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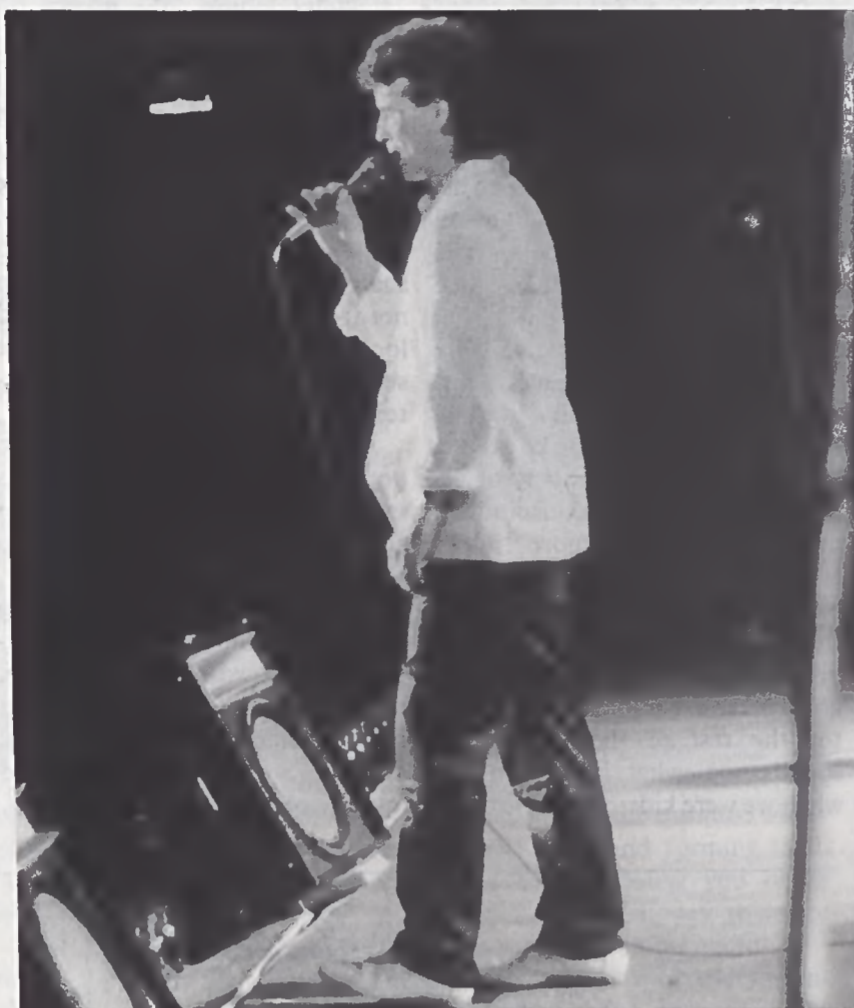
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IMPERIALS

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The lights dim, and then they come up from behind the elevated number behind the plexiglass as the band comes from the city ice machine to fill the stage of Moore Auditorium. At the same time the band members welcome the opening chords from the song "Let the Wind Blow". This was probably the climactic moment of the Imperials concert that the SGA sponsored on December 1. The Imperials are a popular Contemporary Christian rock group out of Nashville. They have been around for a long time, and are known to the Christian listening audience for songs as Sail On, Depend On the Lord, Musically, the Imperials are quite accomplished, but they are not in any way, shape, or form stilted with their music. They are easily referred to as "jam-band." Their newer songs are also keeping with the latest pop trends. The major difference in what we hear in the auditorium, what we hear on Kiss FM is the message of the lyrics. The message of his music is to trust in and love God. They spread their message through very effective theatricality and an accomplished quality sound that is pleasing to an audience; especially one that is ready to jam!



'IT IS MY JOB!'

BY HILLARY PARSONS
Features Contributor

"IT IS MY JOB!" What does this mean? Well, for those of us on Moore Auditorium's stage crew it means that basically anything that needs to be done in order to prepare for any type of performance there we do. Jimmy Joyce is our Stage Manager, and he runs the show and has the last word on everything that we do. In many ways he is also a teacher because if there is anything that we don't understand, Jimmy will usually take the time to patiently explain the what, when, why, and how of the thing. Most "techies" don't get a lot of credit for the work they do, but we have been lucky to have been able to work with such appreciative groups as the Imperials, Genty, Vienna Boys Choir, and Peter Samelson. Back stage there should also be a sense of family if things are to get done quickly, efficiently and safely. That is why you move fast if you hear, "Heads up!" or, "Line coming in!" these phrases mean that something is coming toward the stage from overhead with or without control.

We have our own language back stage so that we can communicate quickly and quietly and achieve full understanding at the same time. Safety is our key word, but this is sometimes difficult to achieve with a lot of people standing around on stage doing nothing.

We also get to handle, operate and generally be responsible for a lot of very expensive, delicate and potentially dangerous high voltage equipment. We learn things about running intricate sound and lighting equipment as well as specialty equipment such as follow spots, large sound mixing boards, Genie lighting trees, and all sorts of odds and ends that some touring groups carry with them.

We have also learned all the little tricks of how to maneuver the touring cases that most groups use, and they are usually not light, and a false move could permanently damage some very delicate equipment. We learn much more that what I've been able to put down here, but so much of it is next to impossible to put into words and can only be learned by experience. All of us strive to learn as much as we can back stage and we all work very hard to do our best to give you a good show.

Sincerely,
Skip Wood, S.G.A. V-P

By MARIE BEAN
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The date was around 4 B.C. The place, Roman-occupied Palestine. The mother, an unmarried teenage Jewish girl. The father, God.

This is the story:
"Emperor Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the Roman Empire. When this first census took place, Quirinius was the governor of Syria. Everyone, then, went to register himself, each to his own home town.

"Joseph went from the town of Nazareth to Galilee to the town of Bethlehem in Judea. Joseph went there because he was a descendant of David. He went to register with Mary, who was promised in marriage to him. She was pregnant, and while they were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have her baby. She gave birth to her first son, wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a manger--there was no room for them in the inn."

"There were some shepherds in that part of the country who were spending the night in the fields, taking care of their flocks. An angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone over them. They were terribly afraid, but the angel said to them, 'Don't be afraid! I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people. This very day in David's town your

Savior was born--Christ the Lord! And this is what will prove it to you: You will find the baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.'

"Suddenly a great army of heaven's angels appeared with the angel, singing praises to God:

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom he is pleased.

"When the angels went away from them back into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us.'

"So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and saw the baby lying in a manger. When the shepherds saw him they told them what the angel had said about the child. All who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said.

"Mary remembered all these things and thought deeply about them.

"The shepherds went back, singing praises to God for all they had heard and seen; it had been just as the angel had told them.

"Soon afterward, some men who studied stars came from the East to Jerusalem and asked, 'Where is the baby born to be the king of the Jews? We saw his star when it came up in the East, and

we have come to worship him.'

"When Herod heard about this, he was very upset, and so was everyone else in Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the teachers of the Law and asked them, 'Where will the Messiah be born?'

"'In the town of Bethlehem in Judea,' they answered. 'For this is what the prophet wrote:

Bethlehem in the land of Judah you are by no means the least of the leading cities of Judah; for from you will come a leader who will guide my people, Israel.'

"And so they left, and on their way they saw the same star they had seen in the East. When they saw it, how happy they were, what joy was theirs! It went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. They went into the house, and when they saw the child with his mother Mary, they knelt down and worshiped him. They brought out their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, and presented them to him." (From *The Good News Bible*, Luke 2:1-20; Matt. 2:1-11)

What a beautiful story! Thousands upon thousands of people have believed it to be a true story. The question is, if you believe it is true, what difference does it make in your life?



MHC SPRING FORMAL

Some of you might have noticed, we here in S.G.A. are busy gearing up for SPRING FORMAL. If you are new to S.G.A., then let me tell you a little about it. Spring Formal has traditionally been held at a local off campus and the dress has been formal (hence the name Spring Formal). It is generally held in April and has been symbolic of the close of another year. For the past several years, it is an especially meaningful time because it is the last big event before FINALS and graduation. It is different from a homecoming, in that it is not sponsored by a specific class but by the whole campus community. It is open to all students and is a special time for all involved.

This year, the Spring Formal Committee is going to work hard to bring you the best possible Formal that we can. We have tentative plans to hold it in the Blue Ridge Room at the Grove Park Inn. If you have never been to Grove Park, you are in for a treat. It is considered to be one of the nicest resorts in the Southeast and has an atmosphere that you have to experience to fully appreciate. The band we have booked is *Thin Men* and they are one of the hottest bands in the Southeast. We are also planning to offer a cocktail buffet instead of a dinner this year. This buffet can serve as a meal or just as a filler between dances.

In an attempt to hold the price of the tickets down, we are planning several fund raisers throughout the spring semester. We hope that everyone will attend the Formal. Even if you don't plan on attending then show your support for the rest of the students by helping out. Remember, this college is what it is because of the support that it can be. You've earned



The Hilltop Staff
wishes you a
Happy Holiday Season