

Mercer Concert

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Every year the record world seems to discover a favorite songwriter. One year it was Bob Lind, then James Taylor, Carole King or Kris Kristofferson.

This year, Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash and Buffy Sainte Marie have so far recorded songs written by Townes Van Zandt.

The market is flooded, so to speak, with often mediocre singer-songwriters and it is easy to overlook the majority of them.

It would be a mistake to overlook Van Zandt. His roots are buried solidly in the folk tradition. His songs are free of

boy-singer-poet from Houston by way of Fort Worth, Billings, Boulder, Oklahoma and points between. Some of his songs have strains of Houston and strains of Nashville. He says, "I guess you'd say my fashionable sneers. And, according to Rolling Stone, "If there were any justice in this world, he'd be a star."

He hasn't reached that stardom yet. But people throughout the country are starting to recognize the songs he writes. They call him a slim cow-

lyrics are blues, my music is folk and my voice is probably country."

Townes Van Zandt will be bringing his music to Macon Saturday when he performs at a concert at Mercer University's Willingham Chapel at 8 p.m. Tickets for his performance are \$1.

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