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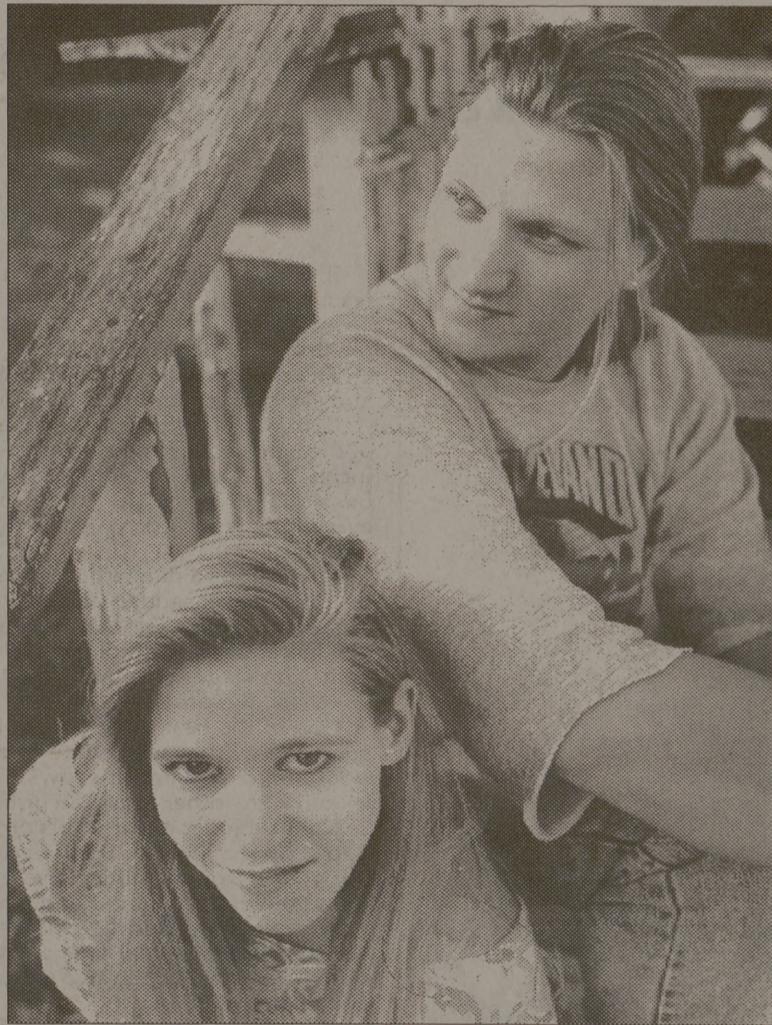
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Brother-sister duo returns to B-CS



Trish and Darin perform at Stafford Opera House Friday night.

By TRICIA MARTINEZ
Staff Writer of THE BATTALION

Siblings? Yes. Rivalry? Not a chance.

Sibling rivalry is not a problem with Trish and Darin Murphy. The brother-sister musical duo from Houston will once again entertain the crowd at Stafford Opera House Friday night.

This will mark the third appearance for Trish and Darin at Stafford and Trish Murphy said she is very excited.

"We really can't wait," Trish said. "Stafford Opera House has such dedicated fans to live music that it's just a fantastic feeling to play."

The duo has been playing regularly for the past two years and has won a reputation as one of the most promising and sought-after acts in the Houston music scene.

"I think it's because we really enjoy playing together," Trish said. "It's a real unique situation for Darin and me because we are so close in age and we have a fantastic rapport not only as people, but as songwriters."

Songwriting is definitely something that Trish and Darin do well. They released their first album, "Yes We're Open," nine months ago and its sales are going way beyond most local independent projects, according to Cactus Records in Houston.

"When we collaborate it's really beautiful," Trish said. "Right now we are concentrating

on writing songs for a second CD."

Trish plays acoustic guitar and Darin plays electric guitar.

Behind Trish and Darin are other top-notch performers including Wes Bedell on bass and John Gremillion on drums.

When the group performs they concentrate on a solid blend of classic rock and basic originals.

"We choose the covers we play very carefully," Trish said. "We really enjoy playing classic rock."

T.C. Nguyen, promotions coordinator at Stafford, is looking forward to Trish and Darin's performance.

"They are really a fun band," Nguyen said. "They have developed a good following real fast and I think it's because they not only sound great, but they are a lot of fun to watch and they are so full of energy."

Trish and Darin have been known to put comedy in their act, but no matter how funny the stunts may be nothing will outdo the harmony that's heard when the duo sings.

The duo said the crowd can expect a full two-hour show Friday and they will cover a blend of classic rock ranging from Jefferson Airplane to Janis Joplin to some of their basic originals.

"The crowd can expect a large feeling of euphoria followed by a slight tingling in their lower extremities," Darin said.

Zsu Zsu's Petals will open for Trish and Darin. The doors will open at 8 p.m..

Allen film goes beyond tabloids with message

By TIMM DOOLEN
Special to THE BATTALION

"Husbands and Wives" Starring Woody Allen, Mia Farrow and Sydney Pollack
Directed by Woody Allen
Rated R
Now playing at Schulman 6

Woody Allen breaks up with Mia Farrow and makes a pass at a woman half his age. It sounds like the tabloids, but it's Allen's new film, "Husbands and Wives."

Allen plays a literature professor married to Farrow, who works for an architectural magazine. They start to question their marriage when two of their best friends separate.

Farrow goes for a slightly younger man at work, while Allen becomes interested in a much younger woman in one of his literature classes.

The film is filled with humorous interludes while keeping in context the serious subject of how relationships work, don't work, come together and fall apart.

The most distinctive aspect of this film is its visual style. Allen shoots the whole film in annoying cinema verite style, marked by shaky cameras and jump-cuts.

We are in the room with the characters, seeing the most intimate details of their lives.

That's interesting for the first ten minutes, but after an hour and 45 minutes, it really becomes distracting. Allen is above such stunts.

He also includes an off-camera interviewer asking the major players questions, which they answer just as if you were watching some PBS documentary. But the subject matter is nothing you'd find on PBS, as they delve into some very personal, private details.

The best part is the very low-key humor interspersed throughout the film.

Allen includes some good one-liners ("Life doesn't imitate art, life imitates bad television"), and interesting peeks into the human psyche.

One sequence comparing a sperm's fight for the ovum to men's struggle for women is truly inspired, and harks back to some of Allen's earlier musings ("Everything You Wanted to Know About Sex But Were Afraid

to Ask").

Let's face it: This isn't "Annie Hall" or "Manhattan," two earlier Allen films that deal with the problems associated with being in relationships.

But it is Woody Allen through out, and as always contains some interesting commentary about how people make it through the world, what draws them together and what keeps them going.


It's a shame that this film will be compared to Allen's real-life complications, because this film is good enough to stand on its own merits.

Taken in context of Allen's other works, "Husbands and Wives" is just another piece (albeit one that doesn't fit perfectly) in the crazy jigsaw puzzle we call human life.

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Kay's Cabaret
Post Oak Mall; 18 & older; alcohol served. 696-9191.
Thursday- Writers and Performers Showcase with Kyle Hutton. Open mic. Starts at 9:30 p.m. \$1 cover.
Friday- Blind Wolfe. Rock and roll. Starts at 9:30 p.m. \$3 cover.
Saturday- Texas Twisters. Rock and roll. Starts at 9:30 p.m. \$3 cover.

Two Pesos
303 University, College Station; alcohol served. 846-4135.
Wednesday- Sneaky Pete. Sing-along. Starts at 8 p.m. \$2 cover.
Friday- Mirror Image. Starts at 10 p.m.

Stafford Opera House
106 S. Main, Bryan; alcohol served. 775-4082.
Thursday- Spin. Rock and roll. Pop Poppins will open. Tickets \$5. Doors open at 8 p.m.
Friday- Trish and Darin. Classic rock and folk. Zsu Zsu's Petals will open. Tickets \$5. Doors open at 8 p.m.

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329 University, College Station; alcohol served. 846-2496.
Saturday- Cross Bone Butterfly. Spirit of '77 will open. Rock and roll. \$2 Cover. Starts at 9 p.m.

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