

Arts

Bridges: Baha'i singers state faith in song

By Alana Jones

If for only a few brief moments, UNCA students became part of a unique heritage recently.

Bridges, the Baha'i-affiliated gospel band from Asheville, visited the campus of UNCA last Sunday.

Performing in the University Station snack bar, the group sang a wide variety of original selections, including country-western and traditional gospel songs.

After opening with **Make Me An Instrument of Thy Peace**, Cheryl Hughie, corresponding secretary for the local Baha'i assembly, gave a brief speech on the group's perspective of peace.

"Our aim is to bring about a divine civilization of love and of God," she said. "We strive for freedom from strife and dissension from men."

"Since we believe in equality, we do not favor one political party over



Singing for peace: The Baha'i singing group, Bridges, performed songs of their faith for UNCA students at the University Station, Sunday.

another," she continued. "We believe that our faith is the fulfillment of all the religions in the world. We try to appeal to men's hearts."

During their one-and-a-half hour concert, Bridges performed many original compositions, including **Circles**, **Let's**

Try Peace for Awhile, **Would You Like To Join Us**, and their theme song, entitled **Bridges**.

Lead vocalist Mary Davis sang two of her own favorites, **I Need To Hear You**, and **When We Grow Up**.

Wilfred Johnson, co-founder of the group and one of its vocalists, and

fellow musician David Hall formed Bridges approximately five months ago. Since that time, the group has expanded, and includes a flutist, two guitarists, a drummer, and two vocalists.

"We do alot of traveling around the country," said Johnson, "but we

mainly stay in the Black Mountain/Marion area. We recently performed at Depaw University in Indiana.

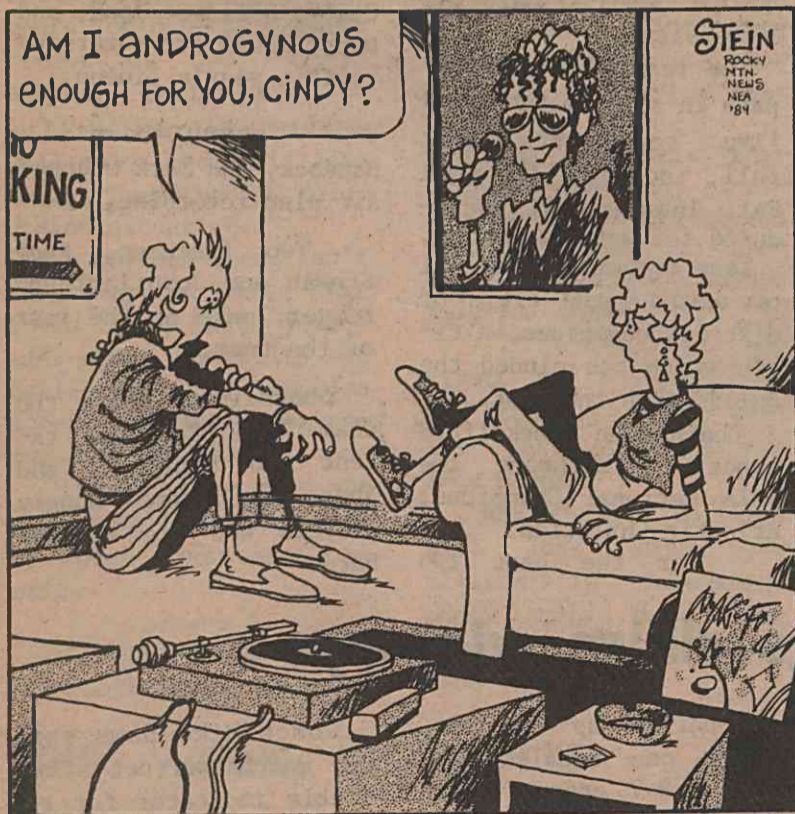
"Next month," he added, "we plan to purchase a 5,000 watt radio station in Hemingway, South Carolina, so we stay fairly active."

According to Johnson, Baha'i literally means "The Glory of God," and the Baha'i followers are here to promote peace and harmony between people.

"The Baha'i faith is the largest organization on this planet," he said.

The Baha'i religion began in Persia in 1844, when a young man, known as the Bah, or the Gate, announced that he came as the fulfillment of prophecy. He was to prepare the way for the appearance of a "revealer" of the word of God, said Johnson.

Today, the Baha'i Faith is a worldwide organization, with members in 340 sovereign states, territories, and islands.



This week's film

The Bingo Long Traveling All-Stars and Motor Kings, this week's movie, follows the comedic adventures (and misadventures) of a troupe of black baseball players during the depression.

It will be shown in Lipinsky Auditorium on Sunday, Sept. 23, at 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m., and on

Monday, Sept. 24, at 4 p.m. The movie is free to UNCA students. All others pay \$1.

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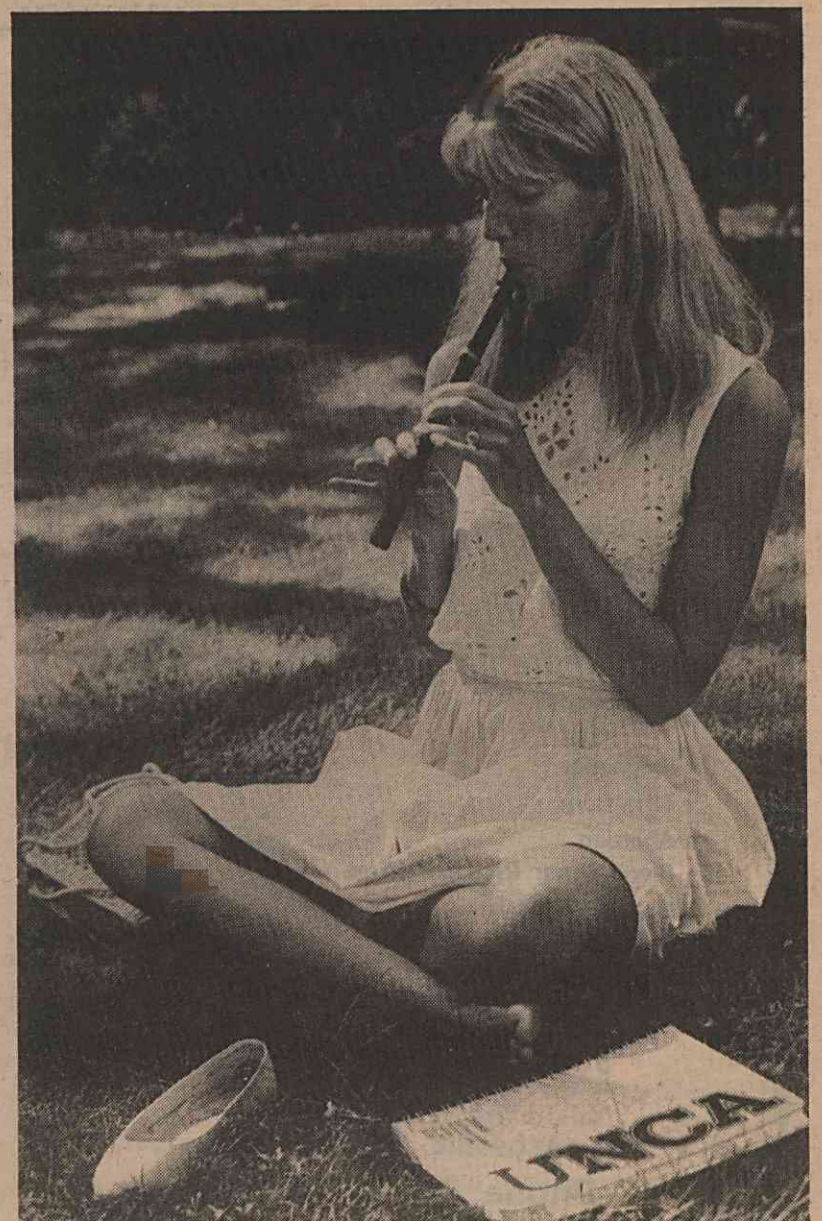
THE BINGO LONG TRAVELING ALL-STARS & MOTOR KINGS

Lahn & Loftin in concert

One-Night-Stand presents LAHNN & LOFTIN in concert this Friday night from 9 p.m.-midnight at the University Station snack bar in the Highsmith Center.

Lahn & Loftin, in their return engagement, will perform their rock & roll musical show with the help of breakthrough innovations in musically-oriented digital computer technology which have recently come to pass, allowing the duo to create the sounds of a six-piece (or larger) band, live and without the use of pre-recorded tapes.

Admission is free. Alcoholic beverages are limited to one beer per person per hour or 4 oz. of wine per person per hour for students 19 years of age and older. Proof of age is required.



Class-break notes: Rosiland Willis spent a few free moments last week recording summer's last warmth.