

Band rates high

Clackamas Community College's stage band rates very high in comparison with other bands from four Western states, according to a panel of Los Angeles-area professional musicians, composers and arrangers.

The band was described as "hot damn" by one judge when collected first finalist award in the community college division at the Southern California College Jazz Festival at Chaffey College in Alta Loma, Calif., on April 19. The band competed against colleges from California, Oregon, Arizona and Utah.

In the nine areas in which the College band was judged, it received top to maximum number of points available

from all three judges.

One contest number performed was "Yardbird Suite" by Charlie Parker, and arranged by College music student Laird Halling. Also performed by "Randi," a ballad featuring lead saxophonist Laird Halling, "Catalpa Complex," "What Are You Doing the Rest of Your Life?" and "Wind Machine."

The College's award-winning Stage Band and the University of Oregon Lab Band will join for a performance of jazz and pop music on Tuesday in the Community Center Mall

at 8 p.m.

The concert is open to the public and admission price is \$1.



JAZZ PRIDE—The College stage band placed very high among college bands in four states.

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"Get Happy" explodes with dark rage

One word can adequately describe Elvis Costello and his music: "bitter."

This skinny, bespectacled Buddy Holly look-alike must have been treated real lousy by society because his music explodes with dark rage and blazing fury toward just about anything that crosses his path.

Costello especially likes to take shots at old lovers (one of his favorite themes), pretentious societies and people, capitalistic America (Costello's a limey), and for that matter, anything that's

supposedly sacred.

Costello and the Attractions' newest album on Columbia Records is titled "Get Happy," but the title does little justice in describing the music here. Costello is not about to "get happy" over anything. He still is, and probably will always be, an uncompromising pessimist.

There are an amazing 20 songs on this single disc, which often tends to overpower the listener, but nonetheless seems to enhance the total unity of the record as each song attacks with unrelenting force.

"Get Happy" deals with many depressing themes, such as bitter relationships, unloving marriages, deception, corruption and bribery. From the opening chords of their anguished version of the old soul obscurity, "I Can't Stand Up for Falling Down," the listener realizes this is not going to be a "happy" ride.

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female friend that "a B-movie is all you're to me." In "The Imposter," he taunts and confuses his lover by using double negatives ("When I said I was lying I might have been lying").

No, "Get Happy" will certainly not improve your outlook on life. If you're depressed already, you may end up committing suicide, but who said music has to be fun? Costello's lyrics are always pointed and they portray very realistic emotions we all face from time to time (we're just not quite as obsessed with them as Costello is).

So, if you're looking for a quick upper, "Get Happy" won't deliver the goods. But if an abrupt shot of reality is what you're after, then Elvis Costello's definitely who you need.

Fiddlers on campus

The College is primed for the event. Last week, Oregon old-timer and fiddle maker Herman Classen spoke in the College library. A display, which represents Classen's craft, is still there for the viewing.

The competition is presented by the Old Time Fiddlers Association. This organization also donated some fiddle albums to the College library last week.

During the contest, which will take place in Randall

Gym, there will be a demonstration of clogging and square dancing by the Stumptown Cloggers.

The College will host the Annual State Fiddlers Contest on May 10.

This is the first year the event, usually seen at Bend, will be held on this side of the Cascades.

Fiddlers of all ages will compete at the contest, which will begin with preliminaries at 11 a.m. and end with finals at 7:30 p.m.

Rats in concert

An in-concert video tape of the English rock group, "The Boomtown Rats," will be presented over the Student Information Network next week.

The Student Activities sponsored presentation will be shown on May 5 at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon and 6 p.m.; May 6 at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.; May 7 at 9 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. and May 9 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Sidewalk cafe

International Day will take place at the College on May 7, sponsored by the College foreign language department in conjunction with Clackamas County high schools.

The event will last from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The festivities this year will include a wide array of cultural treats. In the courtyard outside the Community Center, there will be several booths with students selling different ethnic dishes. Some of these will be chondigas (Spanish meat-

balls), tortillas with beans, tacos, Swedish pancakes, salads and crepes. All of these will be prepared on the spot. Also in the courtyard, students will be selling fruit, flowers and T-shirts.

At noon there will be some sporting events—volleyball, relay and tugawar—that everyone will be encouraged to participate in. The high school students will be presenting skits. There will be singing, folk

dancing and a fencing demonstration. Foreign films will be shown in the Community Center.

The Foreign Language Department emphasizes that International Day is presented for the entire student body and staff of CCC. They encourage everyone to participate and join in the fun of the cultural activities.

Brando movie

"The Ugly American," starring Marlon Brandon, will be shown in the Fireside

Lounge on Friday at noon. This film is sponsored by Student Activities and the Theatre Department.

Hoedown soon

Do you like big barns, the smell of hay, dancing, beer and bluegrass music? If you do, then heck! Ya'll should show up at the fourth annual Hoedown at the Bar 88 Arena

in Molalla!

Dr. Corn's Bluegrass Remedy will perform at the May 17 event, and a lively evening is guaranteed for all.

The Hoedown will take place from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Admission for the Associated Student Government sponsored event is \$2 for College students with identification, and \$3 general admission.

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