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SIDELINES

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Regents reject chair nominees

By DOUG STULTS
News Editor

MTSU will have eight new department chairmen this fall, but two of the appointments will be on an interim basis after the State Board of Regents questioned the university's effort to seek out minority candidates.

MTSU has agreed to have 22 minorities in teaching slots by 1990 due to desegregation rules established after the state was sued over minority hiring practices over four years ago. However, the agreement never specified that the hirings must include a certain percentage of department heads, President Ingram said.

Nominees for the top position in the history and Recording Industry Management departments were turned down by the SBR because of a lack of minority candidates, according to Ingram.

Only one black, who will chair the art department, was selected. Other department head vacancies filled by whites include elementary education, radio/tv, journalism, information systems and HPERS, Ingram said.

"I agree that we need more minorities. It is our belief that we will meet desegregation goals," Ingram said. "By fall, our intent is to have met 100 percent of each of the affirmative action standards."

While new searches will be initiated to locate permanent chair holders for the history and RIM departments, Ingram is not optimistic that qualified black candidates can be located. He noted that he was satisfied with the history committee's search and lamented the lack of blacks available to lead the RIM department.

"Availability figures show that the minority pool in (RIM) is very small."

Outgoing History Department Chairman William Windham complimented the history committee and said he did not know why his department, along with RIM, had been singled out for rejection.

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Sandra Rennie•Staff

Well, at least he didn't have to call one

Vince Hudgens grimaces after backing out directly into a campus patrol car behind the University Center. Even though the officer scrambled into reverse to avoid Hudgens, sudden impact was unavoidable.

Dorm damage down sharply as summer visitors ease vandalism

By MARLA CARTWRIGHT
Editor

While visiting basketball camp attendants destroyed over \$8,000 of state property last year, only \$900 worth of damage has been done to date this year, according to MTSU Housing Director Ivan Shewmake.

This sharp decline in damage comes despite an increase in attendance to the athletic camps. Last year nearly 400 teenagers attended the camps held on-campus while this year's attendance had doubled to over 800.

Shewmake attributes the decline to three factors:

- An increase in fines for damages. According to Joyce Vaughn, summer workshop administration supervisor, the fines incurred by the Bruce Stewart Basketball Camps are charged directly to Coach Stewart's department and in turn are usually charged back to the sponsoring school.

- A change in where the campers are placed. Whereas last year the teenagers stayed in interior halls, this year they were placed in more sturdy housing with a higher concrete content. Primary residence halls for the campers include Gore, Clement, Gracy, Mary and McHenry.

- The coaches are now required to stay on the same floor as their teams, a change from last year. "You don't know what they're going to do if you're not there," said Vaughn. More stringent supervision of these temporary residents has helped to deter the incidents of damage, she said.

While the statistics reflect a decrease, the destructive behavior attributed to the visiting camps is still a problem, she added.

"So far, we've had a lobby phone in Nicks Hall ripped out of the wall, along with a minor incident with firecrackers on July 4th, broken chairs and fire extinguishers," Vaughn said. "Also, we've checked with Security on reports of bent car antennas."

"There's no reason for students to subsidize summer camps," Shewmake said. "If the camps defray the regular cost of rent to students I can justify it, but if it costs more, then I don't need them."

Local dj rakes in prizes, acclaim

By DOUG STULTS
News Editor

For Chuck Lawson, creating a field of dreams out of thin air is just a matter of raising his voice — with a little help from a handy sound effects record.

A junior broadcast major, Lawson's magic mike recently earned him top honors in a contest sponsored by WSIX-AM and the Easter Seals Foundation.

Contestants were required to submit a three minute broadcast of a sporting event, the catch being that entrants had to create the spectacle from scratch. Lawson opted for baseball, setting his play-by-play to the sweet refrain of bats cracking, courtesy of a record of canned sports noises he had stowed in his collection.

Aside from the obligatory trophy, Lawson netted a bonanza of prizes for his mellifluous delivery, including a trip for two to Atlanta to see the Braves accompanied by a two-night stay at the Marriot there. His prize packet is

bolstered by dinner for two at the Maxwell House in Nashville, box seats to view the Sounds at Greer Stadium and a satin jacket embossed with the logo of a beer manufacturer.

Perhaps most importantly, Lawson is set to co-pilot an hour of a WSIX sports program.

And just how does Lawson judge his award-winning skills?

"I guess I'm okay.... but I'm certainly not great," he grudgingly admits.

Humble words from a man who will jettison his amateur status in a few years to join the prime time ranks of broadcasting.

Currently employed at Murfreesboro's own WMOT, where he does a variety of feature and play-by-play work, Lawson is concentrating on a radio career.

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"I want to be able to work in all areas of radio. If someone from a station comes up to me and asks if I can do something for them, I want to be able to say, 'Sure, I can do that.'"

Lawson lists as his sports broadcasting influences such rocksteady practitioners of the genre as the Detroit Tigers' steady Ernie Harwell and the Braves' firm but jovial Skip Caray.

"I don't like the cheerleaders, people like Harry Caray of the Cubs or the Cincinnati Reds' broadcast team. Their bias gets in the way of the game," he insists.

Beyond an affinity for sportstalk, Lawson likes radio for its creative demands as well as its compatibility with his lifestyle.

"To be honest, radio is a medium that is accessible for me," he says, alluding to the wheelchair that serves as his primary means of transportation. "I like TV too, but there you're not required to make an image come to life."

"On radio, if you have an idea, you've got to be able to make people see that idea," Lawson says, eschewing the ready-for-consumption visuals of videoland.

Lawson pledges to continue play-by-play when his college days conclude, "if that avenue opens up." In the meantime, intrigued listeners can sample his work during Blue Raider broadcasts this fall — and keep an ear open for the future.

DIPPING IS FOR DIPS.
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"We looked everywhere for black candidates. The affirmative action officer called ours a model search," Windham said.

Many black candidates did not have enough teaching experience for the position or had received better offers elsewhere, he said.

A misunderstanding between Ingram and SBR officials early in the search process prompted some to believe that MTSU had promised to name a minimum of two black chairmen, Ingram said.

"They said I had agreed that two or three of the new department heads would be minorities, but that was incorrect. What I had agreed to do was to try to find qualified minorities," Ingram said. "If they felt we had not done enough, that might be reason for not approving the two candidates."

SBR officials said yesterday that only one board member, Howell Todd, could comment on the matter. Todd was not immediately available.

Political Science Professor Frank Essex, who headed the search committee for his department, said that correspondence he received from the SBR did not indicate that they had mandated black hiring. However, the SBR apparently assumed that with so many positions open, suitable black candidates could be found, he said.

Though the SBR attempts to aid the search committees by supplying names of potential minority candidates, there is no guarantee that a qualified chairman will be found, Windham said.

"In one instance, they sent us the name of a social studies

professor," he said. "That's not even the same discipline."

Windham was unsure how to conduct a more exhaustive search.

"That's the \$64 question."

Police Blotter

The following is a summary of campus police reports filed within the last 30 days:

Agency Assist: On June 20 officers assisted the Sheriff's Office with an attempted rape call of an MTSU student.

Larceny: On June 20 Oliver Fancher reported that eight air brushes, valued at \$1,300, had been taken from the Saunders Fine Arts Building.

Burglary: On July 1 Fumihiko Arai reported that \$100 was taken from the top drawer in his chest of drawers in his room in Deere Hall.

Vandalism: Faye Simmons reported that her vehicle driver's window had been smashed while the vehicle was parked on Faulkenberry Dr.

Recovery of Auto: On June 22 Ian McMurry reported his vehicle stolen. On July 8 the Cheatham County Sheriff's Office reported that the vehicle had been found.

Vandalism: While working at the Murphy Center, Guy Miller Hogan's vehicle was vandalized while it was parked on Raider Dr.

Burglary: Jed Shelton found his radar detector and three magazines missing from his room in Nicks Hall. The items were recovered after a search.

Vandalism: On July 10 five people reported that the radio antennae had been broken off their vehicles. Four of the incidents occurred in the parking lot at High Rise West while the other occurred in the Gracy Hall lot.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Each year, HRI awards a \$1,000 college scholarship to an industrious student who has worked during the summer or school year as an HRI Employee in Rutherford County.

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Minorities sought for education

From Staff Reports

In an attempt to counteract a decline in the number of minority students entering teacher education programs, MTSU is offering 10 scholarships for minorities who wish to enter this field, said Robert Eaker, dean of the School of Education.

"We will be giving preference to students who have completed either their sophomore year at MTSU or have completed a two-year preference of study at a community college," Eaker said.

An ACT composite score of 19 is required for eligibility.

According to Eaker, the scholarships will be valid as long as a student remains in the program.

"You don't enter the teacher education program until your junior year," Eaker said.

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Opinion

Torching 'Old Glory' leads protestor to Supreme Court

By DOUG STULTS

Co-opinion Page Editor
"Burning the flag is as symbolic an action as displaying the flag."

Those are not the words of that now-famous Old Glory desecrator "Joey" Johnson but of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, commenting on the manipulation of symbols. What Scalia fails to understand is that burning the flag is not a much more symbolic action than a mere display of the cloth, thanks to the pandering efforts of President Bush.

An issue that refused to seep away into the calendar like the Fourth of July holiday it was composed to feat,

Bush's proposed constitutional amendment to ban the mingling of the U.S. flag and kerosene is his purest example of shadowplay to date, tossing Ms. Ross' best needlework over the nation's hell-in-a-handbasket domestic policy.

Stop for a minute and let's play Freudian mindgames. I say "flag," you say... "football." No, no, you said "freedom." Right?

From what I'm told, that's what it stands for. Across the nation veterans are giving touching testimonials of the legacy "fighting for the flag" tattooed on their souls. They are angry that the same swatch of fabric they hoisted high in victory — and draped glumly

over coffins in defeat — is for some an object of derision, a thing unworthy of respect while the nation it represents is still divided by the same sense of alienation and injustice that spawned it.

When Johnson burned his flag in the name of a Communist splinter party in 1984, it was an isolated action, a burst of protest legitimized by the very people who purported to condemn it. For it was the shrill cries of blasphemy that fueled Johnson's sails all the way to the Supreme Court.

Just what did it mean when he used "Ole Red,

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Controversy over legalized abortion centers on freedom

By M.A. Brown

Co-opinion Page Editor

In what can only be seen as an ironic, if not somewhat cynical twist, just as our country was beginning a celebration of our national independence, many of our leaders were launching an unabashed attack on our freedoms.

If the cacophony of rhetoric surrounding the recent debate over legalized abortion is cut away, what is left is nothing more than a plain and simple attempt by a vocal minority in this country to restrict the sexual freedom of us all.

Many of the people who call themselves Pro-Life would better serve the public if they gave themselves a more appropriate label, such as Anti-Sex.

These people are not concerned about the unborn life of a fetus, as they would have us believe. They

simply want to legislate the morality of everyone in this country.

If these people succeed in limiting, or eventually outlawing abortion, where will they stop?

Imagine a future where anything other than "straight" sex between a man and wife were illegal — *Dateline: Podunk, Ill. Unwed couple arrested in unnatural sexual position.*

Such a future is not just an Orwellian nightmare, it is the dream of many of those who are now pushing the Supreme Court to continue in its restriction of abortions.

It's time this country grew up and took a mature attitude towards sex.

Sex is not evil. It is human nature, and as free adults we should be allowed to practice whatever sexual preferences we see fit.

But as with any other

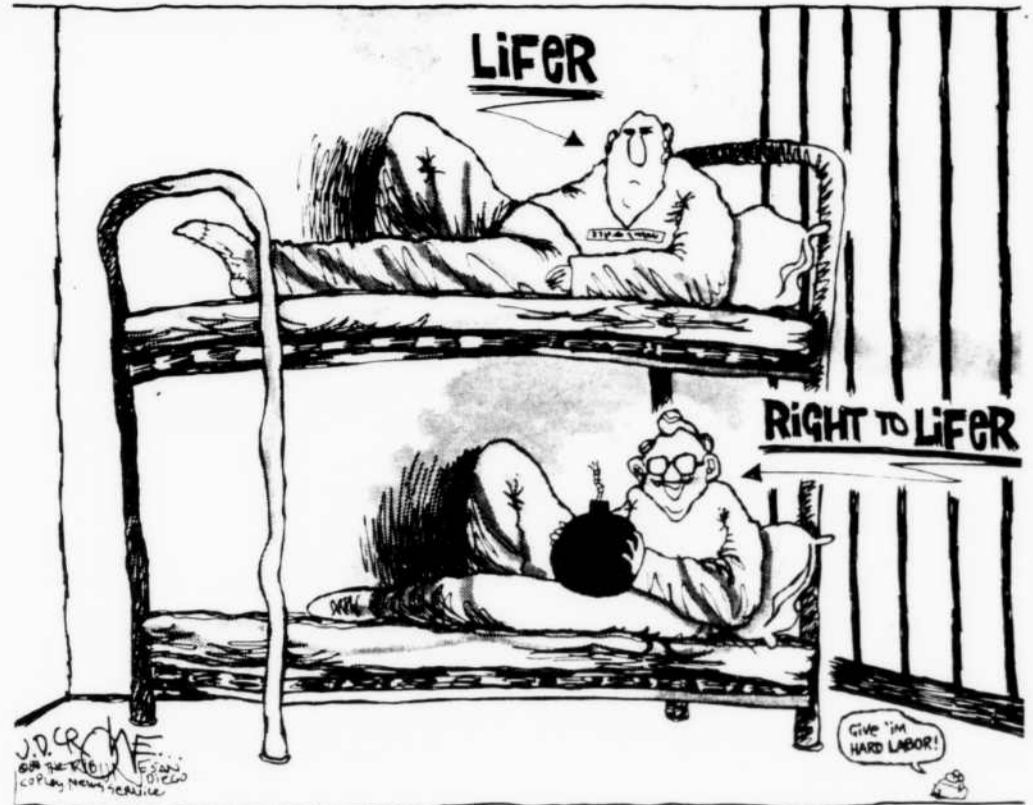
freedoms, sexual freedom carries responsibility. Every man and woman who chooses to engage in a sexually active lifestyle carries the responsibility to protect themselves from unwanted pregnancies and disease.

Perhaps if we as a nation formed a more mature outlook we could have serious public debate on sexual matters.

Perhaps then we could teach people about contraception and protection from AIDS, herpes and other sexually transmitted diseases.

Perhaps then we could cut down on the number of unwanted children and unwed mothers, because people would be aware of proper birth control methods.

Perhaps then the true moral questions surrounding abortion would be moot points.



Sigma suspension hampers Afro-Americans on campus

By VINCENT WINDROW
Staff Columnist

The Beast has again reared its ugly head.

When I saw on the front page of this newspaper last issue that the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity had been suspended from all activities for two years, I was totally shocked.

I thought that they would at least get five years.

Seriously, although I am vehemently opposed to the atrocities that the Sigmas perpetuated and although I am not particularly fond of the Sigma organization (I am an Omega, of course), there is a deeper concern here.

The Sigma fraternity

comprised one-seventh of predominately and traditionally Afro-American greek-letter organizations.

That means that, potentially, we have lost one-seventh of our cultural awareness programs, social events, ethnic support systems, community and social action programs, etc.

Whether or not the Sigmas would have sponsored and/or participated in such programs is irrelevant. Social and cultural/ethnic support systems and outlets have been lessened for Afro-American students here at MTSU.

Hopefully, other organizations will realize that "the wages of sin is death," or in this case, a two-year sus-

pension.

Sigmas, requiescat in pace.

Hopefully, those who are in power will realize that band-aid punishment is not nearly as productive and positive as the investigation and subsequent education of the root-causal problems that produce such a social deviance and illegal act as hazing.

Have you heard the news coming out of South Africa lately?

If you have, you are lucky because Western journalists have all but stopped reporting on how life is in South Babylon.

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Does desecration empower flag?

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White and Blue" for kindling? That the values the flag propagandists attribute to the symbol have become so eviscerated that they no longer have meaning? Or that our country has become so immune to radical inanities that even burning a flag is just another blue light on the horizon of decay, another street not to walk through at night?

Perhaps Johnson would have fulfilled his agenda if no one had paid attention to him and his cronies that afternoon outside the Republican Convention, if he

had never blossomed to take the stage with the radical chic like Michelle Shocked. Then, he might have proved his point, that the nation which alleges to propagate freedom (as a commodity, not a lifestyle) and defend it in all its manifestations actually no longer cares.

Instead, the incident festered for five years, a boil waiting for an opportunistic office holder to lance it. But let's not sell Bush short. For all his vitriol and rhetorical moonwalking, the man may be saying what many Americans feel. Burning the flag

is simply not kosher. The values woven into that flag have not yet been rendered impotent; we will not let the misguided tread on our heritage.

Nah. Simply, the conditions are this: if you have to convene a constitutional convention to forestall the burning of the flag, you might as well go ahead and put the Zippo to the thing.

'Cuz if you have to place a symbol of "freedom" under glass, then there's really nothing left to secure from the barbarians. Bush's proposal is as symbolic an

act as displaying the flag, or for that matter, placing a flag on the floor in an art exhibit.

He is saying that our national symbol is one of rigidity and intolerance, a motif

for the patriotic brethren to rally around. And if you don't salute briskly to the flag while reciting the pledge of allegiance and signing loyalty oaths in blood, then what? Have you

then violated the constitution-in-waiting that the reactionary right is scripting for our president, the marionette, who is himself a puppetmaster?

Sigma suspension wrong

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Wait a minute! Here comes a newflash:

The South African government will, in two years, give the Black African majority voting rights.

In a related story, Adolf Hitler of Nazi Germany denies the alleged persecution

of Jews and proclaims that some of his best friends are Jewish.

There is a rumor circulating the campus that the MTSU administration and alumni are leaning heavily and favorably toward naming a building here on campus in honor of the late Dr.

Roy Campbelle.

This would be a really good move on the part of MTSU, considering all that Dr. Campbelle did for the school.



Letters to the Editor

FSH Rent Hike Unfair
Dear Editor:

As a wife of an MTSU student and resident of Family Student Housing, I was appalled on June 14th

to receive a memorandum informing me of a \$19 increase in our monthly rent effective July 1.

Some may not feel that a \$19 per month increase is

not significant. However, it is not the amount that alarms me as much as the lack of notice. Living on a tight income, as I am sure most of us in FSH are, a \$19 increase can be devastating to a budget.

I feel that since we are required to give a 30 day notice before vacating the premises that we should be given the same courtesy regarding a rent increase.

I also feel that we should have been informed as to how our increase will be distributed. For example, will the laundry room conditions be improved? Will apartments needing repairs be fixed?

I will have to commend our new area coordinator, Charles Johnson, for the great job he has done eliminating our bug problem. But I do wish that someone would have given more thought to the burden they are putting on the FSH residents when they didn't give us more notice about our rent increase.

Concerned,
Donna Teeter
MTSU P.O. Box 3228

Column promotes racism
Dear Editor:

Enough is enough! In 1989, time and attention should have already run out for those, like Vincent Windrow, who would promote hatred and pseudo-racism. It should be particularly intolerable in a university atmosphere of higher learning as we supposedly have here at MTSU.

In his column, Windrow suggests that I should "get the picture" as he has described the enslavement of the black man throughout the 20th century. Slavery is a brutally strong term and I certainly don't recall any such activity during the 20th century in America.

Windrow goes on to seemingly try and mock whites by choosing Oliver North, a white man who was charged and subsequently found guilty of felony crimes against the U.S., as a symbol of "Americanism."

But most disturbing is Windrow's seemingly confused sense of loyalty.

He boasts of his pride in

America as being equal to his pride in his African heritage. Unless he was born in Africa, how can his feelings for that country even begin to match the love and appreciation he should have for this country.

On July 4, 1989, black Americans should be the proudest black citizens in the world. Proud of what their courageous ancestors have accomplished. Proud of the freedom they enjoy along with every other ethnic group in America. Proud of what they have to look forward to.

Unfortunately, there are still numerous blacks like Vincent Windrow who would try and stir pointless anger over events that no one can change, like white men bringing black men to the U.S. as slaves.

Unfortunately, there is an abundance of people like him who would preach mindless rhetoric and associate innocent whites like myself with "wimps in white robes."

In the 60s, when the majority made unfair and

unfounded accusations about the minority because of their skin color, it was called "racism."

In the 80s, when the minority makes unfair and unfounded accusations about the majority, because of their skin color, it's called an Opinion Column.

We've come a long way, Vince!

Herb Agner
Box 3717

P.S. Did the cartoon accompanying Windrow's column refer to anything specific, or was it just an unfounded barb as the column was? If it had no specific reference as its meaning, it should not have run. I encourage any response to this letter.

Name Kimbrell president
Dear Editor:

The only reason I can think of denying Ed Kimbrell the position of dean of the new school of mass communication is because he is overqualified; he would be better utilized as the new university president.

Betsy Drewry
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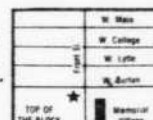


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Lifestyle

Starwood announces concerts

From Staff Reports

Starwood Amphitheatre, located at 3839 Murfreesboro Pike, Antioch, has announced their concert lineup for the remainder of the summer season. For more information about specific show times and ticket information call 793-7500.

The following is a list of concerts through July and August.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12
— AL JARREAU
special guest TAKE 6.
Tickets : \$17.50 reserved,
\$14.50 general admission

SATURDAY, JULY 15
— JOHN KAY &
STEPHENWOLF
Tickets : \$12 reserved
and general admission

TUESDAY, JULY 18
DICK CLARK'S 35th
AMERICAN
BANDSTAND TOUR
performers include:
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The Guess Who,
The Association
and The Drifters
Tickets : \$14.50 reserved,
\$10.50 general admission

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19
BON JOVI
special guest
Blue Murder
Tickets : \$19.50 Reserved,
\$17.50 general admission

FRIDAY, JULY 21
JIMMY BUFFET
special guest
The Neville Brothers
Tickets : \$19.50 Reserved,
\$17.50 general admission

TUESDAY, JULY 25
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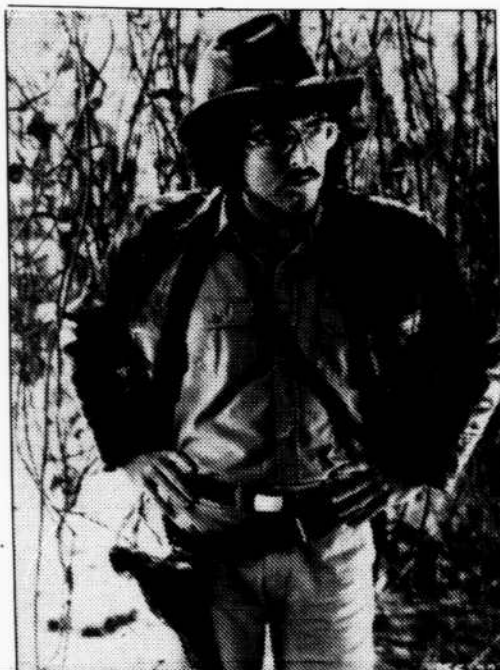
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"Weird Al" makes screen debut in UHF

from Staff Reports



George Newman has an imagination that works over-time. But George himself can't hold a job for more than 24 hours.

Then one day his Uncle Harvey wins a tiny UHF television station in a poker game, and names George its new manager because nobody could screw things up any worse that they already are.

But George has a dream—a wild, insane, wonderful dream—to keep Channel 62 from going down the tubes. And all he needs is a little imagination to make it come true.

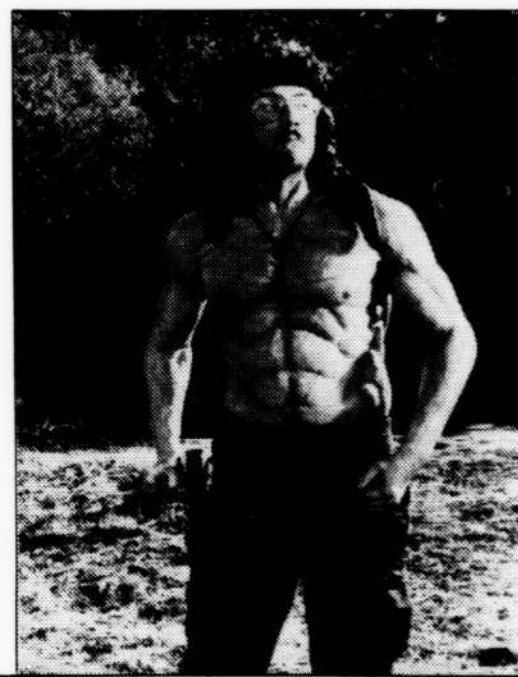
UHF marks the motion picture debut of "Weird Al" Yankovic, the crown prince of musical parody who brings his own peculiar humor to the big screen.

"The movie is a cross between *Sophie's Choice*, *Son of Flubber* and *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre*," he explains.

"We called it UHF because all the really good titles, like *Gone With the Wind* were already taken."

"The big danger is that people may think it's a comedy when, in fact, our goal was to make an Orwellian docu-drama dealing with the frailty of human existence and the tortured meaninglessness of mankind," Yankovic explains.

Catch a sneak preview of UHF this Friday, July 14 at the Cinema Twin Theaters. The preview is for the 7 p.m. showing only.



Not even macho men like Rambo are safe from the strange humor of "Weird Al" Yankovic in his new movie UHF. "Weird Al" is best known for his musical parodies of Michael Jackson, Madonna and Dire Straits.

The Abyss offers adventure, romance in deep-sea flick

from Staff Reports

Ed Harris, Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio and Michael Biehn star in *The Abyss*, a new film written and directed by James Cameron and produced by Gale Ann Hurd, the team responsible for *The Terminator* and the Oscar winning *Aliens*.

In this epic adventure, a team of civilian divers working on a prototype underw-

ter oil-drilling habitat ("Deepcore") are pressed into reluctant service by the U.S. Navy in a search-and-rescue effort for a stricken nuclear submarine.

But this seemingly routine mission becomes an unexpected journey of wonder and discovery which explores the frontiers of human endurance and challenges the love shared by two of the divers.

As events unfold, an inexplicable series of circumstances sets one of the divers on an odyssey which takes him over 25,000 feet below the Atlantic Ocean, where he confronts the ultimate mystery in his encounter with a force which can change our world forever — or cause its destruction.

The Abyss is due for release sometime in August.



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Sports

All-Star break brings reflection on players

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●**Rookie of the Year:** In the American League, the choice is easily Seattle's Ken Griffey, Jr. Griffey has been hitting consistently around .280 all season. He is second on the Mariners in homeruns and third on the team in RBIs. He also shows good speed and is on his way to become a 20-20 man, while playing good defense in the outfield, making only three errors at the midway point.

The choice is much harder in the National League.



FIRST PITCH By CECIL JOYCE

Jerome Walton has been one of Chicago's leading hitters this season, but he has been hampered by injuries during the first half. On the other hand, New York rookie Gregg Jefferies has definitely not produced the numbers the Mets had hoped he would. Jefferies is, however, improving on his stats considerably and takes the award just ahead of Walton.

●**Cy Young Award:** In both leagues, the veterans are making the best runs at the award. In the National League, San Francisco ace and All-Star starting pitcher Rick Reuschel has had his best season ever, going 12-3 with a 2.12 ERA to start the season, but Houston All-Star Mike Scott is also having a career year and gets the award. Scott leads the majors with 14 wins while leading the National League with seven complete games. Scott is also fourth in the league in strikeouts, and is in the top ten in ERA.

In the American League, the oldest active pitcher in the league, Texas All-Star fireballer Nolan Ryan gets the vote. Ryan boasts a 10-4 record and a 2.91 ERA. He leads the majors in strikeouts with 148, has given up only 82 hits in almost 127 innings pitched, and has four near-no-hitters. These stats have helped keep Texas in the pennant race all season.

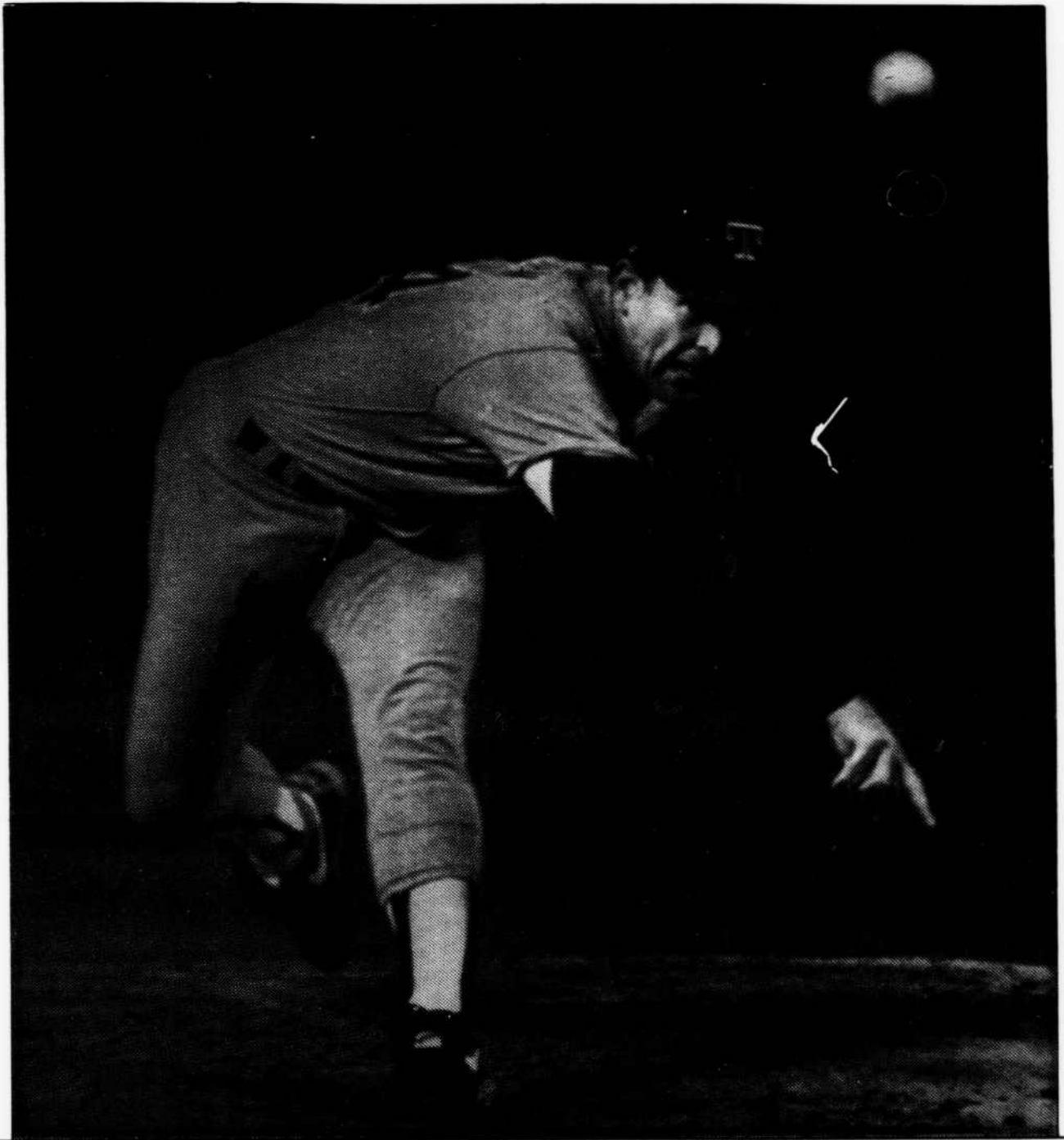
●**Most Valuable Player:** In the American League, the decision between All-Star teammates Ruben Sierra and Julio Franco of Texas is hard. The two have led the league in most offensive categories virtually the entire season. However, the most valuable to the Rangers is Sierra.

In the National League, San Francisco's All-Star Kevin Mitchell runs away with the award. Mitchell, with 31 homeruns, is on a pace to battle Roger Maris for most homeruns in a season. He also leads the majors with 81 RBIs, is seventh in the National League in hitting at .295, and is also on a pace to hit 40 doubles.

●**Manager of the Year:** In the National League, San Francisco's Roger Craig and Montreal's Buck Rodgers are a close race, but Rodgers has done a lot more with a lot less.

In the American League, the award definitely goes to Baltimore's Frank Robinson. Robinson took over last season, lost his first 15 games, and eventually finished last. But this season, however, the Orioles are in first place in the American League East.

●**Flop of the Year:** In the American League, the award goes to Toronto's Lloyd Moseby. By the All-Star break, Moseby has yet to raise his batting average over .200 while playing almost every day for the Blue Jays. A strong run for the title is being made by Ranger Pete Incaviglia, who is batting only .215, has hit considerably less homers.



The Ryan Express ...

Forty-two year old Nolan Ryan became the oldest pitcher in Major League history to win an All-Star game as he led the American League to a 5-3 victory over the National League. The ace of the Texas Rangers pitched two innings of relief, striking out three while allowing one hit.

Bo knows Jackson leads AL to All-Star victory

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Bo knows, and so the American League goes.

Bo Jackson, the brightest of baseball's new breed, made winners of the AL and believers of everybody else Tuesday night. He did it all, and when he was done, the Americans won 5-3 and had consecutive All-Star Game victories for the first time since 1958.

It was Bo's show.

He led off with a monstrous home run on the first pitch. He stole a base, and took two others. He drove in two runs, scored once, saved two more with a running catch and was named the game's most valuable player.

On the night when Jackson's multi-sport Nike commercial debuted on national television, Bo showed he knows baseball best of all.

He dominated a game that was supposed to be ruled by the pitchers at twilight. Instead, in the twilight zone, Jackson joined Willie Mays as the only players to homer and steal in the same All-Star Game.

Jackson, who has never led off for Kansas City, made Manager Tony LaRussa's gamble pay off. He and Wade Boggs hit consecutive home runs in the bottom of the first

inning off Rick Reuschel. Jackson became the fifth player to lead off an All-Star Game with a home run and the ninth to homer in his first All-Star appearance.

"He's a sinkerball pitcher and I think he left a sinker out over the plate a little bit, and I was able to golf swing and get a piece of it," Jackson said.

A nice piece, too. Jackson's homer traveled an estimated 448 feet, one of the longest ever hit to dead center field at Anaheim Stadium.

"I thought I made a good pitch. He just went down and got it," Reuschel said. "I heard about his power and strength and I saw it first-hand tonight."

Jackson drove in the tiebreaking run in the second, singled in the fourth and left after the sixth. By then, Nolan Ryan was on the way to being the winning pitcher, and the AL narrowed its All-Star gap to 37-22-1.

Ryan, at 42 the second-oldest pitcher in All-Star history and the oldest to win a game, pitched two scoreless innings in relief of starter Dave Stewart, who gave up two runs in the first. Ryan allowed one hit and, even without his best fastball, struck out three.

Atlanta's John Smoltz, the youngest pitcher in the game, was the loser.

Cleveland's Doug Jones earned the save.

Football camp a 'kick' at MTSU

From Staff Reports

MTSU was host last week to a high school age kicking camp with a big time flair.

The camp, sponsored by football coach "Boots" Donnelly, gave insight to the fundamentals of kicking to about 47 youngsters.

The aspiring high schoolers were from the Tennessee and Georgia area.

But the camp itself took a back seat to the two right feet doing the instructing.

Teaching the placekicking was former Tennessee Volunteer and current Miami Dolphin kicker Fuad Reveiz.

For the would-be punters, they had the expertise advice of one-time Vandy star and present Detroit Lion punter Jim Arnold.

Both men stressed consistency in each of the two facets of the game.

"The more you advance in your kicking career, the more consistent you have to be," Reveiz said. "If and when you make it to the pros, a lack of consistency will cost you your job."

Reveiz became a placekicker from years of playing soccer in his hometown of Miami.

He said teamwork is important, however, a kicker is probably the most independent player on the gridiron.

"Kickers are on what you might call an island by themselves," Reveiz said. "When you miss a kick, it doesn't go in the books as a team miss, rather an individual miss."

Misses will occur, but as a good kicker, you can't linger on it. You just have

to move on to the next kick."

Reveiz also commented

on his team the Dolphins as an improved bunch. He said the team will employ some new faces this fall, ones that Dolphins fans should grow to appreciate.

"Buffalo and New England will probably be favored for the division title, but we will be better than last year, I know," He added. "We have possibly filled some holes in the defense, and should be able to challenge the leaders."

Jim Arnold, an All-Pro from the Lions also had some good advice for the youngsters.

"Whether you are a two-step punter or a three-step punter, the most important aspect is the proper way to drop the ball," Arnold said.

"To get off a good punt, you have to hit the ball off the top of your foot. The only way you can be consistent doing that is if you drop the

ball well consistently."

Arnold's form always provide a high kick, but hang time might not be the most important thing all the time.

"Distance can be as important as hang time, depending on the situation," He said. "But placing the ball is important also, especially when you are trying to pen someone down inside the 10-yard line."

Being a punter for the Lions, Arnold's services are utilized frequently.

But he is optimistic about the future of his young team, as they start fresh with a new coach.

"Wayne (Fontes) is a good guy, and a good coach. He gets along well with his players and they understand his direction," Arnold said. "We will run a new style of offense this season, (the run and shoot) and should be a little more ex-

pecting to watch this season."

Although the professional guys were the main focus of the camp, there were some quality onlookers there as well.

Ohio State placekicker Pat O'Morrow was on hand from his home in Columbus, Ohio mostly to learn from Reveiz, but also to provide some of his on insight to kicking.

"I wanted to learn from an All-Pro kicker, but then again, I like working with the kids" O'Morrow said.

The Buckeyes are a team in transition with the new coaching staff, but O'Morrow said the feeling is positive around the Columbus campus.

"We will of course be playing a tough schedule next season, but our offense is potent," O'Morrow said. "The main objective is to get to the Rose Bowl, and I've never been there, so we

need to make it this season."

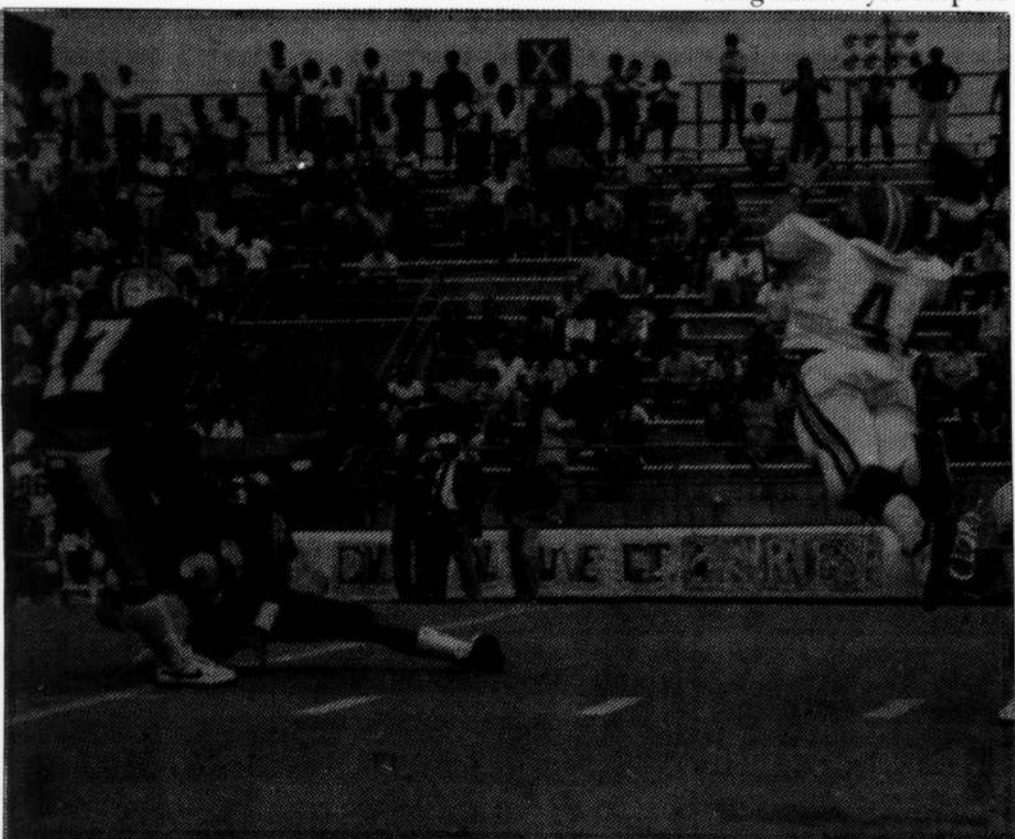


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Kickin' and screaming ... file photo
Various kicking styles were on display at Red Floyd Stadium recently during a kicking clinic sponsored by MTSU football coach Boots Donnelly. Former University of Tennessee place kicker Fuad Reveiz headlined the clinic.

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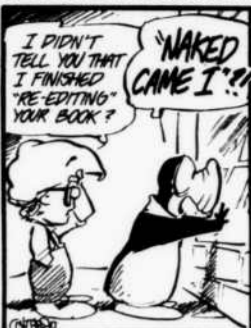
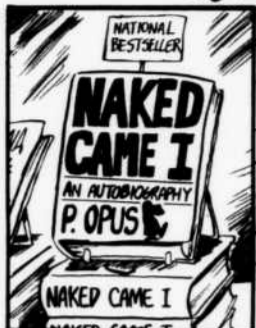
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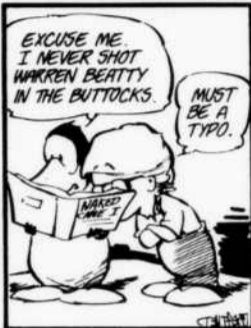
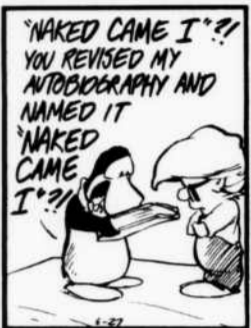
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