have to search

out and find new things, I have to make an effort. There is so much out there, I just have to slog through life, because writing songs is how

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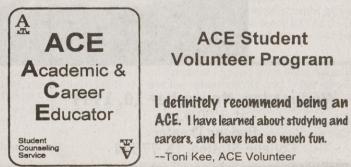
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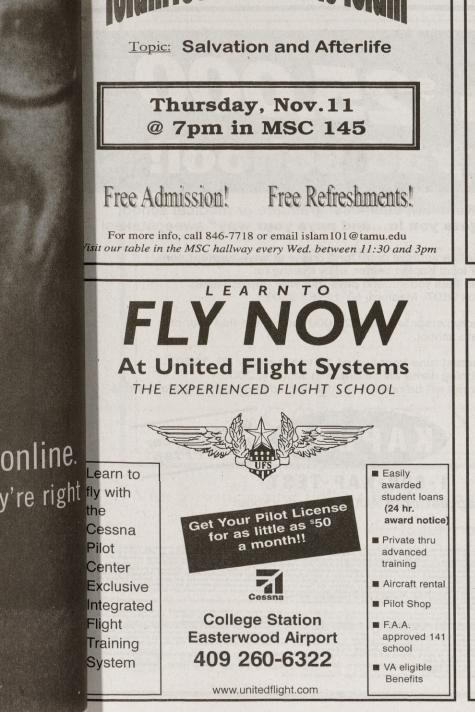


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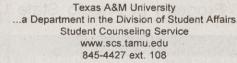
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