Newsboys

fan asked Phillips, who admitted he was.

One fan asked the meaning of an album cover, while another fan asked about compiling a DVD. And fans learned Davis had to borrow Frankenstein's guitar

for a performance.
"What does the future hold for the band?" another fan asked. The Newsboys admitted they

have no idea, letting God take their talents wherever the road leads them. But they do know it starts with giving the best heartfelt performance possible at each concert.

"We try to make the best music we possibly can," one member said. "It starts with the records and the songs. If you don't do it the right way, then the tour suffers.

The band is in the midst of a grinding tour schedule, which sees 62 stops this spring for their "God's Not Dead" tour and another 60 stops planned for this fall. Altogether, they will perform 180 shows in 13 months.

The band members try to stay in touch with family and friends, grateful when someone answers the phone on those rare free mo-

How do The Newsboys stay

so strong and keep on their mission after three decades of exis-

one person," Phillips said, noting the band has changed its members many times. The current members come

"Newsboys is more than just

from diverse backgrounds, hailing from Australia, Washington, D.C., and Detroit.

The band had humble beginnings, starting in Australia in 1985 as a group of kids singing in a single-car garage. That could become a bit of a sticky situation, as the humid Australian summers made for some steamy

But the band found its niche and breakthrough moment, making periodic trips to the United States in 1988 and 1989 before going on an American tour in

Their arrival in America prompted one other change. The band was originally named The News but switched to The Newsboys to avoid confusion with the group Huey Lewis and the News.

And speaking of names, a fan wondered: Does Frankenstein get a lot of grief over his last name?

"I did, until I was 16, then people thought it was cool," he said. "People laughed when I took out my credit card or showed my ID.'

"And it was hard ordering a pizza at Halloween," he added, drawing laughs from the audi-

Another question brought



Youth evangelist Bob Lenz addresses the audience prior to The Newsboys taking the stage at Mount Marty College Wednesday night. Also performing were The City Harmonics, Anthem Lights and Abandon.

more of a somber tone from the

band. "As a Christian band, do you feel socially restrained or

ridiculed?" a fan asked. The band noted a certain discomfort among some people when Christian music is played

"There does seem to be a double standard," Frankenstein said. 'When you're a pop group, you can talk any trash you want. But when you're Christian, that's another story.

The band described their tour in officially atheist China, where they were allowed to talk about anything — but not say Jesus' name.

To which the Newsboys wondered, if you don't believe in God, why does it bother you when others talk about Him?

As the VIP session wound down, the band performed a number for the admiring fans. "The show never gets old."

Frankenstein said. "It just gets real, which is why we get into it."

MMC theater professor Andy Henrickson, who helped organize Wednesday's concert, said the Newsboys' appearance fulfills the college's goal of a Christian concert during the school's 75th anniversary. "It was something that I have

hoped and prayed for ever since I came to the college 15 years ago," he said. "The timing was right, and the student interest was there, so we explored it and came away with what I believe is going to be a fantastic evening of praise and worship in Cimpl Ārena."

Henrickson had seen The Newsboys perform at the Lifelight festival at Sioux Falls, but he considered them out of reach for the MMC concert and was looking at other bands.

Then came the opportunity to book The Newsboys, and Henrickson grabbed it.

"When you have the chance at The Newsboys, I know that it doesn't get much better than that," he said. "The Newsboys are a big-time band, and it's great to have them come to the col-

The band is riding high on the charts, Henrickson said.

"They are soaring right now, and this tour is really going well," he said. "They have had the No. 1 single for the last month and a half, so they are getting big play time. They are on the radio, and things are just going really well for the group, and we can tap

into that for this event. It's just incredible."

The Newsboys' music cuts across denominational lines, and it's a very timely message, especially for young people, Henrickson said.

"As a parent and as a teacher, someone who is in the culture, I think it's a message that needs to be heard, and it has to be done in a way that I think can be very contemporary and very electric,' he said. "We were just fortunate enough that it fell at the right time and place to make it hap-

Henrickson marvels at the opportunity to have The Newsboys perform what amounts to an inti-

mate concert. "I wonder what the band thought when they pulled in and

saw our arena," Henrickson said. "These guys are used to playing in front of tens of thousands of fans, and here they are playing to a few hundred people.'

Henrickson commended the outpouring of help from a broad range of people to set up Cimpl Arena for the concert in less than 24 hours

"This is a great community," he said.

As the concert was ready to start, Henrickson promised that the audience was in for a very special evening.

'These guys are pros," he said. "They're going to give it everything they've got."

Court

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The justices' decision is sure to become a significant part of this year's presidential and congressional election campaigns, in which Republicans have relentlessly attacked the law.

Both liberal and conservative justices appeared on Wednesday to accept the administration's argument that at least two important insurance changes are so closely tied to the must-have-coverage requirement that they could not survive without it: provisions requiring insurers to cover people regardless of their existing medical problems and limiting how much those companies can charge in premiums based on a person's age or health.

Less clear was whether the court would conclude the entire law, with its hundreds of unrelated provisions, would have to be cast aside.

The justices also spent part of

the day considering a challenge by 26 states to the expansion of the federal-state Medicaid program for low-income Americans an important feature which alone was expected to extend coverage to 15 million people and which no lower court has re-

Audio of Wednesday morning's argument can be found at: http://apne.ws/GX1p23; the afternoon argument at:

http://apne.ws/GXdZOP Solicitor General Donald Verrilli Jr. took a few seconds at the end of the Medicaid argument to make a final plea for the court to uphold the entire law, which he said would "secure the blessings of liberty" for millions of Americans by providing them with affordable health care.

Verrilli told the court that Congress had made a policy decision to fight the high cost of medical care through the new law. "I would urge the court to respect that judgment," he said.

Paul Clement, the lawyer for the states challenging the law, retorted that it would be a strange

definition of liberty to make people who may not want it buy health care insurance. And he called Congress' threat to cut all Medicaid funding from states that refuse to expand the program "a direct threat to our federalism.

Not since 2000, when the court resolved the Bush v. Gore dispute over Florida election returns that sealed George W. Bush's election as president has a Supreme Court case drawn so much attention.

In their questions Wednesday, liberal justices Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer took issue with Clement, who was asking that the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act be tossed out in its entirety.

"What's wrong with leaving this in the hands of those who should be fixing this?" asked Sotomayor, referring to Congress.

Chief Justice John Roberts also spoke about parts of the law that have nothing to do with any of the things we are" talking about.

For example, Ginsburg observed that the act deals with issues such as black lung disease.

"Why make Congress redo those?" she asked. "There are many things" that have "nothing to do with affordable health care.

But Clement said the court would be leaving "a hollow shell" if it decided to excise the several key provisions. "The rest of the law cannot stand," he contended.

Roberts and Justice Anthony Kennedy also asked hard questions of Deputy Solicitor General Edwin Kneedler that indicated they are at least considering Clement's arguments. Kneedler said that the only other provisions the court should kill in the event the mandate is stricken are the two that bar refusing coverage to sick people and limiting the charges to old or sick people.

Justice Antonin Scalia suggested many members of Congress might not have voted for the bill without the central provisions, and he said the court should not go through each and every page to sort out what stays and what goes.

"What happened to the Eighth Amendment?" Scalia asked, referring to the Constitution's ban on

cruel and unusual punishment. "You really expect us to go through 2,700 pages?

In the afternoon arguments, the liberal justices made clear they would vote to uphold the Medicaid expansion, for which the federal government would pay almost all the costs.

Justices Sotomayor, Kagan, Ginsburg and Breyer voiced strong disagreement with the states' contention that the expansion of the joint state-federal program would be unconstitutionally

"Why is a big gift from the federal government a matter of coercion?" Kagan asked.

Even Roberts joined his liberal colleagues in questioning Clement about the states' argument that that the expansion comes with too many strings.

"Well, why isn't that a consequence of how willing they have been since the New Deal to take the federal government's money? And it seems to me that they have compromised their status as independent sovereigns because they are so dependent on what the fed-

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eral government has done, they should not be surprised that the federal government having attached the — they tied the strings, they shouldn't be surprised if the federal government isn't going to start pulling them," Roberts said.

A colorful assembly of demonstrators sounded off pro and con outside the marble court building all three days, though Wednesday's crowd was the smallest.

Supporters of the law held a morning news conference to stress the importance of Medicaid. And, marching on the sidewalk outside the court, they repeated chants they had used the previous two days, including "Ho, ho, hey, hey, Obamacare is here to stay." Most of their group departed not long after arguments began inside.

Opponents of the law, including Susan Clark of Santa Monica, Calif., also stood outside the court. Clark, who was wearing a three-cornered colonial-style hat, carried a sign that read "Obamacare a disaster in

"Freedom, yes. Obamacare, no," other opponents chanted.





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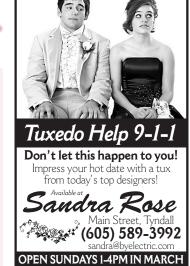
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