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MATT: Good morning! I'm Matt Erpelding!

SARAH: And I'm Sarah Reel! Welcome to the "Bear Facts". Happy April Fools Day from all us fools at Bishop Garrigan High School!

MATT: There's lots of stuff going on this weekend. Today thirty-two entries from the Bishop Garrigan music department are competing at the solo and ensemble music contest. The vocal entries include female solos by Beth Loebach, Erica Menke, Steph Schumacher, and Nicki Loebach. There are also solo entries from Joni Elsbecker, Nikki Fickbohm, Christie McGreevey, Carrie Kohlhaas, and Jodi Elsbecker. In the male solo division, you'll hear Matt Erpelding, Brian Mergen, Scott McMahon, and Aaron Twait. And there's also a vocal duet featuring Carrie Kohlhaas and Jennifer Lighter, and two quartets, as well as the chamber choir and madrigal entries.

SARAH: Fourteen of the contest entries are instrumentals. There are brass solos from Tom McGreevey, Andi Mayer, Matt Erpelding, and Katie Elbert; percussion solos by Scott McMahon and Brandy Youngwirth; clarinet solos from Netta Seiler, Ruby Bode, and Jenessa McGuire; and flute entries with Jessica Reising and Sarah Waechter. Other instrumental entries include the woodwind and brass choirs. The piano accompanists are also a vital part of any music competition. This year you'll hear Sara Thilgs, Matt Erpelding, and Jamie Schmidt tickling those ivories in the background.

MATT: Last week choir director Todd Herbst-Ulmer wrote a thirty-seven thousand dollar check on the music department account. No, he didn't embezzle money to buy a new Mercedes. Instead that check covered most of the cost of the trip that band and choir students take to Washington, D.C. later this month. Over a hundred students will be making the trip, where they'll be displaying their talent and seeing all the sights of the nation's capital. The trip begins April 17th, and it lasts all through the week-long Easter vacation.

SARAH: Much of the money for the music trip came from a series of fundraisers. There's another of those tomorrow morning, with the music department sponsoring a breakfast and bake sale at the St. Cecelia's Rochleau Center. Serving begins at eight o'clock, and the musical breakfast will keep on going until 12:30 in the afternoon.

MATT: Eight Garrigan students are in Des Moines this weekend for the state competition of the Health Occupations Student Association, or HOSA. Last year Garrigan blew away the competition at state HOSA, and they're looking to do the same this year. Seniors in Des Moines include Daren Diers, Kati Lind, Kelly McGuire, and Sara Ulises. They are joined by juniors Monica Elbert, Heidi Henkelvig, and Summer Lauck; and sophomore Amy Schiltz. Iowa Lakes nursing instructor Jeanne Wunder teaches health at Garrigan.

SARAH: The other big event this weekend is search. Six Garrigan students are at Kuemper High School in Carroll today for a weekend of reflection on their faith. Randy Weber is the lone senior at Search, and he is joined by juniors Rachel Wingert, Jill Frideres, Kelly DeVries, Nicole Simonson, and Jenny McGuire.

MATT: Last Wednesday Garrigan celebrated our twentieth academic banquet, which recognizes all the students with a grade point average of 3.25 or higher. This year's banquet was larger than ever. One hundred twenty-seven students were recognized for their achievement. Several special awards were presented at the banquet. Among them, seniors Matt Mescher and Miguel Karlen received certificates for making the Academic All-District basketball team.

SARAH: Seven seniors were honored by the North Central Conference with Academic All-Conference certificates. To qualify, the students needed to have a 3.6 grade point average and a score of at least 26 on the ACT. These all-conference awards went to Renee LaFleur, Anita Laubenthal, John McMahon, Tracy Studer, Sara Thilges, Aaron Twait, and Jenny Weydert. Special math awards went to Aaron Twait, Jill Frideres, Kristy Frideres, Jen Lighter, and Carrie Kohlhaas. And Matt Erpelding won the special Xerox award for his accomplishments in the humanities.

MATT: Today is 4-H Day, both here in Algona and all around the country. Nearly half of Garrigan's students are members of 4-H clubs around the area. You'll find Golden Bears in the Kossuth County Canines, the Whittemore 4-Hers, the Cresco Cavaliers, the Riverdale Rustlers, the Prairie 4-H Club, the Irvington Ideals, the Lotts Creek Lassies and Lads, the Trail Blazers, the Algona Eager Beavers, the Emerald Sparks, the Prairie Future Farmers, and the St. Joe Trojans. Congratulations to all the Garrigan 4-Hers!

SARAH: For a change, we're shining this week's senior spotlight on just one person--Aaron Twait. Here with the details is Danielle Elbert.

DANIELLE: It's hard to think of anything that Aaron Twait hasn't done in the three years since he came to Garrigan from Minnesota. He's an accomplished actor who recently starred as Elwood P. Dowd in "Harvey", and he's well known for his musical abilities. He's the unquestioned MVP of the quiz bowl team, and he's won "most improved awards in cross-country. For three straight years he won state prizes in the citizen bee, and last year he was a page in the Iowa senate. Aaron has also been involved in Model UN, student council, speech, youth council, National Honor Society, and the Bear Facts. This year Aaron has a "cushy" senior schedule featuring classes like Latin II and college-credit Calculus. Away from school, you'll hear him as an announcer here on KLGA. Aaron hasn't decided for sure where he's going to college, but he's leaning toward either Notre Dame or Iowa. He plans a career in law and politics, and we're all waiting to be invited to the inauguration when he goes to the White House. Good luck, Aaron! We're glad you came to Garrigan.

MATT: Thanks, Danielle! On this week's Garrigan calendar the boys' track team is off to Cedar Falls this morning to run in the Dickinson Relays at UNI. Also today there's Search at Kueper, the state HOSA competition in Des Moines, and the solo and ensemble music contest.

SARAH: Tomorrow Daylight Savings Time begins. Be sure to set your clocks so you'll be on time for the music breakfast tomorrow morning at the St. Cecelia's Rochleau Center.

MATT: All next week the gym is closed to set up for Gala '95. On Tuesday the girls' track team runs at Clear Lake. Then on Wednesday it's time for the freshman retreat.

SARAH: Friday the boys' track team is off to Clarion. There's the Gala preview party on Friday night, and then next Saturday the school hosts Gala International, our 1995 fundraiser celebration.

DANIELLE: That's the "Bear Facts" for another week. Thanks for tuning in, and be sure to listen again next week to hear more news from Bishop Garrigan High School.