

Sexy items stimulate trade of Chapel Hill jewelry store

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Will the add-a-boob necklace be the next campus fashion?

Sex has found its way to the jewelry counter at Foree-Johnson Metalsmiths at 106 Henderson St., where you can purchase your very own life-sized, sterling and copper Deep Throat Whistle for \$250.

Remember the mood ring? You know, the one that turned blue when you were in a sexy mood. Well, perhaps it was a bit too subtle for you. Girls, now you can show just how sexy you really are with a silver and ruby "Titty Ring" for \$35.

Guys, you haven't been forgotten. For \$125, you too can flaunt your masculinity with the daring "Mr. Macho" ring. This 14 karat gold and sterling ring with a carefully designed inch-long penis which extends from it can adorn your hand.

The shop's erotic jewelry display was designed as a promotional gimmick to draw people into the shop, said co-owner Don Foree.

"In general, people come by because they're interested in that sort of thing (erotic jewelry)," said Foree. "What's more fun than sex?"

Indeed, most of the jewelry is not your everyday onyx ring or Timex watch. The pieces were designed by artisans all over the country and are like museum displays. Because of their uniqueness, Foree hopes that persons who purchase the jewelry will leave it on display until Feb. 29.

Foree hopes to make the exhibit an annual event near the Valentine holiday.

Although much of the jewelry is discreet, other pieces are more brazen.

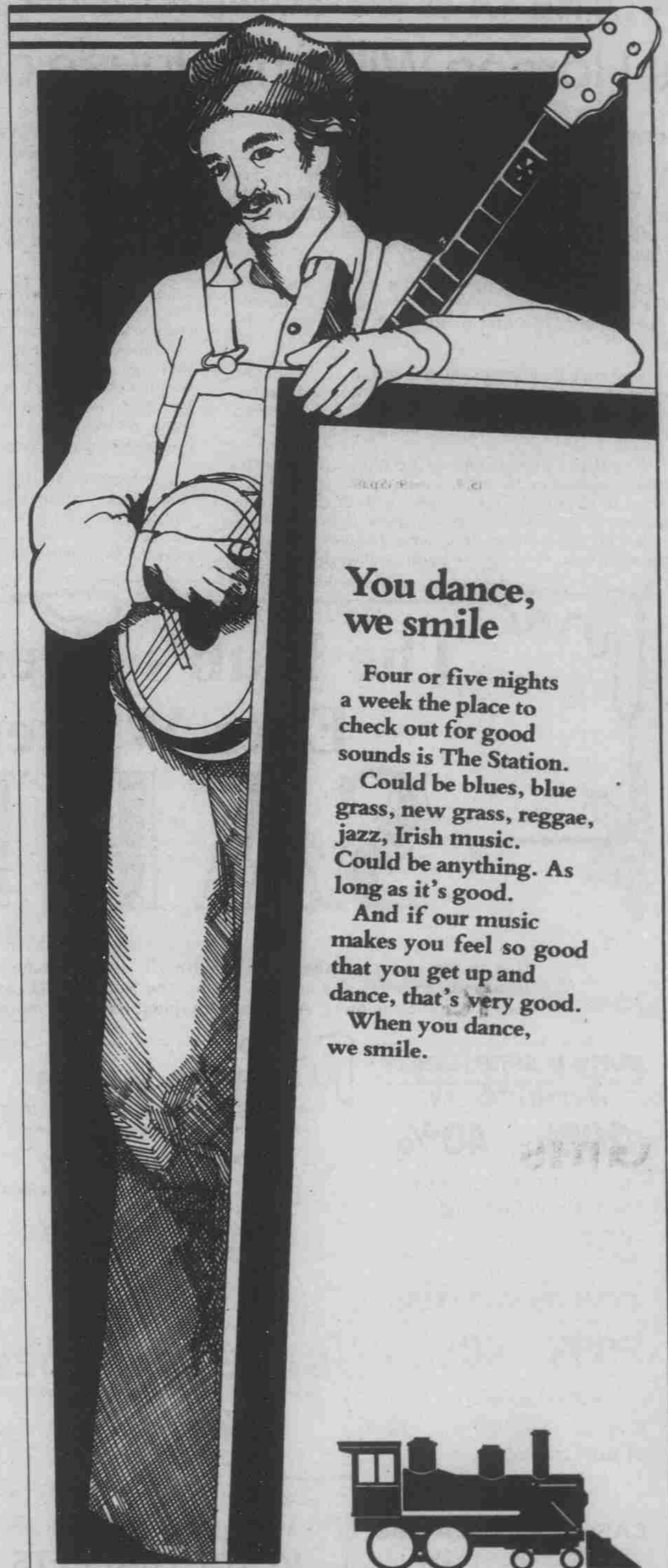
For the girl that has everything, there is always the "T's and A's" necklace with enough dangling bosoms and buns to satisfy any Twiggy.

Ahhh! And for that special someone on your Valentine's list, you can enhance his or her breakfast table with a \$300 "Honey Server" which is cleverly disguised as a five-inch silver penis.

But if you really want to go all out, you can buy the very usable "Enema Douche Bag," decorated with a turquoise and silver clamp for \$400.

Since Foree hasn't sold anything yet, and really hadn't planned to sell much, maybe the add-a-bead will still be around this Valentine's Day. W

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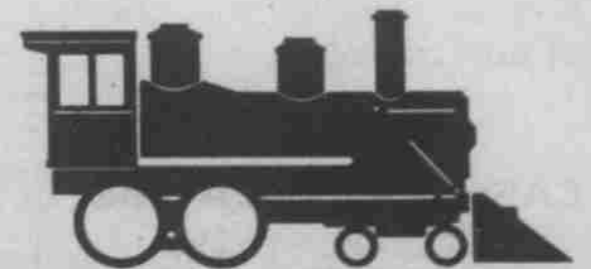
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