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## Cafeteria Diners "Kiss"ed Off

By Joyce Downs

Anger broke out among many individuals last week when secular radio station 99.9 KISS FM visited the campus.

The local radio station, who was sponsoring a Spring Break vacation to Daytona Beach, Florida, was given permission to set up in Howerton Dining Hall during dinner.

Students who objected to the station's presence on campus argued that the college's image was at stake. "I think that the school is being hypocritical to offer such a secular contest that violates the rules [the college] set up for males and females," voiced Honor Court Chair Kim Trapnell.

A sophomore who chose to remain anonymous stressed that the presence of KISS FM "is disturbing the type of image that the school is putting forth."

However, not everyone was disturbed by the incident. Sophomore Krista Schroeder accentuated, "If the school's integrity is high enough, letting a secular radio station come on campus won't hurt it."

Winner of the giveaway, senior Karen Campbell, had no objections to the station's visit. She strongly believed, "It was a lot of free publicity for the school."

## Spiritual Emphasis Grows with "Seeds to Sow"

By Sean Anderson

The spiritual Emphasis week was held last Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of this week in Gaither Chapel at 10am and 7pm on Tuesday and Wednesday, and 10am on Thursday. The theme of the week was "Seeds to Sow." Dr. Richard Allen Farmer spoke in reference to the seed of the spirit and expounded on Jesus' use of seeds as analogies in the parables found in the Bible.

Farmer, a resident of Dallas, Texas, gave a series of sermons on the "I will" speeches of Jesus, which are the speeches in which Jesus explained what he will do, for example, "I am leaving, but I will come back for you." Farmer hoped his message would give students a better sense of spirituality, by giving them what it says in the gospels.

The goal of the week was to bind up the broken-hearted, give sight to the blind, free the captive and show the good news of Jesus Christ for both Christians and non-Christians, because, "we are all needy," emphasized Chaplain Ed Bonner.

Farmer explained why he chose to speak at M-AC, "I have a passion for preaching, and I love the process of preaching from the study time till the end of the sermon. I have seen a good response from the students."

Howerton resident Phil Lomac

Second in a Six Week Series of Religious Issues...

## Did You Hear, Did You Hear?

By Daniell Harness

Students across campus expressed concern at the damage that has been done due to gossip.

According to the general consensus of those attending M-AC, there seems to be an outstanding source of information gathered daily through the "campus rumor mill".

New information circulates from one side of the campus to the other, in a matter of hours. This information is defined as gossip.

Gossip, according to Webster's Dictionary, means idle talk about others regardless of facts.

Freshman Zola Griffin concurred with Webster, "People ...make a lot of assumptions, and then spread it around campus." M-A Hall resident Sherri Rodgers added, "It's worse here at M-AC, a Christian school, than it was at my public high school."

Although the majority of people feel that the gossip on campus is con-

tinuous, basketball player Jennifer Watring defended, "It is not as bad as you would think it would be, going to a school this size."

Bible Professor and Chaplain Ed Bonner emphasized that there is nothing more serious, in terms of hurting other's feelings, than through rumors and gossip.

Freshman Lisa McMurry expressed her idea of what could be done to combat the problem by suggesting that the issue be addressed during a Chapel.

However, Bonner explained that an issue as big as gossip could not be handled effectively during Chapel. He suggested that smaller groups, such as Vespers or FCA, might be better equipped for addressing this situation.

Bonner recalled that he discussed the concern of gossip last year, and earlier this semester during Vespers, when there was a big stir of drug use on campus.

Howerton resident Lee Thomas voiced that it really wouldn't matter if the issue were to be addressed during Chapel, because until the students decide individually not to participate in gossip, there will always be a problem.

Approximately forty people, ranging in sex, age, race, and leadership status, were asked to give suggestions on how to put an end to gossip on campus. None of the students interviewed could suggest any ways to improve the situation.

Bonner, however, offered ways in which gossip could be combatted. Using the principle found in Matthew 18:15, he suggested that when a person hears a rumor, he should never assume that it is true, but should go to that person to see if the rumor has any validity.

According to Bonner, the best way to deal with gossip is to simply say "No, I will not be a party to this."

would only give the college more exposure to the surrounding community.

Willcox added, "We want to get our message out to people, but [our audience] doesn't always have to be Christians."

Willcox stressed that he would allow a Christian radio station equal opportunity to come out and visit the campus at the station's request.

act on it in the next 21 days. Level three challenges one to serve the needs of others. This 21 day process will be based on the 21 chapters of John.

## Dr. Richard Allen Farmer Feeds Congregation

agreed with Bonner's interpretation of the goal of the week and proclaimed, "I really got fed spiritually. It was better than last year, because the speaker used powerful words, and it was easier to comprehend."

Farmer, who was born in the Bronx, New York, is the President of Richard Allen Farmer Ministries located in Dallas. He first began piano lessons at the age of 11, and has been playing ever since. He is also a minister-at-large by sharing God's word.

Freshman Dale Howell commended, "I feel that Dr. Farmer did a great job of keeping the students informed in his message."

Freshman Brad McGuirt exclaimed, "Dr. Farmer captivated the audience with his wonderful piano playing and his inspiring lessons."

New Student Chris Sorenson declared, "The main thing that I learned was that it furthered my companionship with God and that I need to touch up on my prayer."

Following Spiritual Emphasis Week, there will be a 21 day follow-up, starting today. According to Bonner, behavioral psychologists say it takes 21 days to form a good habit.

The 21 day challenge allows one to sign up for three different levels. Level one is a seeker level, which

## Offensive Acts Invoke Angry Reaction

### Observers Find King of Hearts Lacking

By Kerle Peterson

Jonathan Woody, who was the victor of the King of Hearts Pageant a week ago, accepted his crown with great humility. Student Activities Chair Rena Sawyer attributed Woody's win to his "excellent talent performance and his response in the question and answer category."

Although the pageant entertained the crowd, many students left Gaither offended. According to a spectator who wished to remain anonymous, a few of the contestants went too far in their acts and one contestant even made comments of a sexual nature.

Other audience members who attended the pageant were apprehensive to make comments on the question of indecency. They further added that they enjoyed the majority of the pageant, but that there were a few things that upset them and were unnecessary.

Anonymous freshman and junior spectators suggested that in the future, if the event is going to contain material that is offensive, it should be held in a place other than the house of God.

Sawyer commented, "The pageant went well, but some of the spontaneous remarks were made under pressure and out of nervousness."

Co-Director of the contest Jennifer "Bull" Stinnett mentioned that the pageant was "better than last year." Stinnett wished to remind the students that every event will have some flaws and these flaws are to be expected.

Senior Tracey Morrison mentioned that the show could have been better if all the acts had been screened by student activities.

Although Senior Becky Brown enjoyed the show as a whole, she expressed that a couple of the acts "went one step too far", and she didn't like the fact that Jeff Reardon's act was cut short by Chaplain Ed Bonner.