

THE BATTALION

Reckless

Continued from page 3A

can really play good music will stick around, image or not, and the fans will still be there. "The music is just a good mix and fun," Vinator said. "They are a great show to go see because their personalities really come out on stage, and everyone just has an excellent time."

Senior environmental design major Joel Albea has been a long-time fan of the band. "I think musically and lyrically they are outstanding," Albea said. "They are at the edge of country but not quite rock 'n' roll, and they have great shows with music that's just great to listen to."

Other Aggies enjoy the band's music due to variety. Reckless Kelly's music ranges from soul-scratching introspectives to raucous ballads where one can almost hear the din and scuffling of a busy bar.

"I like how varied the music is and just the overall sound of the band, plus I love it when a band can just break out and jam on the mandolin in the middle of a song," said Scott Boyd, a junior communications major.

Braun said Reckless Kelly is the anti-Milli Vanilli — a band that you might expect to be behind the curtain supplying some group of pretty boys with a sound that they could not

actually produce. But they make no apologies for being rough.

"Our music is what it is," Braun said. "We don't try to be anything we are not."

Braun said Reckless Kelly appreciates the fan base in College Station and understands what it is like to fit into a community such as Aggieland.

"The whole band is a bunch of brothers," Braun said. "Even when we are not out on the road we hang out, go to parties, do whatever — like old married people or maybe a fraternity."

The band will spend the next few months touring with The Flatlanders and then head off to Europe to play dates in London and festivals in Amsterdam. Braun said Reckless Kelly will then return to the studio to record a new album in June followed by more touring in July.

"We're going back to Europe with a whole new batch of stuff, but we are going to work on it here in our shows over the next couple of months," Braun said.

The band will take the stage at midnight Friday at Shadow Canyon for the Northgate Music Festival.

Braun said Aggies should check out the show and hear the new songs with the best wishes of the band.

"If I could say the thing I wanted someone to take home from our show," Braun said. "It would be a good time ... and maybe a date for the evening."

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Singer Bobby Brown ordered to pay \$63,500 in child support or face jail time

CANTON, Mass. (AP) — A family court judge ordered R&B singer Bobby Brown jailed for 90 days or until he pays \$63,500 in child support he owes the mother of two children he fathered.

Brown, released from a Georgia jail early so he could attend the contempt hearing, cried as he was led from the courtroom. He was to be jailed in the Norfolk County House of Correction.

Judge Paula Carey issued the ruling after Brown, husband of singer Whitney Houston, testified that he was unable to pay support he owes for children, now 12 and 14, that he fathered with Kim Ward, of Stoughton.

Brown, a Roxbury native, was released Monday, three days early, from the Georgia jail where he had been serving a 60-day sentence on a probation violation stemming from a drunk driving charge.

Brown, 35, also is charged with misdemeanor battery after he allegedly hit Houston, leaving her with a bruised cheek and a cut lip. He is scheduled to appear May 5 in a Fulton County, Ga., court on that charge.

Carey said the financial statement the troubled for-

mer pop star provided the court "lacks all credibility," and declined his lawyers' offers to pay \$10,000 by the end of Wednesday, an additional \$15,000 within 10 days and negotiate the rest.

Brown, who was more than four hours late for the hearing, testified in a hushed voice, telling the judge that he was unable to pay because he had no job and no income.

"I never wanted this to happen," he said.

His attorney, Vincent Dimmock, said although Brown had been a successful pop singer in the 1980s and early 1990s, he has "been nowhere near that in recent years."

Brown said he planned to have an album out within 30 days and begin production of movie in Los Angeles. But after the judge was told Brown had not received an advance for the album, Carey said "I don't find it credible that no money has been advanced at all."

Ward's attorney, Linda Medonis, said her client sought the money only on her children's behalf.

Brown left R&B group New Edition in the late 1980s for a solo career. His hits include "My Prerogative" and "Every Little Step," but he has become more famous for his numerous brushes with the law and his turbulent marriage with Houston. The couple lives in the Atlanta area.

Houston, who recently checked herself into a drug rehabilitation center, did not attend Wednesday's hearing.

department of health & kinesiology



The ACADEMY FOR THE VISUAL AND PERFORMING arts

Present

Faculty Performing An Arts Showcase



Can your dance professor perform Swan Lake?



Ever wondered if your Shakespeare professor longs to play Hamlet?



Can your Music profs prove they can play the mandolin?

Saturday, March 27

7:30 PM



Rudder Auditorium

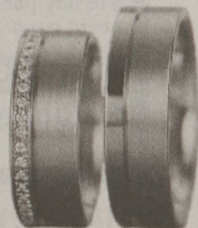
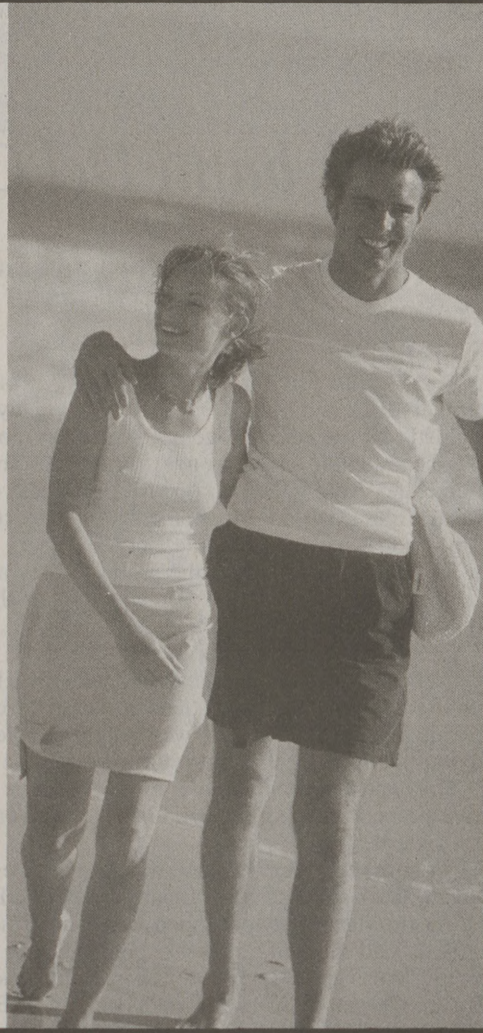
Come see your professors practice what they teach!

FREE - No ticket needed - FREE

the spring bridal event this friday & saturday, march 26 & 27 Call 764-8786 for your appointment!

INCREDIBLE FINANCING

Receive 12 months interest-free financing on purchases made during the event!



DAVID GARDNER'S JEWELERS + GEMOLOGISTS

widest selection original designs exceptional service



INCREDIBLE SELECTION

featuring designs by David Gardner Memoire, Natalie K, Verragio, Simon G, Christain Bauer and Scott Kay



DAVID GARDNER'S JEWELERS + GEMOLOGISTS

the ring source for hopeful couples come in, get comfortable and make her dreams come true

INCREDIBLE PRIZES

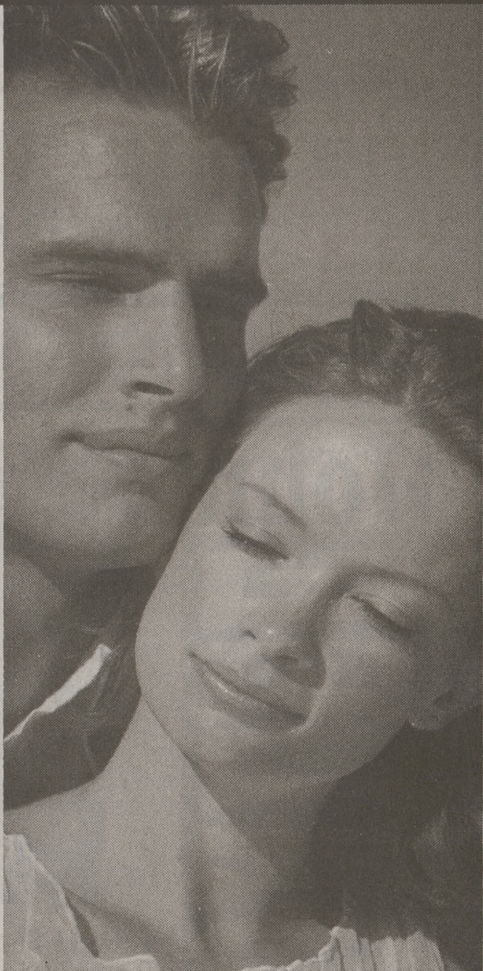
Register to win a variety of prizes including a platinum diamond engagement ring.

Qualify early by calling 764-8786 today.



DAVID GARDNER'S JEWELERS + GEMOLOGISTS

Visit the store at 522 University Drive E. (Between the Suit Club and Audio Video) Call 979-764-8786 for an appointment.



THANK YOU BIG EVENT VOLUNTEERS

Julia and David Gardner truly support volunteerism especially for those of you giving your time to this year's Big Event. David Gardner's invites Big Event Volunteers to our Spring Bridal Event. When stopping by the store, be sure to ask about the special "Gift with Purchase" for Big Event Volunteers!