Into Chapel on a Golf Cart:
Horst and Bergey continue creative chapel announcement tradition

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As the last notes of the ending hymn died away, a golf cart careened down the aisle of Lehman auditorium before screeching to a halt as its occupants jumped out onto the floor.

Welcome the EMU chapel announcers.
Those who have been around long enough will remember announcers from previous years, such as last year’s “Amish” girls who offered their opinion on the events taking place around campus. They may have thought that last year’s antics would be impossible to compete with. However, this year’s announcers Brandon Bergey and Grete Horst have taken up the challenge and succeeded.

“We try to pick different groups around campus and create a theme around them,” Horst said. “We’ve used the soccer team, the admissions office and the barn dance for some ideas.”

The duo gets their inspiration from various places, usually picking up ideas throughout the week and then choosing one when they meet together.

“Sometimes it will be eleven o’clock Thursday and we’ll meet and be like ‘What are we doing?’” Horst said.

Bergey added “When we get desperate we go around and ask people what they think would be a good idea.”

Some organizations have actually contacted them to volunteer. The admissions office offered props for the skit if they could be the brunt of the humor.

Bergey and Horst decided to begin doing the announcements after SGA co-president Marcus Miller asked Bergey if he would be interested in getting something together. Because they do not receive the announcements from SGA until Thursday night, Bergey and Horst rely mainly on improv during their skits.

Fortunately, both have acting experience to fall back on. Bergey, a psychology and business administration major, had roles in a number of theatre productions in high school. Horst, who is studying nursing and Spanish, took part in some plays at EMHS while in school there, including a role in a Ted and Lee skit.

“So will the popular duo return? Not next semester for sure, as Horst will be on cross-cultural in Guatemala and Cuba. They have not ruled out a return in the future completely though, saying that they would consider doing the announcements for a semester next year.

“It’s fun, but it gets kind of repetitive,” Bergey said. Horst agreed that it would be hard to keep the skits original if they had to come up with enough material for an entire year. “One semester at a time is enough,” she said.

Jewish Peacemaker on Campus

Yehezkel Landau spoke on campus this week as part of an occasional lecture series sponsored by the President’s Office. Landau (pictured above) is a Jewish peacemaker and the co-founder of the Center for Jewish-Arab coexistence near Jerusalem, Israel.

He spoke in Monday’s chapel on “My Pilgrimage in Peacemaking” and gave a dinner lecture on the subject of Zionism and peace work. Landau also spoke in a Seminary colloquium Tuesday.

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