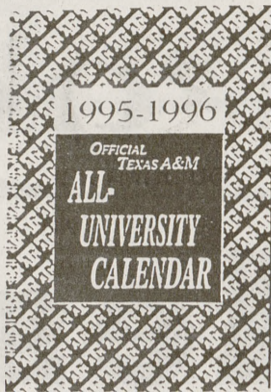


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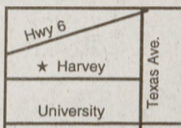
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God Bless John Wayne

Kinky brings funny show to B-CS

By Amy Collier
THE BATTALION

Kinky Friedman has a long list of things he has accomplished with music. One of them is being crowned Male Chauvinist of the Year in 1974 by the National Organization for Women for singing songs like "Get Your Biscuits in the Oven and Your Buns in the Bed."

Friedman said winning the infamous award did not offend him.

"Nothing bothers the kinkster," he said. "There will always be one person in the audience who thinks I'm sexist. I'm only holding up a mirror to sexism."

Friedman is performing his comedic, country and western music at the Dixie Theatre tonight.

Friedman's music fans will get a bonus at the concert - he will read from his latest mystery novel, *God Bless John Wayne*. It is the eighth novel Friedman has written since he started writing 10 years ago.

The book is set in New York, and the principle characters are author Robert Louis Stevenson; '70s comedienne Ruth Buzzi and actor John Wayne.

Friedman said he likes to express himself through his writing.

"There are a lot of leftover lyrics in my life," Friedman said. "Most of those have gone into the books."

Friedman's novels have gained popularity worldwide. The books are translated into 15 different languages, and Friedman is second on the best-selling list in South Africa.

"The books are turning into a financial pleasure," Friedman said. "As I say, 'Money may buy you a fine dog, but only love can make it wag its tail.'"

Friedman said he is President Bill Clinton's favorite mystery writer. He said people like his novels because they feel a sense of closure at the end of books when the mystery is solved.

"There's a kind of comfort there," he said. "They tie up at the end, whereas life doesn't."

Friedman likes writing mystery novels so much that he plans to stop performing music to focus on his writing. Tonight's concert is the second to last concert he will ever perform.

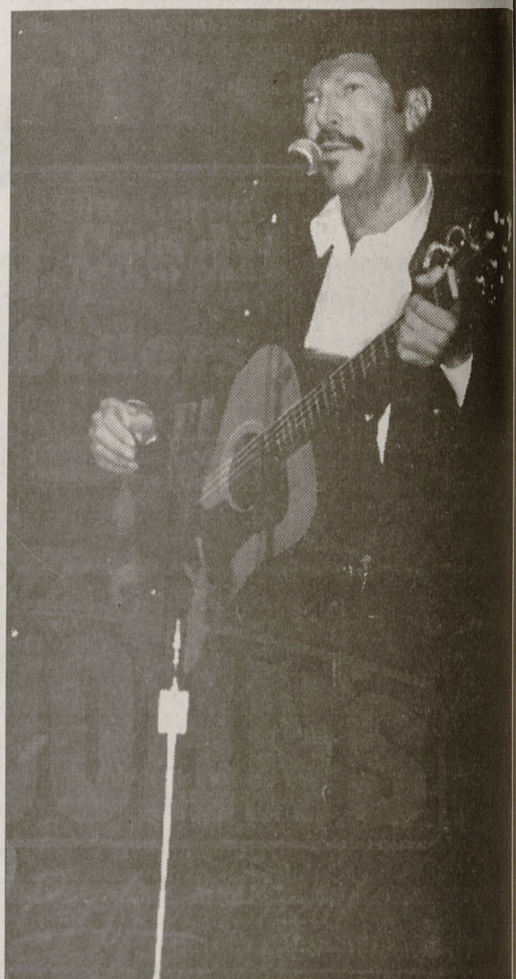
"When you're a country singer, you become an applause junkie," Friedman said. "Writing a book is a very personal thing. It's a lot longer lasting."

Even though Friedman thinks books last longer than singing, he said he is surprised his music has remained popular since he started performing in 1973.

Most of Friedman's songs that have stood the test of time are full of humorous overtones and can be classified as politically incorrect.

"It's a good thing to be out of step with this world," Friedman said. "It makes me more popular."

Friedman released *From One Good American*



Friedman

to *Another* last month and has received positive reviews of the album.

"It's selling better than anything I've ever done," Friedman said.

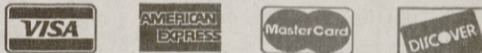
But Friedman says he does not want to become too popular. He said he does not respect singers or novelists who have millions of fans.

"I guard against being happy," Friedman said. "If too many people like you, there must be something wrong with you. I've always said that if I reach one person out there, I would think it a success. I really strive to entertain myself, write for free expression."

Although he is performing in Bryan, Friedman said he no longer likes performing and does not like to play for college-age students. He said there is a special reason he is doing it.

"The Lord has commanded me to come to Bryan," he said.

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