



Music magic

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"Who's Next?" cries the ghost of Keith Moon, the late great drummer of "The Who." Moon is one of a string of talented musicians struck down before their time. Tragedy seems to be a fatalistic finale of so many great performers. For the best musicians, though, death is not so final. The music of John Lennon, Elvis Presley, and Harry Chapin can be accurately titled "immortal." The following performers were victims of untimely deaths.

Buddy Holly (1953) whose contribution to rock-'n' roll included such tunes as "Peggy Sue" and "Maybe Baby" died in a plane crash

that also claimed the life of Big Bopper. Holly was just 22.

Janis Joplin (1970), heroine of the sixties counter culture, was noted for her screaming, energetic performances. She sang and lived the blues. Janis died of a drug overdose at age 27.

Jimi Hendrix (1970), the psychedelic wizard of the electric guitar revised our national anthem to suit the times. He died of a drug overdose at age 28.

Jim Morrison (1971), poet laureate of the mindless... A gifted man who used and abused his talent to equal degrees died from a lethal dose of blood in his alcohol

stream at age 27. He was musically resurrected ten years later after the printing of "No One Here Gets Out Alive."

Harry Chapin (1981), creator of such classic ballads as "Taxi" and "Thirty-Thousand Pounds of Bananas," died in an auto accident.

John Lennon (1980), was possibly the greatest loss to rock music. Just when he was about to "Start Over," the legend was halted by the bullets of the deranged Mark David Chapman. Lennon, a spokesman for peace and the "Make Love-Not War" policy was only 40 years old.

Bob Marley (1981),

Rastaman and master of reggae, whose style is being adopted by so many, died of a brain tumor.

Elvis Presley (1977), the immortal king of rock whose powerful voice worked wonders with so many classic numbers left the stage at age 42. His death spawned an incredible sale of memorial money-makers which people still get suckered into buying.

Southern rock was deprived of great talent when a motorcycle accident claimed the life of Duane Allman (1971) and the private plane of "Lynyrd Skynyrd" crashed killing Ronnie Van Zant and others, (1977). Jim Croce,

he talented young singer-song writer, also lost his life in a plane crash, (1973).

Who can forget Sid Vicious? Everyone. Sid's death was just part of his punk ritual; unfortunately no one was paying attention... Sorry, Sid, you died in vain...

Hank Williams (1952), Brian Jones (1967) of the Stones, John Bonham (1979) of Led Zeppelin, Terry Kath (1978) of Chicago and Sam Cooke were also stars who fell to premature death.

The music these past performers left the world will not die, and one thing is for certain: "If there's a rock 'n' roll heaven, you know they got a helluva band."

Allen Krantz

Classical guitarist performs in dorm



Allen Krantz, an esteemed classical guitarist, put on an exquisite performance for an attentive audience in the Residence Hall lobby on April 19. The young musician was very impressive as he picked out a set of numbers which included the Beatles' "Norwegian Wood."

Krantz's performance was an eclectic display of many classic styles. In one composition, he synthesized a Bach tune with some "Joni Mitchellesque" chords, producing a very attractive number. Krantz painted a picture with each of his songs, as his nimble fingers danced up and down the fret board of his classical guitar.

At times, Krantz's finger-picking created the illusion of additional guitars being played. The crowd was mesmerized as Krantz performed the last of his classical numbers entitled "Last Song" to conclude a great concert.