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Any student or former student who completed all the requirements as of summer '99, must visit the Aggie Ring Office to complete a ring audit no later than December 8 to order their ring by the December 10 deadline for March 2, 2000 delivery.



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DEADLINE: DECEMBER 8, 1999

Undergraduate Student Requirements:

You must be a degree seeking student and have completed all of the following requirements to order an Aggie ring:

- 95 cumulative undergraduate credit hours reflected on the Texas A&M University Student Information Management System degree audit. (A course passed with a grade letter of D or better, which is repeated and passed, cannot count as additional credit hours unless the catalog states the course may be repeated for credit. The lowest grade is the repeated course.)
- 60 undergraduate credit hours must have been completed in residence at Texas A&M University if your first semester at Texas A&M University was January 1994 or thereafter, or if you attended prior to 1994 and do not qualify under the successful semester requirement defined in the following paragraph. The 60 credit hour requirement will be waived if your degree is conferred with less than 60 A&M credit hours. The waiver will not be granted until after your degree is posted to screens #123 & #136 of the Student Information Management System.
- 30 undergraduate credit hours must have been completed in residence at Texas A&M University, providing that prior to January 1, 1994, you were enrolled at Texas A&M University and successfully completed either a fall/spring semester or summer term (I and II or 10 weeks) as a full-time student in good standing (A full-time student is defined in the university catalog as one that completes 12 credit hours with a 2.0 GPR in a spring or fall semester; or 4 credit hours with a 2.0 GPR in a 10 week session.)

Please remember that you will lose resident credits if you pass a course at A&M with a D or better and retake it at another institution and make a higher grade. The lowest grade is always deducted by the university as a repeated class.

- 2.0 cumulative GPR at Texas A&M University.

- Be in good standing with the University, including no registration or transcript blocks for past due fees, loans, parking tickets, returned checks, etc.

Graduate Student Requirements:

If you are a December 1999 degree candidate and do not have an Aggie ring from a prior degree, you may place an order after you meet the following requirements:

- Your degree is conferred and posted on the Texas A&M University Student Information Management System; and
- You are in good standing with the University, including no registration or transcript blocks for past due fees, loans, parking tickets, returned checks, etc.

However, if you have completed all of your course work prior to this semester and have been cleared by the thesis clerk, you may request a "letter of completion" from the Office of Graduate Studies (providing it is not past their deadline). The original letter of completion, with the seal, may be presented to the Ring Office in lieu of your degree being posted.

Procedure to order a ring:

- If you meet all of the above requirements and you wish to receive your ring on March 2, 2000, you must visit the Ring Office no later than Wednesday, December 8, 1999 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. to complete the application for eligibility verification.

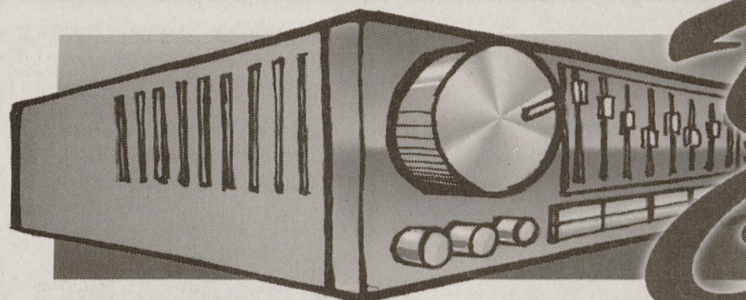
It is recommended that you do not wait until December 8 to apply for your ring audit. Should there be a problem with your academic record, or if you are blocked, you may not have sufficient time to resolve these matters before the order closes out on December 10.

- Return no later than December 10, 1999 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. to check on the status of your audit and if qualified, pay in full by cash, check, money order, or your personal Discover, Visa or MasterCard (with your name imprinted).

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BEASTIE BOYS ANTHOLOGY
THE SOUNDS OF SCIENCE

Beastie Boys

Anthology: *The Sounds of Science*
Capitol Records

With five full-length albums and a number of EPs, it was only a matter of time before the Beastie Boys put out an anthology. The two-disc compilation, *The Sounds of Science*, contains 42 of the Beasties' favorites — some hits, some not.

From start to finish, *The Sounds of Science* can do no wrong — the album's only problem is that it leaves listeners begging for more.

It can be argued that some of their best songs were left off of the album, but picking the top Beastie songs would be like picking one Playmate to spend the rest of eternity with — nearly impossible.

This is the kind of collection that will get the heads bobbin' and toes tappin' of even the most rhythmically challenged. Trying not to jam to the Beasties is an exercise in futility.

Included with the anthology is an 80-page booklet with the background of each song on the compilation, giving fans a chance to get into the heads of the B. Boys. *The Sounds of Science* has solidified the group's place in musical history. (Grade: A)

— Scott Harris



Bela Fleck and the
Flecktones

Greatest hits of the
20th Century
CD Courtesy of
Warner Bros.

The Flecktones have forgotten more about groove instrumentals than most bands will ever learn. Even in this era of alternative instrumentation, the Flecktones' banjo, synthaxe, harmonica and bass arrangements stand alone.

Driven by Bela Fleck's endlessly inventive banjo playing and the superhuman bass work of Victor Lemonte Wooten, the Flecktones deliver solid hooks that never wear out. Through their use of layered melodies and sensitive use of dynamic change, the Flecktones speak a new message with each 32-bar jam.

The songs on the album never become repetitive, thanks largely in part to the guest musicians featured on every track. The Flecktones assimilate musical instruments efficiently, maintaining their musical character while incorporating new voices.

Unfortunately, most listeners will tire quickly of an album composed almost entirely of instrumentals. However, instrumental music is Bela Fleck's forte. (Grade: B+)

— Stephen Wells



98°

This Christmas
CD Courtesy of
Universal Records

When artists or groups achieve success, they supposedly are entitled to their own Christmas album.

When it comes to 98°, both "success" and the above rule could be argued.

The original song written for the boy band, "This Gift," currently is being played on Top 40 stations throughout the nation and is not exactly in good taste.

The "gift" comes across as a night of fun in the sack — 'tis the season.

An acappella version of "I'll Be Home for Christmas" proves that these guys can sing, but their twists on traditional and R&B flavor do not make for a great album.

One member (probably the blond who never sings) busts out with a terrible bass solo during "The Christmas Song."

All in all, the album is simply average — nothing breakthrough.

Surely, young girls will beg their parents for this, but any fan of Christmas music should pass this one over for offerings from the likes of Mariah Carey, perhaps. (Grade: C-)

— Jeff Kempf



Amy Grant

A Christmas to Remember
CD Courtesy of
A&M Records

Hasn't Amy Grant recorded a Christmas album she really have to make it?

Grant has created some truly goody-goody pop and has always associated with Christian influences. Her album is horrid.

The only credit she would have to come from is songwriting. The originals are not Grammy-worthy, at least she wrote them — many of today's singing lions cannot boast.

There is a mix of old with a little bit of a Nashville on this album.

Surprisingly, there is in this heap of crap — "Mr. Santa," sung to the "Mr. Sandman."

But the record hits bottom at the start of "Jingle Rock." Grant's vocals are jazzy enough for the back-up singers and annoyingly loud. Many of the feature these male back-up singers who only ruin the instead of accenting it.

Grant can sing, but some along her road to fame she came annoying. (Grade: D)

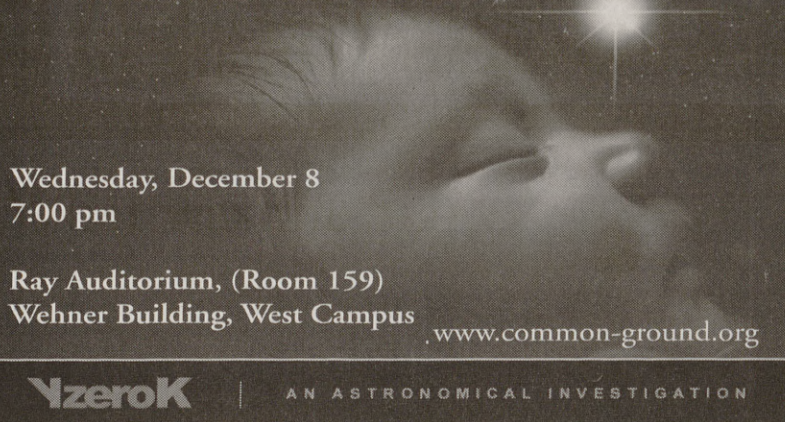
— Jeff Kempf

A = instant classic
D = don't buy it

B = a cut above
F = burn in effigy

C = average

What was the Star?



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