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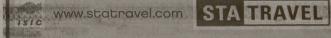
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THE BATTALION

or "blue" about the musical track record of

the band Blue October. With a career span-

ning more than eight years, two major label

record releases and a new CD on the way,

the band has become a force to reckon with

has used poignant lyrics, powerful music

and unconventional practices to become a

ence is a vital part of music," said Autumn

Holcomb, a junior journalism major and

incredible ability to connect with its audi-

that reflects in their intense live shows," she

said. "They honestly try to reach out to peo-

ple through their music. "They have very

touching lyrics and it's always clear what

they are saying. With every performance of

Blue October I have attended, I have walked

Taking Back Sunday

"Tell All Your Friends"

Victory Records

"Your lipstick...his collar...don't bother angel...I know exactly

"Cute with out the 'E'," the third cut from Taking Back

Sunday's "Tell All your Friends," begins with lyrics that slice

As front man and writer for the band, Adam Lazzara knows exactly how to say what he is feeling without mincing words.

Taking Back Sunday's debut album, "Tell All Your Friends," has sold more than 100,000 copies with no help from the radio and, until recently, very minimal press from major music maga-

This band has become huge in indie circles and add fans of

The CD's catchy choruses will have fans singing at the top of their lungs and will throw most humans into a state of delight as TBS relives the joys and trials of relationships with friends,

"The truth is you could slit my throat...and with my one last

boyfriends or girlfriends and society in general.

During the past two years, Blue October

"Making a connection with your audi-

Holcomb said Blue October has an

"They have an incredible stage presence

in the Houston music scene.

longtime fan of the band.

ence, every time it performs.

new underground music.

crowd favorite in College Station.

Contrary to its name, there is nothing sad

THE BATTAL

Furstenfeld said Blue October's

"I have known Ryan (Delahoussaya

words are augmented by an unusual

violinist, for a long time," he said."

always thought that the violin is one

saddest sounding instruments out

Since a lot of my lyrics focus on sor

thought it would be a cool idea to get

to lay some music down on some tra

was wonderful how he made the sound

together, so we decided to stick with

October, frequents the concert so

College Station and surrounding

Wilkie said he believes the band has the

standing ability to bring recorded m

stream concerts, and I know how ran

to see an artist re-create what they m

a studio setting in concert," he said.

whole band is exceptionally talented

they bring a lot of energy to their per

Concept Wednesday night at 8 p.m.

Blue October will be performi

"I have been to many local and

Rich Wilkie, a longtime fan of

the violin.

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gasping breath I'd apologize for bleedin on your shirt. "Morb lyrics? Maybe. But Taking Back Sunday has found a style the appeal to all with their dual vocals, surprising guitar work and some great keyboard thrown in.

Each track bleeds with emotion and energy that has been tured by only a few other artists such as The Used, Coheed as

With Dashboard Confessional-like appeal, this album is an ing from beginning to end. Rolling Stone has labeled Taking! Sunday "...the biggest band you have never heard of." These know what they are doing and it rocks.



Out of the Blue

Lead singer Justin Furstenfeld said the

band has made some strides in its career,

despite being removed from the Universal

"After we got dropped from Universal, we went into the studio to record a new

album with a different label," he said. "We

had a lot more independence because I had

the chance to produce the album, along with

Dave Castell. It was a great feeling to be able

to call the shots and not have some suited

record exec shout from the back that what

fueled the band's passion for making music.

vengeance to our old label," he said. "We

want to show them that we were never into

making music to make radio hits, but rather

to reach out to our listeners. Our fans are a

huge reason why we are still going strong

today, and we thank God everyday for hav-

the band, said Blue October's melancholy

asked me to write happy songs, but when I

start to write, what comes out comes out,"

lyrics are his natural reaction to life.

Furstenfeld, who is also the lyricist for

There have been times when people

Furstenfeld said switching labels further

"The new album is almost like a form of

we were doing wasn't hit material."

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