Jewel, reunited Misfits among acts to return to area

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stomped.

sensitive folkie Jewel to gothic punkers has a whole backup band." the Misfits - will grace area stages beginning next week.

And though many big names are either confirmed or rumored to be arriving within the next few months, many smaller acts will also appear, including the Florida hardcore group Hot Water Music and saxophonist Maceo Parker.

Some artists will be making return appearances, including Alaskan-raised singer-songwriter Jewel, who will perform Although the Bryce Jordan Center hosted at 8 p.m. Sept. 8 at Rec Hall. The concert is being presented by the University Concert Committee.

Jewel last performed in the area during turning. Several big-name artists — includ-

the verge of her current popularity.

"It will be interesting to see how the This fall, State College music fans can audience reacts this time," University Conchoose between having their soul saved or cert Committee Chair Dana Nale said. The last time she was here, she said she A slew of performers — ranging from was just 'a chick with a guitar.' Now she

> Also returning to State College are the Misfits (Sept. 9) and New York thrash combo Helmet (Sept. 30). Both groups will be performing at Crowbar, 420 E. College Ave., which will also host the Coloradobased pop band The Samples (Sept. 29) and former James Brown accompanist Maceo Parker (Oct. 27).

One of the area's largest venues, however, has yet to announce any shows. a number of big-name acts over the summer, nothing has been confirmed for fall.

the 1996 Movin' On when she was just on ing Oasis and Elton John — have been bandied about by eager fans.

Bernie Punt, marketing executive for the center, said although a number of artists are preparing to finalize their appearance dates, he doesn't expect an official announcement until mid- to late September.

The industry practice of reserving concert venues can often fuel speculation as to who will be arriving in town next, Punt

"A lot of the time, a promoter will reserve a number of buildings for use in the future, though they may not even use all of them," he said. "It's like reserving plane tickets for five different cities, knowing you may only use one of them."

Students have also speculated upon the Wu-Tang Clan/Rage Against the Machine tour. The show, which may never go past That hasn't stopped the rumor mill from the rumor phase, would be one of the few rap-related events to appear in the area.

lack of hip-hop or R&B artists.

Brett Houldin, general manager of Crowbar, said the artists currently scheduled to play in the area accurately reflect the students' listening interests.

"I think a lot of the college-aged kids tend to lean more towards the rock scene," he said. "Places like Player's (112 W. College Ave.) have a hold on the whole hip-hop audience.'

Dave Finzimer (senior-sociology), who is co-organizing a hardcore show at 6 p.m. Sept. 4 at the State College Veterans of Foreign Wars building, said students have to look hard to find different genres of music. "Within the DIY realm, there's a pretty

good selection of diverse music," he said. "But it's something kids just have to stumble upon.'

as the Sept. 4 show — which will feature a ular show or artist."

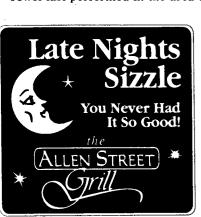
Organizers had varied reasons for the number of hardcore and punk bands. including Hot Water Music and The Sorts - have long been a staple of the State Col-

lege music scene. However, Finzimer feels the growth of other venues has caused some damage to

independent concerts. "It's more convenient for kids to go to Crowbar," he said. "But there are a lot of bands who still play mostly DIY shows, and more people should get out and see

Nale agreed venues need to try to present a variety of acts, but noted organizers such as the UCC have to weigh the risks involved in booking new or different artists.

"Trying to promote and book different acts is something we look at every day,' she said. "But at the same time, we have to Independently produced concerts such make sure we don't lose money on a partic-



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