

Showbiz

From the bush to bright lights

MIRROR Reporter
Besides entertaining six nights a week Gavin Weeks enjoys drawing cartoons and aspires to write children's books.

The 30-year-old musician jams at the Queen's Hotel and plans to stay here until the end of October.

Gavin was a game ranger for three years and was an accountant for a sugar company in Natal before his love for music drove him from the wilds to the bright city lights.

"When I was four I wanted to be like Elvis Presley. Later the Beatles influenced my music.

"I played guitar in school bands and was a trumpeter in the army."

Gavin worked as a game ranger in St Lucia in Zululand.

"I tired of that and did the accounting job for a sugar company in Pietermaritzburg.

"It was then I started playing for social occasions. Just a wedding here and a 21st there. Suddenly it took off and I found myself entertaining in towns all over Natal."

The music bug had bitten. Gavin sent a demo tape of his music to a Johannesburg entertainment agency and before he knew he was set up in a club in Primrose.

From there he has played in clubs in Jo-



Gavin Weeks inspired by refined rock musicians.

hannesburg, Durban, Pietermaritzburg, Cape Town, Port Elizabeth and now here.

"I love travelling around. I couldn't think of a better way to see the country."

Adult oriented rock (refined rock) is Gavin's forte and lately musicians like Jackson Brown, Robert Plant, Roger Waters and Paul McCartney inspire him.

"I have written my own compositions. The music sounds good, it is

the lyrics that are not up to scratch."

He is in the throes of forming a duo with an 18-year-old Scot, Blaine Adger.

"Blaine approached me one night at the hotel and asked if he could jam along with me. I can honestly say he is the best guitarist I have heard in these parts. Joining up with someone else has been an idea of mine for a while."

The duo has been called Second Opinion

and Gavin is holding thumbs that the concept will take off.

"My ultimate ambition is to be well respected as a musician and to write children's books.

"I will have to take a course in that because any style of writing demands a definite formula.

"At the moment, however, I am busy on my cartoon series called Me and Sigmund Freud and playing music. I am quite happy and content."