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Pushing it to the borderline

Students break into local music scene, prepare to perform Friday night at The Cow Hop

Approaching the Carpet Room, the storage d Safety dished where Borderlined practices in College Station, it is possible to make out the sound of

Inside the small room, named because of the sprinklers carpet hanging on the walls for acoustic purs slated poses, is Rip, Borderlined's lead guitarist. Rip, n. The Ur class of '99, leans against an amplifier, strumstallings, ming his black Les Paul guitar and waiting for the dence to other members of the band.

Randy Elkins, a senior aerospace engineersafety me ing major, is the first to arrive. Rip and Elkins put lace this together Borderlined, a College Station-based rock Leggett band, three years ago.

"We actually met at Sbisa (Dining Hall),"

Elkins interrupted, laughing. "Rip was sitting with a friend of mine, eating breakfast," he said. "From behind, I thought he was a woman, so I s going to see if my friend would introduce us." Rip wasn't looking for a date; he was looking from for a bass player. Even though Elkins is a guitarist, said. not a bassist, he and Rip formed the nucleus of what are to me would become Borderlined.

The band has been through six different ne bacter rhythm sections. It finally settled into the current lineup last October when it recruited bass accines player Brad Metrolis.

Metrolis, a junior electronic engineering They technology major, previously played in a College Station band called Cardboard Box. Borderlined opened a show for his band in April 1999, so Metrolis was familiar with the group.

"I came home one day, and Rip had called and said he needed a bassist," Metrolis said. "I wasn't cent of hardoing anything, so I figured I'd get together with as are fall them and try out. When I show up, he hands me a esult in stack of papers an inch thick and asks, 'How fast can e of the nayou learn that?"

The addition of Metrolis completed the lineup. Rip and Elkins had already hired a new drummer in March. "We've had bad luck with drummers," Elkins said. elymonth. For some reason, we get unreliable ones. We don't hear from them for a couple of weeks, then they'll call,



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asking when practice is, and we have to tell them, 'Um, you've been replaced.'"

Phil Pound, Borderlined's current drummer, shows up a few minutes late.

We got stuck at a light for, like, six cycles," said Pound, a senior at A&M Consolidated High School.

Pound and Rip have known each other for about three years, dating back to when Rip flew model planes with Pound's father.

"I was just learning to play drums, and I played with Borderlined once before they got a new drummer. Then, I got a chance to play with them again at North by Northgate last March," Pound said.

'And we jammed like no other," Elkins said. 'Then we were 'rahr!" Rip said, using the only adjective he says completely describes the band's lineup.

"Rahr" is the only way to describe the mentality of the guitar-based rock band. It is completely dedicated to success, working tirelessly to promote itself and get its music heard.

The one thing we have going for us is Rip. I've never seen anyone hassle club owners like he does," Metrolis said.

Rip sacrificed what he called his "third dream job" to stay in College Station and make Borderlined succeed.

"I was offered a job building model planes and flying them for the Navy," he said. "I actually had an internship doing that. But I said, 'Nah, I gotta keep rocking with the guys in College Station.'

The other members of the band are similarly enthusiastic and optimistic about the band's ultimate success. This rings particularly true when Pound, the band's youngest member, said, "I got a call from a track coach at a school in Louisiana (trying to recruit me). I told my mom I didn't want to do it because I want to be in a band.

Borderlined will play Friday at The Cow Hop. They go on stage at 10:30 p.m. Opening act Hank Billings starts at 9:00 p.m. Admission is free.

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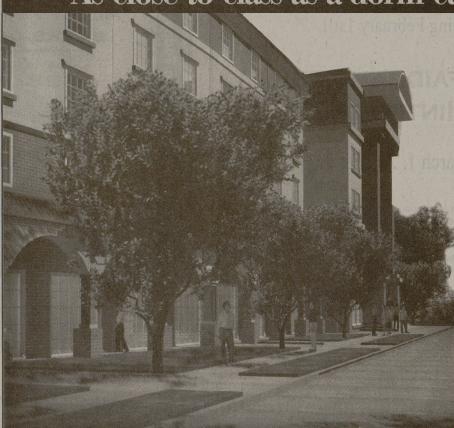
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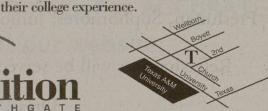
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