"My God, I can't see!"







Howard Stern gives big break to Georgetown musician's band

Tom Evans hopes the attention will go on.
The Georgetown native and his Chronic
Overboogie bandmates are suddenly finding themselves in much more demand after their 'Celine Dion-on-crack' version of My Heart Will Go On earned them exposure across North America.

But they are not about to let themselves sink like the Titanic to the bottom of the rock ocean after their first big voyage.

"We know (the attention) can be gone just as fast as it arrived," Evans said after recently returning from a showcase in New York. "Now we have to keep the ball rolling, stay in people's faces, make the right decisions and continue to work hard as we have for the past five years."

The band got a huge break when shock-jock Howard Stern was discussing a battle of the bands on his syndicated radio show. He said he would like to take a lame song, something like My Heart Will Go On, and make it cool.

Chronic Overboogie beat him to it. Just a week earlier, they got the first pressing of their threesong EP where they had done just that. The girlfriend of lead singer/guitarist David D'Amico heard the show. She told the band and they sent a copy of their new EP to Stern the next day. Stern played the song on his show and interviewed D'Amico the following day. In the two and a half weeks since the show, the band had 13,000 hits on its Web site (www.chronicoverboogie.com) and it may have received even more had the site not crashed under the initial flood. Prior to the show the site had 2,000 hits in a year and a half.

"We've been a little swamped," said the 27year-old bass player. "We've been getting emails, 'When are you coming to California?' 'When are you coming to Boston?' The buzz is out there."

Chronic Overboogie's take on the hit song

Tom Evans, left, and Chronic Overboogie bandmates David D'Amico and Marco Boucher, right, earned themselves a lot of attention with a distinctly different take on Celine Dion's My Heart Will Go On.

from the movie Titanic is barely recognizable except for the guitar intro. That's either a good thing or a bad thing depending on your opinion of the original. It's not an uncharted path to success the band is following— Limp Bizkit jumped into the mainstream with a deafening version of George Michael's Faith.

"The whole idea to do that as a cover was, like a lot of bands, to get a foot in the door," Evans said. "We took a sappy soundtrack song and made it a happy, fun punk song."

The song has also gained exposure for their original material, including their first CD r.u.s., which was released last January. Their music has been added to the play list of a Calgary station and they hope more will follow.

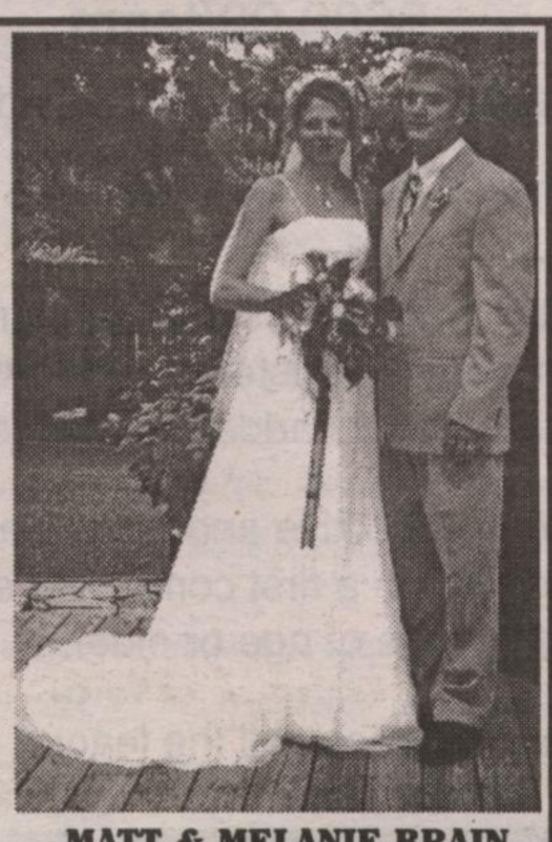
—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer



Frank and Faith Cook are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter DAWN TO WILLIAM SPENCE son of Mrs. Clara Spence of Toronto.

The wedding will take place September 9th.

The families of Melanie Monroe, of Houston, Texas, and Matthew Brain, of Georgetown, are pleased to announce their marriage which took place in Houston, Texas on August 19th, 2000. Matt and Melanie spent their honeymoon in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico and are presently residing in Huntsville, Texas where Matt is studying for his Masters degree and Melanie is pursuing her undergraduate degree. Matt is a graduate of Sam Houston State University with a degree in biology.



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