

People stand in line to see this BOY KING

by MARK FLOYD

The buzzer sounds and it's half-time. The players leave the floor, the referees relax and a few parents amble out of the gymnasium following their nostrils to the popcorn stands.

On the student side, no one budes. An air of expectation hangs over the crowd and one can sense that something unusual is about to happen.

The dance team puts on a nice routine and leaves the floor to a polite round of applause. Parents begin to filter back to the bleachers happily munching popcorn. Still, all of the students remain seated.

Suddenly the lights dim. A spotlight shines out to the middle of the floor and a roar goes up from the Sandy High student body.

A figure emerges from the darkness holding a microphone and the roar is repeated. The announcer attempts to introduce the performer, but introductions are hardly

necessary. His words are lost in the noise anyway.

Meanwhile the popcorn munchers look on with curiosity to see what all the uproar is about. The figure is clad in white, highwater pants and a matching coat. A bowtie completes the outfit.

From the dark corner of the gym the band begins to play the familiar tune and a third roar envelops the building as the figure begins gyrating in the spotlight.

"Uhhh, when he was a young boy, he never thought he'd see, people stand in line to see the Boy King..."

When Scott Williams first began to perform his act he had no idea of the type of reception it would receive. But his rendition of Steve Martin's King Tut routine has caught the fancy of the Sandy High student body as well as some of the popcorn gallery on the other side of the gym.

However, the senior band member has no desire to set his future on his Tut act. In fact, Williams has said

that, like the boy king himself, his Tut routine will die young.

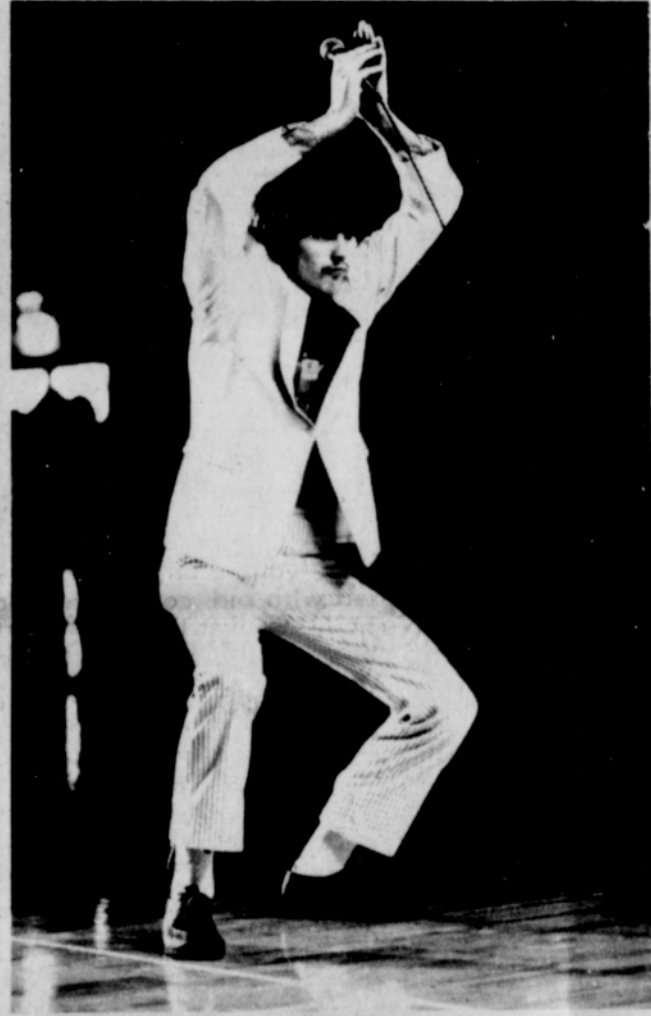
"It's getting kind of old," he said. "I've already gotten up there and made an a-- out of myself enough."

"Everyone says that it's not getting old, but I'm not going to do it any more at the high school," Williams added. "I'll still use it when the band does some performances, though."

Williams plans to unveil Tut to his younger fans in an upcoming band appearance at the Sandy Elementary schools. But for the most part, Williams insists, Tut is dead and buried.

It's too bad, because he has a pretty good thing going. The Tut routine is a unique form of halftime entertainment, it draws the students together and it's a good showcase for the school and the band.

And Scott Williams is good — so good he could probably win a Grammy — even buried in his jammies.



Mark Floyd photos

King Tut lives!

SCOTT WILLIAMS goes through his King Tut routine at halftime of a recent Sandy High basketball game. Despite becoming a local cult hero for his Steve Martin portrayal, Williams insists that, like King Tut himself, his act is dead and buried.

Pioneer grapplers celebrate Christmas early

by MARK FLOYD

Christmas came two weeks early for the Sandy High wrestling team.

On Dec. 12, the Pioneers, coach Ron Calhoun and his wife, and other assorted escorts left the chilly skies of Oregon and flew across the Pacific to participate in the first annual Kahuku Invitational Wrestling Tournament in Hawaii.

Unfortunately for their hosts, the Pioneers didn't get in the Christmas spirit of giving. In fact, the Sandy wrestlers walked off with most of the honors in the tournament, which was billed as one of the biggest meets of the year in the Islands.

A total of 20 teams participated in the tourney, including 18 from the Islands, a team from Santa Monica, Calif. and

the Pioneers. The two-day tournament was wrestled under "folkstyle" rules, according to coach Ron Calhoun.

"They have some big kids over there," Calhoun said, "and the Hawaiians have juggled their weight classes slightly to meet the needs of their boys."

"Because of that, we had to make some adjustments from our 'normal' lineup," Calhoun added.

The adjustments proved to be fairly minor, however, and didn't stop the Pioneers from making their mark in the Islands.

Of the 23 Pioneers who wrestled in the Kahuku Tourney, 13 placed in their weight class.

Seniors Bill Blackford, 157, and Rayth Buswell, 169, captured first place honors with 4-0 records. In addition,

Buswell was named the meet's outstanding wrestler and had the tournament's fastest pin, eight seconds.

Buswell pinned every opponent, winning his matches on falls after 8, 9, 31 and 50 seconds.

"Buswell has pinned everyone he's faced so far this year," Calhoun said. "He's pinned them so fast I haven't had time to see him really wrestle."

Ray Nelson, 121; Mike Martin, 147, and Tim Freeman, 157, all took second place with 4-1 records.

Third-place winners for the Pioneers were Chris Jones, 128; Dave Doty, 140 and Steve Veley, 187. Doty and Veley had 5-1 records, while Jones was 7-1. Veley won an award for having the most pins in the tournament with five.

Jones led the Pioneers with the most victories, seven, losing only to the

eventual champion in his weight class 3-0.

"For Jones, once again it was just a case of strength," Calhoun said. "He wrestled as well as the other guy but just wasn't as strong as he was."

Calhoun has been working with the freshman Jones on a weight program to try to help along the maturing process.

Pat Graham, 140, and Dave Jensen, 147 took fourth places; Dan Martin, 128, and Luke Forester, 202, took fifth place and Leon Wilson took sixth place despite forfeiting his final match because of a shoulder injury.

Calhoun was obviously pleased with the performance of his wrestlers but noted a difference in style between the Hawaiians and Oregonians.

"They have as much desire as anyone else but they don't emphasize control,"

Calhoun said of the Hawaiians. "They like a lot of action and they just throw each other around—they're really wild."

While staying at the tournament, the Pioneers were housed at a church camp seven miles from the high school with two of the other teams from the Islands.

The Sandy grapplers rode a shuttle bus back and forth between the camp and the high school. The shuttle bus was run by representatives from the Kahuku High School.

"The Hawaiian people were just great," Calhoun said. "They'd pick us up in school buses and shuttle us back and forth—and even make special trips if we needed something."

After the tournament, the Pioneer entourage headed to Waikiki for a little rest and relaxation. Most of the squad

took advantage of the time to bask in the un-Christmas-like 75-degree weather which blanketed the Islands.

Despite the temptation to stay, Calhoun managed to get the team back to Sandy last Tuesday night. His next task will be to get the team used to training and the cold weather once more.

It was the weather difference that will leave an everlasting impression on Calhoun.

"One night at about 9:30 p.m. some of the adults went to a shopping center," Calhoun recalled, "and we saw three Hawaiians wrapping Christmas gifts."

"Well, the smallest one was probably 300 pounds and they were all bundled up with coats and scarves," he added. "It was 75 degrees out and we were walking around in shorts and T-shirts."

"If they think that's cold..."

Classic boasts strong field

One of the strongest fields in years has been assembled for the 1978 Far West Classic which began last night at Portland's Memorial Coliseum.

The University of Oregon was scheduled to take on Wyoming while Washington clashed with Indiana. Results were unavailable at press time.

Tonight, the Oregon State Beavers take on Seattle University while undefeated Washington State battles fourth-ranked Michigan State.

Michigan State has to be considered the favorite team on the basis of national ranking, but for the first time in recent memory, every team in the classic has a winning record.

The Spartans are led by their tallest man, 6-foot-8 Earvin "Magic" Johnson. Despite being the

tallest man on the Michigan State roster, Johnson plays guard and brings the ball up court. He is considered one of the premier players in the collegiate ranks.

Washington State also appears to have a shot at winning the title, especially if they can upset MSU in the first round. The Cougars are currently 7-0 and can match up with anybody on the front line, who is led by 7-2 James Donaldson.

Dark-horse contenders appear to be Indiana and Oregon State. The Beavers are 6-1 and fresh from an 85-58 thrashing of Oregon. OSU's backcourt tandem of Ray Blume and Mark Radford is as good as any twosome on the West Coast and 6-10 Steve Johnson can score against anybody. Foul trouble will be the key to the Beaver's success.

Indiana is in the spotlight again after coach Bobby Knight suspended some key players temporarily but the Hoosiers have plenty of talent — enough to upset defending NCAA champion Kentucky earlier this season.

Wyoming and Oregon appear to be the two weakest teams in the Classic but both have good all-around strength — and winning records.

The battle may surprise a few people. The Chieftans have a 7-footer of their own and backed off the Washington Huskies earlier this year. Washington, led by coach Marv Harshman, is always tough and could knock off one of the favorites.

Ticket information for all the games available at the Memorial Coliseum Box Office.

Sandy High ski schedule

METRO LEAGUE			
DATE	PLACE	TYPE OF RACE	SPONSOR SCHOOLS
Jan. 6	Mt. Hood Meadows	Novice	Aloha-Parkrose
Jan. 13	Meadows-Qualifying	Slalom	Beaverton-O.E.S.
Jan. 20	Multitorpor-Qualifying	Giant Slalom	Sunset-Jesuit
Jan. 27	OPEN		
Feb. 3	Ski Bowl-Qualifying	Dual Slalom	David D.-Beav.-OES
Feb. 10	Multitorpor-Qualifying	Slalom	Parkrose-Sunset
Feb. 17	Meadows-Qualifying	Giant Slalom	Aloha-Hillsboro
Feb. 24	Multitorpor-Qualifying	Slalom	Sandy-David Douglas
March 3	SKI BOWL-MT. HOOD CHAMPIONSHIPS		
	Metro-boys Wilco-girls	GIANT SLALOM	
March 8-9	Mt. Ashland	Giant Slalom	