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From ballads to real raunchy rock

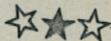
WALKING in from Chapel Street to the Phoenix Hotel at an appropriate moment, one could almost be forgiven for thinking that the sounds emanating from the bar are from a Bob Seeger record.

That's how good resident singer Gavin Weeks is.

Weeks is a highly energetic entertainer who belts out a good selection of rock with great feeling and emotion.

But he also has a quieter side which is shown by his sensitive version of the soft Beatles song *Yesterday*.

Weeks plays both acoustic and electric guitar. He has a very versatile voice which is suited to songs ranging from ballads to raunchy rock.



His act — which comprises mainly pre-'80s songs — includes Led Zepelin's *Stairway to Heaven*, the Fats Domino '50s rock 'n roll classic *Blueberry Hill*, Eddie Cochran's *Summertime Blues* performed in '70s heavy metal style, and *Eye in the Sky* from the Alan Parsons Project.

But it's the songs from Pink Floyd and Bob Seeger which really stand out.

He turns on the raw energy and a gravel voice to put out excellent renditions of Bob Seeger's *Hollywood Nights* and *Old Time Rock 'n Roll*.

Weeks features songs from several Pink Floyd albums, including *The Wall* and *Dark Side of the Moon*.

Gavin Weeks grew up at Amanzimtoti on the Natal South Coast and after completing high school he joined a bank.

He later also did a four-year stint as a game ranger in Zululand.

Always interested in music and with considerable experience in "ga-

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rage bands", Gavin decided to go on the road in July, 1982, as a professional musician.

He started out in Primrose, Germiston, then moved on to Hillbrow, Johannesburg, and to Durban and Kimberley.

Gavin Weeks has big plans for the future.

At the end of the year he intends forming a duo which will provide a full entertainment act for the pub circuit.

He hopes to add laser lights and synchronised rhythm backing tracks and will be working on his own compositions.

The Stage Door bar is proving very popular with expatriate Brits and with bikers.

Those who believed that males with shoulder-length hair were an extinct species should look no further than this bar.