



The Pointer Sisters

Pointer Sisters to perform Bebop, gospel, soul

by Barbara Holtzman
Feature Writer

The talented Pointer Sisters will bring their unique sound of bebop, soul, gospel and scat to Chapel Hill at 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 27, in Carmichael Auditorium.

Student tickets, \$2, are now on sale at the Union desk. Public tickets will go on sale Monday, March 8.

Anita, Bonnie, Ruth and June, four of six children of the Rev. Elton Pointer, began their singing career in the West Oakland Church of God. The sisters were raised strictly and were not allowed to listen to any form of music other than hymns.

In high school, the Pointer Sisters encountered the sounds of R&B, blues and jazz. They were influenced by Aretha Franklin, Smokey Robinson, Sarah Vaughn, B.B. King, Bessie Smith, Quincy Jones, Jimi Hendrix, Bob Dylan, Johnny Cash and others. The sisters went their separate ways after high school. Only Bonnie and June pursued a singing career.

The two sisters got off to a slow start after a few small appearances, and then Anita decided to join them. After more disappointments, they became backup singers on a single called *Friends*, and then worked with two other groups on various albums.

After more exposure with the Elvin Bishop Group, the three sisters made national appearances with Dave Mason and had a feature performance on the Taj Mahal L.P.

Ruth later joined the other sisters for their first solo album, *The Pointer Sisters*. Their



talents are fully evident with album features such as an old song medley and *Yes We Can Can*.

Auditions

Auditions for *Taming of the Shrew* will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday in Memorial Hall.

Parts are open for one woman and five men. Director Joe Coleman is also looking for anyone with circus talents.

The show will be produced in April in the Pit.

National Ballet

The National Ballet of Washington, D.C., will perform at 8 p.m. Friday, March 29, through Sunday, March 31, at the Reynolds Coliseum in Raleigh.

Tickets for the second Friends of the College program of the semester are now available to students for \$1.50 at the Union desk.

The company, known as "America's

Classical Ballet," was founded in 1962 as the resident company of Washington to serve the cultural and community needs of the city. Although they spend most of their time in Washington, the Ballet frequently tours throughout the United States.

The National Ballet stresses the great classical ballets—*Swan Lake*, *Coppelia*, *Les Sylphides* and *The Nutcracker*.

Summer in Europe

The Union will offer a summer flight to Europe this year. Departure will be from New York May 16 returning from London August 15. Round trip fare is \$281. Complete details will be available after spring recess.

Hanneford Circus

"The Royal Family of the Circus" returns with a spectacular performance at 4:30 and 8 p.m. Friday, March 22, in Carmichael Auditorium.

Tickets, \$1, are now available to students and the public at the Union desk.

The Hannefords have been performing for audiences for over 350 years, beginning with a rural England road show called Wombwell's Menagerie.

The Menagerie has grown into a production of over 60 performers specializing in all aspects of the circus. There are elephants, jugglers, tumblers, clowns, seals, chimpanzees, acrobats and acrobats.

The program also features two women wild animal trainers, Tajana and Gina Dubsky. Three new production spectaculars plus the traditional bareback riding act featuring nine performers highlight the circus.

Union Hours

The Carolina Union building will close at 6 p.m. Friday and reopen at 12 noon Sunday, March 17.

UNC grad discusses his film

by Alan Murray
Feature Writer

"College? Right after I finish high school? Why I haven't even been to Europe yet!"

—Small Society

The post-high school graduation, European excursion has become the status symbol of affluent American youth. Thousands of young yankees, fresh from the hallowed halls of Happy-Days High, stream across the Atlantic each summer with knapsacks on their backs and American Express travelers cheques in their wallets.

It is this unique and slightly absurd phenomena that Leon Capetanos, a Raleigh native and UNC graduate, explores in his new movie, *Summer Run*. The film was released in Raleigh and Chapel Hill last month for its first public showings.

The remarkable aspect of *Summer Run* is not its subject matter, though, but that it was written, directed, financed and distributed independently of the major film studios. In an era dominated by multi-million dollar productions like *The Godfather* and *The Exorcist*, this is no small accomplishment.

"There are 20 people in America, isolated in their village of Beverly Hills,

who control what you see in the movies," Capetanos, writer and director of *Summer Run*, told an RTVMP class last week. The result of this concentration, he said, is a lack of diversity and originality in films.

"We use movies to teach us things about how we act. Most movies are about death. They teach us how to die if we get hit by a bullet, or else they teach us how to be on a downer."

Summer Run is an attempt to break away from these film stereotypes and clichés. It is the story of a Chapel Hill youth traveling in Europe who meets a Swedish girl and falls in love.

The boy is overcome by the lure of the voluptuous hamburger and the please of his parents and decides to return home at the end of the summer. At the last moment, however, he has a change of heart and decides to stay with the girl.

"I wanted to make a movie about living and having a good time," Capetanos said. "I wanted to show that it was possible, if confronted by a good time, to keep on having a good time without getting bored."

Capetanos feels society has trained us to be bored by life, and he reflects this feeling in his movie. "Consumerism is based on ruining everything for you quickly," he said. "As soon as you've had a little of one thing, you're ready for something better."

The boy in *Summer Run* soon realizes that he's not as complicated as he's been taught to believe, and that he can be relatively happy without being a success in the American sense of the word.

The movie is based on a personal experience. "What I lived over there was so much more romantic and intense than the film, that I had to tone it down to make it believable." For this reason, he was astounded when a review in *Seventeen* magazine called his film a fantasy.

Capetanos originally took the idea for his movie to a man at Universal studios, who liked it but wanted to change it significantly. Instead of allowing the movie to be put through the conforming grind of the studio, Capetanos turned to friends in Texas who agreed to handle finances and distribution for him.

The production cost was \$250,000, as compared to the \$1.5 million spent on the average studio film. The cost included 56 days of shooting in Europe. Capetanos stressed the point that none of his people were underpaid.

"Distribution was the most difficult aspect of producing the film. The system is only set up for these massive, studio films," Capetanos said. He noted, however, that studios are making so few films now that theatres are often forced

to take films from independents to keep schedules full.

The film was screened for various critics and at film festivals across the country and received favorable reactions. "Honest" was the word appearing in most reviews.

The film was named Director's Choice at the U.S.A. Film Festival in Dallas, Tex., and Best Feature Film at the Atlanta Film Festival. The Atlanta festival also named the young Swedish girl, Tina Lund, who was making her first and probably last film appearance, as Best Supporting Actress.

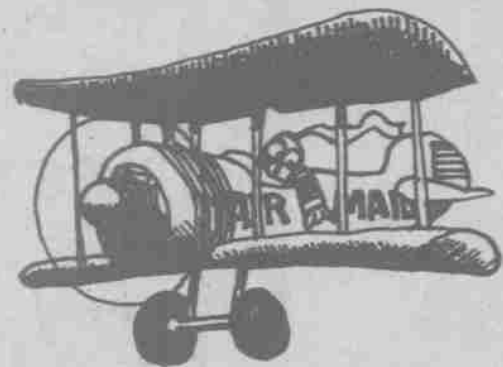
Capetanos is uncertain how his film will fare at the nation's box offices. This, however, does not particularly concern him. A film with a budget as low as *Summer Run*, he noted, doesn't have to be a big box office hit to be a financial success.

At any rate, he doesn't seem to be interested in making huge profits on the film. "I can live very well on \$30,000 a year. On \$250,000, I get into an abstract position. I don't know what I'm doing. At \$500,000 I'm spending most of my time trying to avoid taxes."

Capetanos graduated from UNC in 1962. He remained in Chapel Hill with a Music Corporation of American (MCA) writing fellowship until 1965. He worked in Durham for a while and then moved to Los Angeles.

He is currently working on two new movies; one called *White on White*, which is about two girls living in Los Angeles, Calif., and *Country Road*, which takes place in the mountains of North Carolina.

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