

From Bee Gees to Chic, WXYC spins the '70s classics

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Good music endures. It becomes known as "classics." Bad music recurs and haunts, and if it was in the Top 40 during the mid-to-late 1970s, it becomes known as "K-tel Extravaganza material."

For three hours tomorrow, WXYC will inundate the airwaves with those funky 70s tunes our generation can't seem to altogether forget or escape. This fifth celebration of the not-so-good and downright bad is the K-tel Extravaganza.

Staples of the K-tel Extravaganza genre include tunes by the Village People, Chic, Peaches and Herb, K.C. and the Sunshine Band, Shaun Cassidy, and anything off the "Saturday Night Fever" soundtrack. Remember "Rapper's Delight," "Hotline," and "Disco Duck?"

Making a return Extravaganza appearance in the guise of Electric

Boogie Man is disc jockey Nicklaus Steiner. Having lost Disco Betty, his partner in last spring's show, to graduation, he has found a new sidekick in Steve Balcom, a.k.a. Dynamite Danny. Balcom and Steiner will spin records from 5 until 8 p.m. tomorrow.

Despite the ridicule most people heap upon these old and frankly tacky songs, Balcom thinks there are many closet fans around. "Everybody likes this music, whether they admit it or not," he says. "It is ironic and ridiculous that no radio stations play these songs, except for some of the ballads. It's a shame." He notes the absence of the genre's upbeat tunes like "Car Wash" and "Le Freak" on the airwaves.

Steiner and Balcom agree that this music is important because our generation grew up with it. The lyrics tended to stick in our young and impressionable minds, and many of

us can easily recall all the words to some truly awful disco standards.

The Extravaganza started out as an annual event, but WXYC now puts one on each semester. "You can get your K-tel music in, and then don't listen to it again for six months," Balcom says. The last Extravaganza was broadcast immediately following Springfest last April, and listener response was, according to Balcom, "crazy, absolutely crazy."

Both Steiner and Balcom, having grown up in the Disco Era, admit to having K-tel type favorites. Steiner's perennial pick is W.C. McCall's "Convoy." Balcom likes the Village People's "In the Navy" ("a classic song") and Dan Hill's "Sometimes When We Touch" ("a gripping song that makes you cry every time you hear it").

Listener participation is a big part of the Extravaganza format.

Requests are encouraged, and Steiner says there may be a phone line set up this time so that call-ins can be directly broadcast.

A new feature on this show will be the creation of a K-tel dictionary. Steiner and Balcom will ask listeners to call in their own definitions of such staple 70s words as "funky," "boogie," and "groove thing." Many song lyrics of the era are infuriatingly unclear, and key words in many of these songs do not appear in contemporary usage. "What exactly is your 'bootie,'" as in "Shake Your Bootie?" asks Steiner. "I'm kinda curious. And just what does it mean to 'freak out?'"

Another call-in segment will feature listeners' favorite quotes from K-tel era songs. "If you like pina colodas and getting caught in the rain," Steiner reminisces. "If you like making love at midnight..."

A more active form of listener participation is throwing K-tel parties. Steiner mentions the parties of past Extravaganzas, especially the big one on the fifth floor of Granville West last time. Listeners are encouraged to call WXYC with their party plans so that the K-tel roving reporter can make his rounds.

A feature of April's Extravaganza, the "Whatever Happened To..." queries about '70s celebrities, was almost prophetic, Steiner says. Artists like Rose Royce and Gloria Gaynor have made comebacks with new records on the adult contemporary market. The Bee Gees have even released a new album on the Warner



This dynamic '70s duo will be featured on WXYC's K-tel Extravaganza

label. "That's kinda scary," says Balcom.

Scary or not, the Extravaganza is, in a sense, a fleeting return to a bygone era of CB radio lingo, magic eight balls, and mood rings. Even though the lava lamps don't flow so freely anymore, and AIDS is infinitely more terrifying than swine flu,

this groovy heritage remains a factor in our sociopsychological makeup. While only a tiny lunatic fringe would want to permanently retrograde to '70s music forms, maybe we of the super cool '80s can learn something from the music of our early teen years, or at least have fun in the nostalgic attempt.

Campus Calendar

The DTH Campus Calendar appears daily. Announcements must be placed in the box outside The Daily Tar Heel office, 104 Union, by noon one day before — weekend announcements by noon Wednesday. The DTH will print announcements from University-recognized campus organizations only.

Friday

12:30 p.m. UNC Sociology Club will have a brown bag lunch with Professor Glen Elder to discuss "When War Comes" in Union 210. Drop-ins welcome any time.
4 p.m. Students for Dukakis will meet as presidential

hopeful Michael Dukakis speaks live via satellite in the basement of the law school. Students from across the country will be able to call in questions. CGLA hosts a speaker about AIDS — a personal account. Everyone is welcome.

Saturday

10 a.m. Anglican Student Fellowship will have its Saturday Morning Breakfast in the Student Commons of the Chapel of the Cross. Cost \$1.
1 p.m. UNC Rugby Club will play N.C. State in their biggest game of the season. The field is located off 15-501, next to Rainbow Soccer Fields by University Mall.

Sunday

11 a.m. UNC Gaming Club will meet until 5 p.m. in Union 210.
4 p.m. UNC Glee Clubs will perform with orchestra at Binkley Baptist Church, 1712 Willow Drive. Open to all. No admission charge. WXYC Radio will broadcast Northern Hemisphere Live until 6 p.m. Frank Zappa will answer questions along with David Lippman (comedian, musician, & satirist), and Reggie. Calls taken at 962-8989.

Items of Interest

Campus Y Crafts Bazaar will be held Nov. 13, 14 and 15 in Great Hall. Admission is free.

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Readers Theatre will be presenting the play "Clay" at 8 p.m. in 203 Bingham on Nov. 12 and 13.

Any student who would like the opportunity to show his talent this weekend at the Coffee House, call Hope Carlson at 933-1755.

UNC Men's Volleyball club invites interested undergrads to tryout for competitive volleyball on Nov. 16 and 18, 7-10 p.m. in Fetzer Gym. For info call 962-0115 or 962-5411.

The Planning/Business Administration will have an informational session from 12:30-1:30 in T7 Carroll Hall. The Planning/Law Speaker will be Nancy Stroud.

AIDS

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Hoke, staff attorney for the Division of Health Services in the N.C. Department of Human Resources.

"One of our concerns was, instead of adopting all specifics, to give the authority to public health agencies and to let the specifics be decided by public health officials... who've been working with communicable diseases for years," he said.

The rewritten law emphasizes AIDS issues such as confidentiality and availability of testing, Hoke said. While applicable to all communicable diseases, it gives public health officials the authority to limit activities of HIV-positive patients who might spread the virus.

The law expands confidentiality to include both public and private physicians' records.

Release of records may be made by court order, such as when the patient threatens public health.

The most important part of the new law, which goes into effect Feb. 1, 1988, gives authorities the right to prescribe control measures, Hoke said. Control measures would specify what infected people must do to not spread the disease, such as abstaining from sex or using a condom.

"If an individual doesn't follow the proper control measures, then something can be done," Hoke said. "We're a help agency, but on the other hand, if the patient is clearly threatening people, then we need something legally to say 'this is it, we're taking you to court.'"

Violations of a control measure

would be prosecuted as a misdemeanor, punishable by up to two years in prison and an unspecified fine, he said. This is not a punishment peculiar to AIDS, however; it applies to the whole public health law, which includes such infractions as improper waste disposal or failure to have children vaccinated, he said.

The law gives officials the authority to restrict the movement of patients, but the law specifies how far a health official can go so that authority is not abused, Hoke said. The law can only be invoked when public health is in danger, and when authorities have exhausted all other reasonable control and no less restrictive measures exist, he said.

"We wanted to make sure that (the authority) is not used in an overpowering fashion," Hoke said.

The law also requires state certification for AIDS testing labs, Hoke said. The lab must tell people the results and offer appropriate counseling, he said.

The legislature also provided funds for an AIDS legislative study commission, which will examine a \$10 million request for education and prevention activities, Hoke said.

"More bills will be introduced (in the coming sessions) because people are concerned, but from our perspective at the health agency, we do think this is a comprehensive bill," he said.

AIDS project funding and discrimination issues remain unresolved, he said.

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