Scaggs rocks, croons at Knob

By ERIC MOBEY

Few entertainers in popular music today can match the unobtrusive style and grace of Boz Scaggs. His sold out concert at Pine Knob on June 27 was total class from beginning to end.

The Little River Band, from Australia, opened the show with a well executed set of good red and roll. The executed set of good red and roll. The "making-the-scene" are a first all rive Knob were listening to the band. The Knob were listening to the band. The fine playing of the Little River Band kept the audience interested through-out-the set. Songs like "Happy Anniversary" and "Inner Light!" were very convincing. We should hear more from this Aussie band.

Not all that long ago, Boz Scaggs was also warming up for headliners but all that is history now. Scaggs' mumber one hit, "Low Down," from the double platinum album "Silk Degrees" turned that all around.

Degrees turned and a doubt.

It was only fitting that Seaggs would open the show with "Low Down." He followed with several selections from "Silk Degrees." Familiar songs such as "What Can I Say," "It's Over" and "We're All Alone" captured the audience for the entire evening.

Scagg's powerful back-up section-

selling Knob

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which includes two keyboardists, two bornplayers, bass, guitar and two women singers—set up a wall of sound. The funky rhythm and blues/ rock backing is one of the most dis-tinctive sounds in popular music.

Scaggs' voice, however, is never overshadowed by the band. His vocal style is well suited to the mellow as in "We're All Alone" or the flat-out rock and roll of "Lido Shuffle."

Rock and roll was definitely Scages' forte on this outing. The most powerful song of the concert was an old Scages' number, apily named "Full Lock Power Slide." This was hard drivin' rock at its best and the audience responded appreciatively.

Boz Scaggs did not develop this sense of concert timing and expertise overnight. His stage presence has been tempered with several years of experience on stage and on the the streets. He has molded this experience into one of the smoothest concert acts on the rock circuit.

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