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State Board of Regents to meet here tomorrow

By CHRISTOPHER BELL
Staff Writer

A proposal to create a separate School of Mass Communications will come before the State Board of Regents during their quarterly meeting at MTSU this Thursday and Friday.

The board will also consider the formation of three additional chairs of excellence and will review the proposed 1988-89 budget for the school, according to MTSU President Sam Ingram.

"We are striving for national recognition," said mass communications professor Edward Kimbrell of the department's plan. "We do want growth, but we want quality as well. We don't want to be big just to be big."

Under the proposal, the mass communications department would be removed from the school of basic and applied sciences and become a separate school, with its own dean, according to Kimbrell.

The school would be divided into three departments: journalism, including journalism, graphics, advertising and public relations; radio-TV-photography and recording industry management.

If approved by the Board, the Tennessee Higher Education Commission will hear the plan at their meeting in Memphis later this month, Kimbrell said. The new school formation could be in effect by this fall.

The board will also review three new chairs of excellence for MTSU, according to Robert Corlew, vice-president for academic affairs. The Robert Russell Chair of Manufacturing Excellence, the National Health Corporation Chair of Excellence for Nursing and the Kitty Murphy Chair of Excellence for Dyslexic Studies have all been recommended for the board's approval by MTSU.

Final approval is also expected for MTSU's proposed \$63,751,400 1988-89 budget, according to Ramona Rice, director of budget and systems planning.

The regents will meet in committees Thursday morning, with a full board meeting Friday morning in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

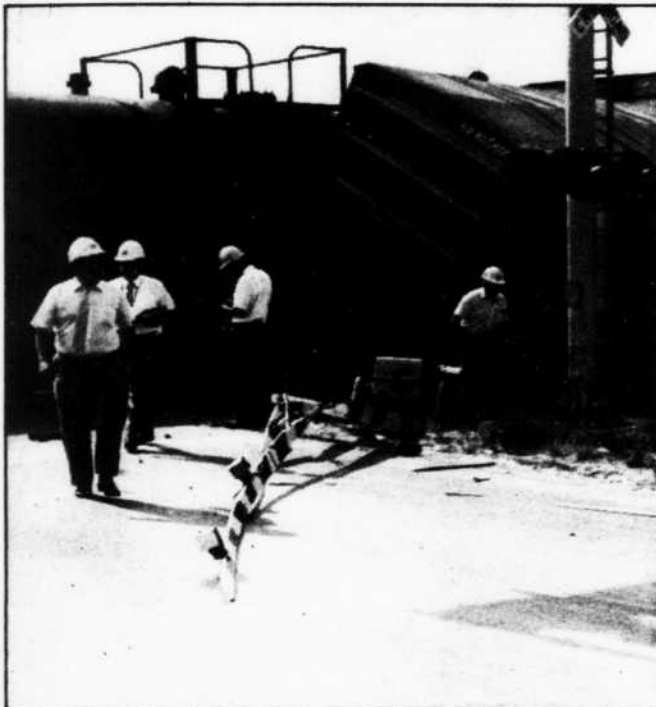
A ceremony to rename I Hall for Roy S. Nicks, former board of regent's chancellor, is scheduled for 1:15 p.m. Thursday, with a performance by the Nashville Ballet scheduled for 8 p.m. that night in the Tucker Theater.



Wayne Cartwright/Staff

'X' marks the spot

The air was hot inside and out of these hot air balloons, which were a common sight last Saturday at Edwin Warner Park as contestants competed for a \$15,000 purse. The 1988 Balloon Classic race was held to benefit the EAR Foundation, a non-profit organization whose primary goal is to educate and research hearing and balance disorders. The colorful orbs could be seen for miles around the south Nashville area. Please see page 3 for additional photos and story.



Frank Conley/Staff

Workers from the Murfreesboro Gas Company check the gas lines to make sure none were ruptured during the train derailment. See story, photos page 8.

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A short mid-evening shower cooled things off in Murfreesboro for a little while yesterday, but don't get used to it.

Temperatures are expected to reach the upper 90s once again today as one of the worst droughts in quite some time continues to blanket the South.

Seigenthaler chair to be filled by Faulk

From Staff Reports

John Henry Faulk, a broadcaster and folklorist who was blacklisted during the 1950's, will hold the MTSU John Seigenthaler Chair for First Amendment Studies during the 88-89 school year.

"This is a very, very fine thing," MTSU President Sam Ingram said. "I'm excited and I think John Henry will bring a very interesting perspective on the first amendment to the chair."

The Seigenthaler Chair was established in March of 1986 to further first amendment studies. The chair, with a \$1.25 million endowment, was funded from state, university and private sources.

As chairholder, Faulk will both teach and organize seminars dealing with first amendment issues.

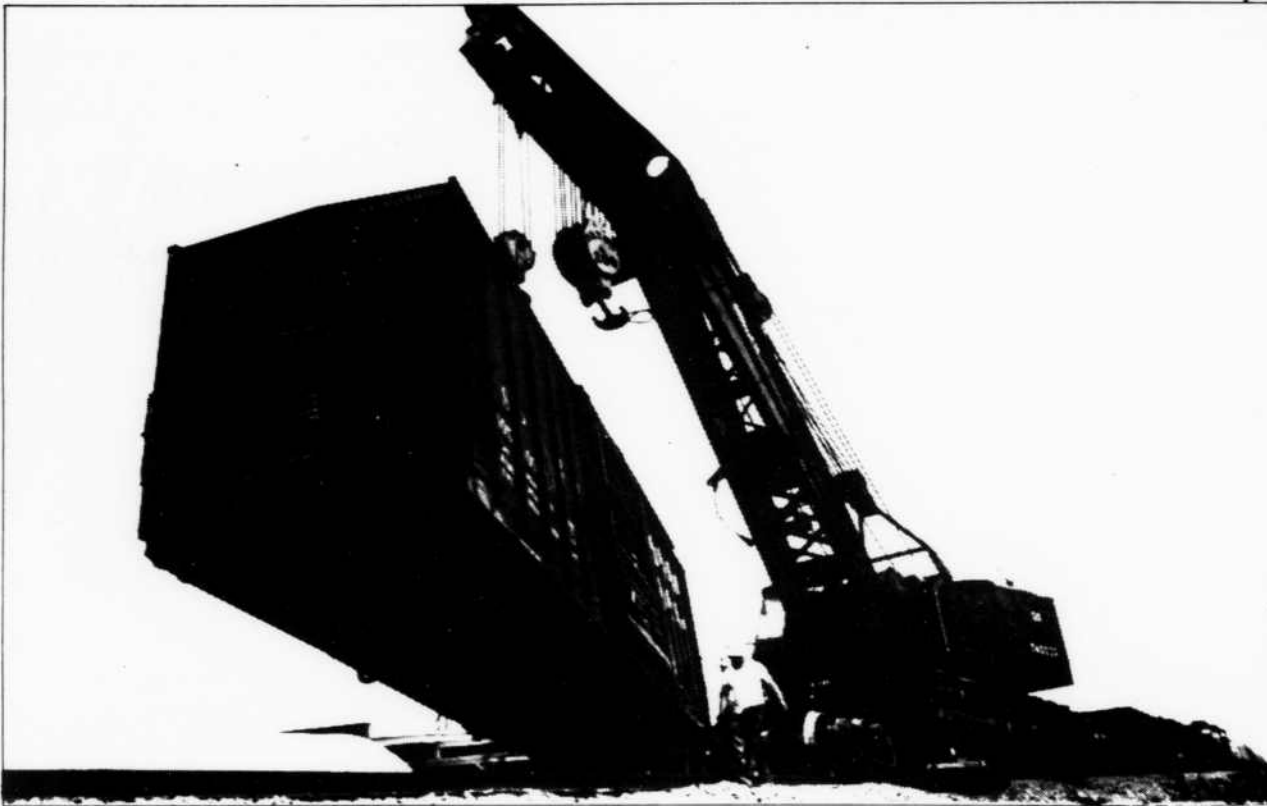
Named for *Tennessean* publisher John Seigenthaler, the chair was filled by Seigenthaler himself on a part-time basis during its first year.

Faulk, who worked as a radio host for CBS during the early fifties, was a union officer for the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists. When this organization was targeted during the 50's red scare, Faulk was fired by the network and was denied jobs in the broadcasting field.

Unlike most blacklisting victims, however, Faulk sued AWARE, the group that initially charged him with being a communist.

Using the famed attorney Louis Nizer, he won a libel lawsuit against the group in 1962.

Faulk later became well known as a folk humorist.



Frank Conley/Staff

This 200 ton crane was called in from Nashville to lift the four derailed from the tracks that cross U.S. Highway 236.

Truck derails train

By LISA NEWTON
News Editor

At approximately 7:45 a.m. Monday, a train derailed three-fourths of a mile back up the track at the Sunbyrn Drive crossing after hitting a truck on Highway 231 South.

The collision and emergency braking by the train's engineer resulted in a derailment of the CSX Transportation engine.

A tanker car carrying petroleum refining sulfide waste, an oil distillation by-product, was turned over in the derailment. Emergency personnel evacuated several dozen people from the surrounding area as a precautionary measure.

It was later learned that only a few ounces of the liquid had spilled and that high temperatures were needed for the corrosive material to ignite.

One of the flatbed cars left the tracks, careened off the track bed, knocked down a utility pole and finally stopped after striking a truck stopped at the crossing.

According to police, no injuries occurred either at the initial site of impact or the derailment.

The first truck, driven by Marty Thrift, 33, of Wilksboro, North Carolina, was hit in front of the Mr. Tool Rent-All and thrown about 40 feet.

"This is a hell of a way to start a Monday," said Thrift as he watched police measure the skid marks made on impact.



Michael Johnson/Staff

CSX officials inspect the damage to the tanker suspected of leaking a toxic sulfide compound, prompting an evacuation. The exterior shell of the car was ripped, but the interior tank was intact and there was no risk to the environment.

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Nguyen Nghiep, economics and finance professor, stands in front of his newly opened restaurant. Through practical experience, Nghiep teaches classroom theory.

Economics and finance prof opens specialty restaurant

By TANJA FORTE
Staff Writer

In order to expand on his teaching philosophy, Nguyen Nghiep, who teaches in the department of economics and finance at MTSU, is opening a restaurant in downtown Murfreesboro.

"What is discussed in the classroom is only half the story," Nghiep said.

"Unless you know the practical and theoretical sides, you can't do the job [of teaching business]," Nghiep said.

Nghiep arrived in Murfreesboro in 1981 to teach at MTSU as an assistant professor position for a year and decided to stay.

Although Nghiep left Vietnam "only to continue his education," his wife had to escape communist Vietnam in order to join him in America.

Nghiep said his classroom remains his top priority.

Ngheip's family is made up of three sons and one daughter.

His daughter was born in America, while one son remains in Vietnam with an aunt.

Communication with their family still in Vietnam is slow. "We do communicate with letters, but they can be opened," Nghiep said.

Nghiep's wife ran a restaurant in Vietnam before coming to America, which she let her relatives take over.

The restaurant, specializing in Vietnamese cuisine, serves American breakfast beginning at 6:30 a.m., a lunch and salad bar until 1:30 p.m. and dinner from 5 until 8 p.m. There is a Sunday lunch buffet for \$5.95. Each order includes a free Vietnamese egg roll and free refills on coffee and soft drinks.

There is a 10 percent discount for MTSU students, faculty and staff, Indo-China veterans, and senior citizens.

MTSU hosts 300 in Gov.'s School

By MARY J. SMITH
Staff Writer

On campus this week, 300 high school honor students are participating in the Tennessee Governor's School for the Arts.

From June 19 through July 16, these students will engage in a period of intense comprehensive study in art, theater, music and ballet. They were chosen through auditions from over 1,000 applications on the basis of their performing abilities.

In addition to the classes, the students will attend different "convocations" every evening. These consist of performances and lectures on various subjects such as art and dance.

Counselors for the students are 30 junior and senior graduate students from various universities. Instructors are 60 professionals from different universities and private institutions. The students are typical high school students with a serious edge.

"At our high schools we all participate in things like choir," one of the students said. "The difference between that and what we do here is that everyone takes what we are doing very seriously."

Final performances for the students will take place on July 15 and 16 at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center.

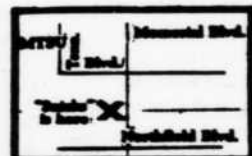
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Since she will be writing every day in her new position, Cox said she feels she will bring a lot back to her teaching position at MTSU.

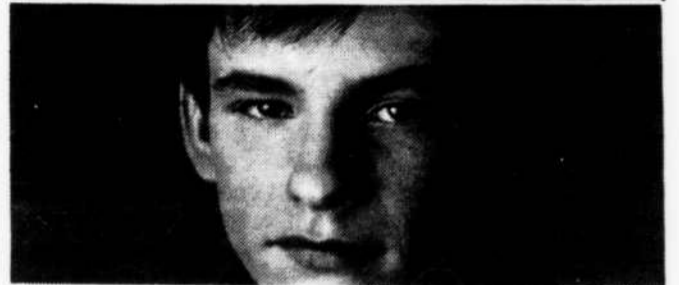
Cox has been on the English Department Lower Division Committee for nine years and has also been a member of the Student Discipline Committee.

In 1980 and 1982, Cox was a Fellow to Brooklyn College Institute, where, she said, she "learned about and practiced methods of collaborative learning for use in the classroom".

"MTSU has afforded me many opportunities to develop myself," Cox said. "And this appointment will be a way to learn about academic affairs."

CORRECTION:

In an editorial on June 6, 1988 of *Sidelines* this sentence was stated: Remember, spring and summer count as one semester for the sake of tickets. This is incorrect. It should have stated: Intersession and summer sessions count as one semester for the sake of tickets. We apologize for any inconvenience.



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An SSC for the SEC?

To be truthful to my readers (both of them), I must confess that when I first saw those signs on Highway 99 that read "no SSC in Tennessee," I tried to figure out which sports league they were trying to get rid of. I thought of the Southern Soccer Conference, the South of San Diego Conference, and even the Shelbyville Shootin' Club (which, as we all know, should be banned from the area).

It just did not occur to me that anyone would not want the Superconducting Super Collider in Tennessee. I was fascinated, so I asked my neighbor, Bartholemew "Angus" Johannson, what the prob-

lem was.

I had to catch him in between mailing letters to his congressman (addressed: "Mah Cahn-grey-us-man, Wahsh-in-tin dc") about putting the PTL back on the air, and watching selected highlights of *The Best of Wrestlemania IV* on video tape.

"Mr. Johannson, I'd..."
"Caw me Angus, boy, Mah frins do."

"Thank you, Mr. Angus. I'd like to ask you a few questions about the SSC. I see you have a sign in your yard protesting the construction of the facility in this state."

"Yer darn tootin' strayt. Ah don't want it in mah stayte. NO AYUS AYUS

SEE IN TIN-UH-SEE."

"I see. Well, Mr. Angus, you seem to be quite firm in your standings. Is there any reason for your protest?"

"Yooh betcha, Mr. Smarty-pants reporterman, ah gaht lahtsa reasons. It's

for the area?"

"Ah gotta job."

"Oh. Well, it may interest you to know that the SSC is to be buried below the water table. And maybe some of your neighbors will have a job when it's com-

"Hmmm."

"Sides, Ah don't want mah younguns to glow in the dark. Thaht thang's nucular ya know."

"Mr. Angus, the SSC is not radioactive. Your younguns...er...children will not be in any danger. Who told you this information?"

"Some good ole' boys down at the store."

"I see. Well, perhaps education is the key here."

I left Mr. Angus to contemplate the words I had set before him. I could not help but feel sorry for the man. I realize that all of us have an innate fear of the unknown. Primitive man was afraid of fire, but he

made it into an ally.

The personal opinion of the few charismatic people opposed to the SSC is causing an uproar. I do not believe this is enough to stop construction.

As far as glowing in the dark and mutant babies, one has more to fear from a radium watch and from smoking. Perhaps if these people read the paper or even watched the news, they would probably know more and protest less. Maybe if they quit walking in little circles carrying stupid signs and walked into the buildings and asked a few intelligent questions, we could get this nonsense out of the way and work toward a common goal.

MIKE REED Clip 'n' Save

ah waist uh mah tax dollars. It'll mess up the wahter taylor. And besides, the rest uh mah naybuhrs is doin' it."

"Well, what about science and progress and the job opportunities it affords

pleted."

"Doubtful, them no good Dayvisuns ovur thar haint had ah jobh in three generations. Whah theh haint evun put up ah sign in their yard lahk the rest uh us desent foke."

Jackson not likely VP for Democratic ticket

Now that the primaries have answered the question of the presidential nominees, we come to the next question. Who will be the running mates? This

Democrats will appear too liberal. By default, the Republicans will claim the middle road.

2. Jackson has managed to alienate the Jewish

the ticket and it loses, his chances will be hurt. If it wins, he will be a figure head for eight years. Scratch Bradley.

c. Gore did well enough in the primaries and would pull in the southern vote for Dukakis. However, Gore positioned himself as a conservative hawk in the primaries. These views do not coincide with Dukakis. Scratch Gore.

d. Nunn would assure a Democratic victory in November, if he was on the ticket. He is popular not only with southern Democrats, but also with many Republicans. Unfortunately for the Democrats, he does not want to be the Vice-President. He has a substantial powerhouse in the Senate which he would have to give up. He would benefit the most if the Democrats lost in '88, as he could then step in as the saviour in '92. Scratch Nunn.

e. Glenn would strengthen the ticket in two ways. First, he would add the experience that Dukakis lacks. Secondly, he would add the Midwest and help soften Dukakis's image as a New England technocrat.

To sum up, Dukakis and Glenn in '88.

VICTOR VALE The Slopes of Vale

week, I'll talk about the Democrats.

First up, Jackson, I'm sorry to say, will not be rounding out the Democratic ticket. To some, this will not be a suprise. Others may say, "Hey, he came in second; he brought in thousands of people into the democratic party and he will bring in the black vote."

Let me explain the nature of the beast. It is not who deserves to be the nominee, it is who will get elected. The powers that be in the Deomocratic party know that if Jackson is on the ticket, the Republicans will win in November. Here are a few reasons:

1. Jackson is an extreme liberal, at best. To win the election, the Democrats must appear middle-of-the-road to a conservative Republican party. With Jackson on the ticket, the

vote, which is a pretty substantial part of the Democratic voting block.

3. Finally, because he is black. No matter how much the Democrats want to appear to be equal, in the long run, they represent a middle-class America who does not want a black Vice-President or President. Who will be the Vice-President? Six other possible candidates are Richard Gephardt, Paul Simon, Al Gore, John Glenn, Bill Bradley and Sam Nunn. The following is my astute prediction:

a. Gephardt and Simon lost and lost big in the primaries. Neither of them would add to the ticket, so scratch these two.

b. Bradley will probably be offered the job, but will decline. He has eyes on the White House for himself in '92 or '96. If he is on



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'Beer-bashing' majors lose out on academics

Have you ever wondered why your teachers won't let you start essays with rhetorical questions? And whose idea was a liberal arts education, anyway? If you're even curious about the answers these questions, you're probably in the right place — college.

Whether you're majoring in accounting, mass communications, recording industry management, theatre arts or tennis, you're probably wishing you didn't have to put up with all of this academic mumbo-

What it doesn't mean is that when you leave good ole' MTSU, you will have accomplished the learning of a trade or profession. You may or may not know that in order to be a trained professional in almost any field, from accounting to zoology, you will have to go on to some sort of formal training or specialized academics before you can hang out a shingle.

What a college degree does tell a prospective employer or graduate school is that you are a person who

prospective employers that they have these qualities without years of life experience (something most college students are a little short on).

If you don't know why you're here, then maybe now is not the time to be here. Too many people don't have the opportunity you have right now.

I can tell you from experience, it's better to get out now and come back later if you can't concentrate on academics because you're majoring in beer-bashing. Beer-bashing has its time and its place, and people who know me know I've been to a few parties in my time. But it should never take the place of your work. If it does, you're barking up the wrong tree.

If you are ready to tackle school, do it. If you screw it up, that could be all she wrote. In my opinion, college is far too expensive a way to weed out the irresponsible and the immature. But it is the way our society does it.

It is also my opinion that it is not a fair method, since many individuals are denied even a chance at proving themselves for economic or other reasons, and there are always a few of the irresponsible and immature who slip through with a diploma in hand.

But that doesn't mean I know what to do about it. If it will help any, let me share with you a rhetorical question my mother has probably asked me a million times: "Who told you life was fair?"

LUCY MOGENSEN-VERMILLION Point of Divergence

jumbo.

When I was a theatre major, I remember wishing the same thing, so please don't think I'm being discriminatory. We all get tired of the rat-race from time to time. But those who are in the primarily skill- or craft-oriented majors which take long hours of work outside of class probably suffer the most from the need to get away from the papers and the too many dissertations that become required reading for required courses. This is why technical and vocational schools, as well as conservatories, are established.

So what's the point of putting up with college? The point can be found in an explanation of what a college education does and does not really mean.

is capable of learning. It tells them you can use your native language, add and subtract, synthesize old ideas to form new thoughts and can be trusted in a job to operate on an intellectual level beyond functional illiteracy.

It tells them you are capable of coping with physical and mental stress, meeting deadlines, filling out mountains of computer forms, waiting patiently in long lines and having a healthy respect for authority. It tells them you have guts, intuition and an ability to complete a task.

These are all very important qualities in a potential job applicant. It's entirely possible to have these qualities without having a college degree, and I know a number of adults who do. But I can tell you, they have found it difficult to prove to

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Intolerance one symptom of changes in civilization

What's worse? Being shot or shooting someone? Stupid question, right?

O.K., try this one: what's worse, being a racist of being called a racist? Should be just as easy to answer.

Not long ago, however, while I was watching a recent *Frontline* program about racism on PBS, one white student said words to the effect of "Well, racism is bad but being accused of racism is just as bad and maybe worse."

the brink of the 21st century.

It seems like we've taken "separate but equal" out of the garage and pushed it as high as the tach meter will go. Do what you want, just stay the hell away from me. I don't care that you're (black, white, Asian, Hispanic, Christian, Islamic, female, male), you're just different. And if you don't get out of my way, I'll take you out of it — for good.

This attitude, though, is understandable. Hate comes from fear and these

center falls apart. The old ways, be they based in Mecca or Jerusalem, New York or Tokyo, Washington or Moscow, are fighting for their very existence as political, economic, artistic and religious systems merge and are reborn.

In this world who stands for what? Who can you trust? How about people of your same skin color, your same gender, your same religion. These are the places too many of us are putting our trust.

We defend our right to discriminate, our right to know our "own heritage," as if knowledge of Shakespeare was limited to Anglo-Saxons or Charlie Parker to blacks.

Look at our cities. A third world nation arises from the streets as the rich grow ever more powerful. The center cannot hold.

But when the center gives way, the edges will not fly off into the void — they will merge together.

This merger is inevitable. And it can be for the best if we can combine the best of our cultures into one. But this society is doomed. The question is: what will take its place?

Creeping back into our shells is not the answer. Only by learning to understand each other can we survive. We can only understand if we first we trust.

It's a cliché to say the future is in our hands, but every action we take determines what other actions will take place.

We have become irrevocably involved with, and responsible for, each other. *Marshall McLuhan*

CHRIS BELL Edge City

Well, in the words of L.L. Cool J, "Uh, I don't think so."

Yep, racism is back (though, like herpes, it never really left). But behind the recent upsurge in these incidents is something worse — across the board discrimination.

And not just whites against blacks. Now it's blacks against whites, women against men, men against women, the U.S. against Japan and the fundamentalists against everybody.

Take a look at our "Japan bashing" and Japan's "America bashing", the loathsome "rough sex" murder defense in the Robert Chambers trial, the radical feminist war on pornography, the Howard Beach murder, and the kidnapping of Tawanna Brawley. All of these are the worst of tribal mentality brought to

days, there's plenty to fear out there. A quick detour proves that.

W.B. Yeats and Marshall McLuhan are two great examples of guys too damn clever for their own good. But they were dead right about some things.

Yeats said "the center cannot hold." McLuhan told us we were living in a "global village." These are the two central facts of our time.

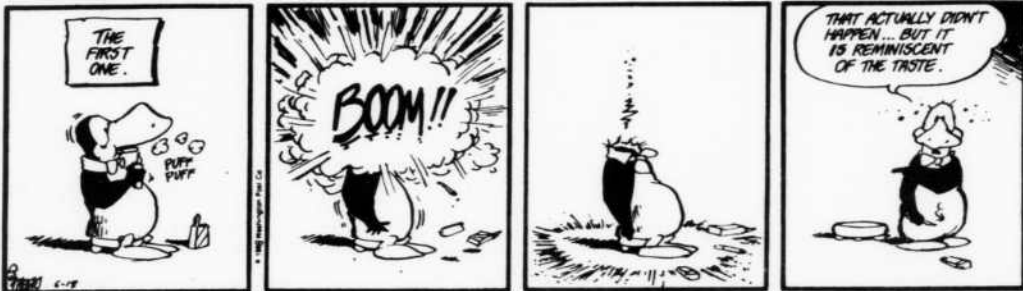
As developments in technology bring us closer together, we all become neighbors with each other. The global village. Why should we worry about what happens in Japan? Because what happens there, or anywhere else, now directly affects us.

Progress has brought us access to the world, but responsibility to the world is part of the same package.

As people, ideas and goods come together, the

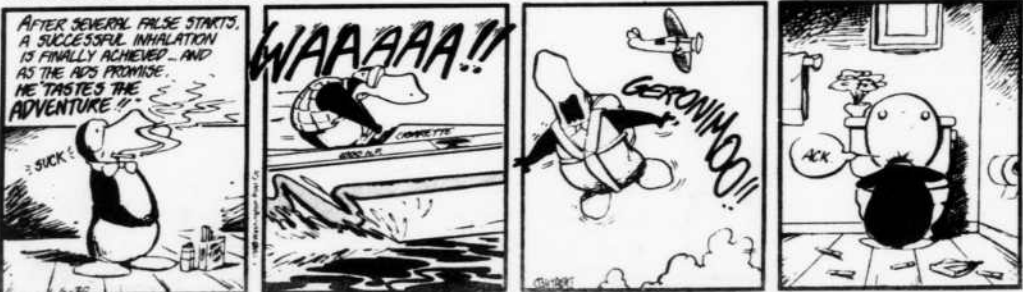
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EVERETT

Rap on revue - Run- D.M.C., Colors soundtrack

By CHRISTOPHER BELL
Staff Writer

The long-awaited new album from crossover rappers Run-D.M.C., along with the soundtrack to Dennis Hopper's gang epic "Colors" provide a fascinating look at the limits and limitations of Rap Music.

Run-D.M.C. were the first rap musicians to actually get played on "pop" radio. Even KDF (stands for Klan Decides Format) played "Walk This Way." They were on every magazine cover in the nation, made plans for a movie and spurred a national debate about rap "violence," (never mind that the most violent concert at Starwood last year was Hank Jr., where whites were beating up on whites.)

A great deal of hope was pinned on the band and they seemed ready to live up to it.

But then they were sued by their old record company, their film wasn't released and their new album was delayed and delayed again.

Now, *Tougher Than Leather* (originally planned as a soundtrack to their movie) is finally out. And chances are it's going to disappoint some people.

The most surprising thing about the record is how ordinary it is. In the past Run-D.M.C. have always taken chances. They aren't as smart as L.L. Cool J, as sophisticated as Eric B. and Rakim or as brute-force powerful as Public Enemy. But they can switch between these extremes with a skill other rappers lack.

On *Tougher Than Leather*, however, they concentrate on, as one song title puts it, "Beats to the Rhyme." Most of the songs are simply rhyming over the beat. Good rhymes and good beats (and a great deal faster than most other rappers), but basic stuff.

A few songs stand out, like the heavy metal title track, the mutations of the Monkees and the Temptations on

"Mary, Mary" and "Papa Crazy" (hey, I'm with Devo on this--I LIKE mutations) and the album closer, "Ragtime," where they make like D.J. Jazzy Jay and the Fresh Prince (read: too damn cute) (but good) over jazz that's closer to Dixieland than Ragtime.

It's not that the album is bad, it's just that the good cuts (and an album like *Raising Hell*) make you aware of how much more they're capable of. That same problem applies to *Colors*.

That movie was the first to intelligently use current black pop as background music. The music MADE SENSE in the context of the film. It wasn't gratuitous and it wasn't fake.

The same is true of the soundtrack album, with the exception of the Rick James song "Everywhere I Go," (I like Rick, "Super Freak" was a great song, but on this one he sounds as out of place as Bruce Springsteen would on 91 WRVU.)

The great tracks here are GREAT. L.A. rapper Ice-T contributes the menacing title track, which proves rap can be basic and boundary-breaking by attaching one of the most intelligent series of rhymes to nothing more than a synth drone and some scratching. Salt-N-Pepa cut up anyone, man or woman, who dares step up to a mike in "Let the Rhythm Run," and the (warning: hyperbole alert) fantastic, futuristic, fabulous Eric B. and Rakim add a seven-minute remix of their "Paid In Full."

In simple tracks like Salt-N-Pepa's (which features the hit machine Herbie Azor as producer) and complicated ones like Eric B. and Rakim's (a kind of slowed down, souled up "Pump Up the Volume," but that gets into some messy copyright questions that I don't have the space for) rap is shown as the MOST interesting pop music genre today.

But too many tracks are mediocre (and most of those are produced by Marley Marl) to make this an outstanding album. And rap music in general is full of mediocre raps and rappers.

Any "type" of music, though, is going to be this way, be it heavy metal, the return of the girl groups or the new folk revival. What works best in pop are songs that use their genre as a base to build on, not a fence to cut them off. Despite some disappointments, both of these records prove that point.



*** Live *** entertainment

Information harvested by DEIRDRE DAVIS
Staff Writer

Wednesday, June 22: Mainstreet - The Blind Farmers From Hell with Chip and the Chiltons; Driver will be at Mainstreet Thursday-Saturday

Thursday, June 23: Cannery - 91 Rock and Primetime Promotions present an all-ages show with F.U.C.T., Notary Public and R.I.P.

Cock-eyed Camel - MCA Master Series with Billy Joe Walker Jr., Michael Rhodes, Steve Dean and Paul Lein

Friday, June 24: Exit/In - Kingsnakes
EJ's - Nightlife with Midnite Ryders

Starwood - Randy Travis, The Judds and Tammy Wynette
Warehouse - Alternative Dance Party highlighting the new Revolting Cocks' live album

Cock-eyed Camel - John Jackson and the Rhythm Rockers with Amy Runyon

Saturday, June 25: Exit/In - Love Tractor with The Cucumbers

Sal's - The Grinning Plowman with Mary My Hope;
Cannery - Kings of the Sun

Cock-eyed Camel - W.T. Davidson and friends

Sunday, June 26: 12th and Porter - Russell Brown of Bang-Shang Alang, Becky Hinshaw, and others

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Dear A---: Hidden files discovered

Transcribed by DOUG STULTS
Entertainment Editor

(While searching through the dead letter office in a postal facility in Billings, Montana, several heretofore unpublished selections from a perennially-popular advice column were unearthed. Owing to the public's right to know, *Sidelines* presents some excerpts. The name has been disguised due to the possibility these items may be more interesting than those actually published.)

Dear A---,

For years I have conducted a discreet affair with my husband's cousin. At our last family reunion I hitched up with a variety of his kinfolk and now participate in seven interstate romances that are exhausting but quite fulfilling. My husband complains I spend too much time away from home. What's his hangup, anyway?

- Familial in Fentress County

Dear Familial,

Obviously, your husband is some sort of perversely devout moral demagogue. Send him to a therapist. If this fails, have the domineering S.O.B. bumped off.

Dearest A---,

My girlfriend claims to talk directly to the soul of Bob Dylan, who as you know has been dead for nearly a decade. Despite her claims I think they are only leaving poorly rendered religious allegories on each other's Code-A-Phones. Is this possible?

- Flabbergasted in Phoenix

Dear Flabbergasted,

Though Dylan was exhumed briefly for a mid-Eighties concert tour, (and has been performing as a hologram ever since) it is unlikely that he converses with your girlfriend,

since in his immortal ballad "Got Them Knocked-Up, Dial-tone Blues," he refers to telephones as "that thing on the wall, babe / You know what I mean, man." I'm glad I could clear up this mystery.

Dear A---,

My sensibilities have been profoundly enlightened by the piece you carried explaining the economic validity of immolating black South Africans who drive drunk. (As you may recall, their insensitivity endangers the lives of the legitimate white rulers they are chaffing.)

Will you please run it again so the last remaining person on Earth who has not read it, (a Peruvian wolfboy discovered hiding under a slab of cellophane in Batavia Alley) may have an opportunity to be mesmerized by this logic?

- William F. Buckley (not my real name)

My oh-so-dear and devoted Bill,

Though I have rerun this article 171 times in the past year, I never miss a chance to stuff a column with turgid filler. However, I do not presently have room due to a plethora of recycled tripe.

Therefore, you may want to buy my book *The Best of Dear Abby*, recently updated to include my solution to the question from the Befuddled Physicist in Kuala Lumpur who asked: "How can superconducting proceed at room temperature?" Obviously, lower room temperature to 271 degrees below zero. (Tee-hee. I'm such a prankster.)

Confidential to that "other" columnist (rumored to be my sister):

Just because your husband has the clap you should not insinuate that I had anything to do with it. You should consider intensive psychotherapy, (I recommend Freudian because it's chock-full of cheap sexual allusions) or buy my newest tome *A--- Guide to Accepting Bribes From The International Association of Psychotherapists*.

Balloon Classic '88

By **MARLA OSBURN**
Staff Writer

Giant balloons weightlessly gliding over the fog-laden morning countryside opened the



Wayne Cartwright●Staff

Saturday events of the 1988 Balloon Classic.

This event, held at Edwin Warner Park, benefits the EAR Foundation which is a non-profit organization dedicated to the education and research in the field of hearing and balance disorders.

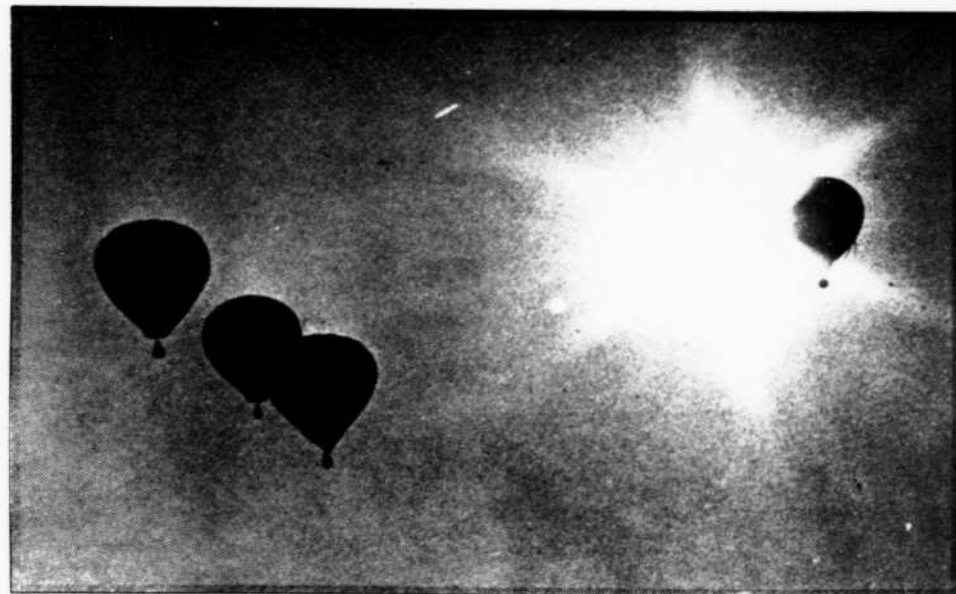
The first balloon task of the day centered on a 20-ft pole positioned in the center of a huge, yellow "X" encircled by a 100-ft ring. The object of the task is to toss a ring on the pole in addition to tossing bean bags within the 100-ft circle.

In addition to scoring points toward the \$15,000 prize money, the pilots have a chance to win a Hyundai Excel.

After making their attempts at the target, the balloons either land unassisted or are pulled by a crew of five to seven people.

A combination of tugging the ground-handling ropes on the outside of the balloon and pulling ropes from inside the balloon cause it to gently tilt and land on its side.

If you listen closely, the soft sound of deflating



Marla Osburn●Staff

In the early morning sunshine over Edwin Warner Park, the sky was filled with 55 balloons competing for \$15,000 in prize money.



Wayne Cartwright●Staff

Ginger Barnes, top photo, of Decatur, AL, wears a good luck hat during the race. Above, the balloon pilots rely on the expertise of their "chase teams" during the race.

nylon, like the wind through the tree tops, can be heard.

As balloons approach the ground, respective "chase teams" jump to action.

First they open the deflation port on top of the balloon, squeeze the air out and pack the balloon envelope into a nylon bag, leaving the load cables attached to the carriage or

basket. The end result is loaded into a truck, then hustled back to the launch site to try again at the target.

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New York	40-26		.606	½	4-6	Lost 2
Cleveland	39-29		.574	2½	3-7	Lost 1
Milwaukee	36-33		.522	6	6-4	Lost 2
Boston	33-32		.508	7	6-4	Won 3
Toronto	34-36		.486	8½	z-6-4	Won 2
Baltimore	18-50		.265	23½	z-3-7	Lost 3
West Division						
Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Last 10	Streak
Oakland	43-25		.632	-	z-5-5	Won 1
Minnesota	37-29		.561	5	z-7-3	Lost 1
Kansas City	36-33		.522	7½	z-6-4	Lost 4
Texas	33-35		.485	10	4-6	Won 2
Chicago	30-37		.439	12½	z-5-5	Won 2
California	29-40		.420	14½	6-4	Won 5
Seattle	26-44		.371	18	1-9	Lost 8
National League						
East Division						
Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Last 10	Streak
New York	43-24		.642	-	5-5	Lost 1
Pittsburgh	38-30		.559	5½	5-5	Won 2
Chicago	36-31		.537	7	8-2	Won 5
St. Louis	34-34		.500	9½	z-2-8	Lost 2
Montreal	32-35		.478	11	z-4-6	Won 1
Philadelphia	29-37		.439	13½	5-5	Lost 3
West Division						
Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Last 10	Streak
Los Angeles	38-29		.567	-	6-4	Won 4
Houston	36-32		.529	2½	z-5-5	Lost 1
Cincinnati	33-35		.485	5½	7-3	Won 1
San Francisco	33-35		.485	5½	z-3-7	Lost 1
San Diego	30-40		.429	9½	z-6-4	Won 1
Atlanta	23-43		.348	14½	3-7	Lost 3

z-denotes first game was a win

Trammell's tater torments slumping Yankees

Tigers.....7
Yankees.....6

Alan Trammell's grand slam with two outs in the ninth inning capped a six-run Detroit rally and lifted the Tigers to a 7-6 victory over the New York Yankees Tuesday night.



Pinch-hitter Dave Bergman led off with a single against Neil Allen and Darrell Evans walked to bring on Dave Righetti. After Matt Nokes singled to load the bases, Righetti got Pat Sheridan on a fly to center and Tom Brookens on a called third strike. But Righetti walked Lou Whitaker and Luis Salazar to force in Bergman and Evans, and after throwing a ball to Trammell, he was replaced by Cecilio Guante, 4-4.

Paul Kilgus pitched a six-hitter for his third shutout of the season and Jeff Kunkel drove in three runs as the Texas Rangers defeated Seattle 6-0 Tuesday night for the Mariners' ninth straight loss.

Eric King, 1-0, pitched the last three innings for Detroit.

Angels.....5
Twins.....4
Chili Davis hit a two-out home run in the top of the 10th inning Tuesday night as the California Angels earned their sixth straight victory with a 5-4 victory over the Minnesota Twins.

Davis hit his ninth homer of the season off Twins reliever Mark Portugal, 0-1, who allowed only two hits in four innings.

Rangers.....6
Mariners.....0

Bell's late inning double sends Reds packing

Astros.....3
Reds.....1
Buddy Bell, traded by Cincinnati to Houston three days ago, hit an RBI double during a three-run seventh inning and the Astros tied a team record with seven stolen bases Tuesday night in beating the Reds 3-1.



Cincinnati's Jack Armstrong, making his major league debut,

pitched one-hit ball for six innings and took a 1-0 lead into the seventh.

Greg Minton, 2-1, got the win despite allowing a game-tying single by Dan Gladden in the seventh. He struck out two in 2½ innings.

Athletics.....4
Brewers.....3

Dave Parker hit his third homer in as many games and Curt Young won for the first time in three weeks as the Oakland Athletics defeated the Milwaukee Brewers 4-2 Tuesday night.

With the score tied 2-2, Jose Canseco hit a one-out single in the sixth and Parker followed with his ninth homer, just inside the left-field foul pole.

Young, 5-4, allowed seven hits in 6 1-3 innings.

Dennis Eckersly worked the ninth and earned his major-league leading 22nd save.

Red Sox.....10
Mike.....6

Mike Greenwell extended his hitting streak to 13 games with a homer and

three singles and Jim Rice drove in four runs with three hits Tuesday night as the Boston Red Sox beat the Cleveland Indians 10-6 for their fourth straight victory.

The Red Sox' 10 runs on 15 hits gave them 39 runs and 59 hits over their past three games.

Winner Bob Stanley, 2-0, gave up two runs on six hits in five innings after starter Jeff Sellers was injured in the second inning. Lee Smith pitched the final 2 1-3 innings for his 10th save.

Royals.....6
White Sox.....2

Frank White drove in three runs with a homer and a double and Mark Gubicza won his fifth straight decision as the Royals defeated Chicago 6-2 to snap a four-game losing streak.

Orioles.....4
Blue Jays.....2

Cal Ripken tripled in two runs in the eighth to lead the Orioles to a 4-2 win over the Blue Jays.

But Alan Ashby walked, pinch runner Louie Meadows stole second and Bell hit a ground-rule double that tied the game.

After a single by Craig Reynolds and a walk, Gerald Young hit a sacrifice fly. Reynolds then stole home as part of a double steal.

Reliever Larry Andersen, 2-3, got the victory and Dave

Smith earned his 14th save. Amrstrong took the loss.

Dodgers.....2
Braves.....1

Tim Leary pitched a four-hitter and Mike Scioscia ended a 1-for-20 drought with an RBI single Tuesday night as the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Atlanta Braves 2-1 for their fifth straight victory.

Rice struggling but still fighting for respect

By DAVE O'HARA
AP Sports Writer
BOSTON (AP) - As the home runs and cheers have diminished for Jim Rice, the hurt and frustrations have grown.

MVP and Rookie of the Year awards.

As one of baseball's highest paid players with one year remaining on a contract paying him more than \$2.2 million a year, Rice has heard the boos and taunts during the worst slump of his career.

At 35, the most prolific right-handed slugger in Boston Red Sox history is struggling to prove he still belongs.

Last season, bothered by an injured left elbow and two bad knees, Rice slumped to .277, 13 homers and 62 RBI, all career lows.

Outwardly, Rice tries to exude the same quiet confidence as in his first 13 years with the Red Sox when he batted .302 with 2,275 hits, 364 homers and 1,352 runs batted in.

Things haven't improved for Rice this season. The home runs, the big RBI and the cheers are still hard to find.

Rice broke in with the Red Sox in 1975 and hit .309 with 22 homers and 102 RBI. Despite those numbers, Rice was overshadowed by Fred Lynn, who hit .331 with 21 homers and 105 RBI and won the

"There have been some nights I've felt like crying when I've left the park," Rice said. "It's a desperate feeling when things aren't going right and knowing you can do better."

"It hurts. It hurts more than anyone knows."

"I'm not dead," he announced in an unusual, almost defiant manner. "I haven't retired."

He had an impressive spring, but Manager John McNamara decided Rice and Mike Greenwell would alternate in left field and as the designated hitter.

After a slow start, Greenwell took over as the regular left fielder and Rice was dropped from the clean-up spot to as low as seventh in the batting order.

In late May, Rice was given another starting shot in left by McNamara. Rice then admitted the slump was "eating me up inside, but I've got to fight my way out of it."

Rice is still fighting.
He hit his first two home

runs of the season on June 13 against the New York Yankees after going 21½ months without one.

McNamara and the Red Sox were more excited, at least outwardly, than Rice after the two homers.

"I was very happy for him, happy to see people applaud him," McNamara said of the Fenway crowd. "He has worked very hard, done everything possible to get going."

"I think that maybe he has been trying to do too much, trying to carry the team and putting more pressure on himself. He's also taken a lot of abuse and criticism and handled things pretty well."

His teammates — young and old — have seen the struggle and felt his hurt.

Notes

NEW YORK (AP) — Carlton Fisk of the Chicago White Sox, who has not played in a month since fracturing a finger, surpassed Terry Steinbach of the Oakland Athletics and took over the lead in voting for catcher on the American League All-Star team.

Other leaders are Mark McGwire of Oakland at first base; Cal Ripken of Baltimore at shortstop; Paul Molitor of Milwaukee at second base; Wade Boggs of Boston at third base; and Dave Winfield and Ricky Henderson of New York, and Jose Canseco of Oakland in the outfield.

NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Witt of the California Angels pitched 17½ scoreless innings last week and was selected American League player of the week. He struck out 11 and walked six beating Texas 3-0 and Kansas City 5-0.

NEW YORK (AP) — Chris Sabo of the Cincinnati Reds, who batted .478 and had seven extra-base hits, was selected National League player of the week for the period ending June 19.

Sabo was 11-for-23 last week with four doubles, two triples, a home run, six runs batted in and four stolen bases in four attempts.

McEnroe successful in Wimbledon return

By RICK WARNER
AP Tennis Writer

WIMBLEDON, England (AP)—John McEnroe made a triumphant return to Wimbledon Tuesday, winning the cheers of the crowd and his first match on the famed grass courts in three years.

Showing flashes of the form that made him a three-time champion here, McEnroe beat Horst Skoff of Austria 6-1, 7-5, 6-1 before an overflow crowd at the All England Club.

The 29-year-old American received an ovation as he walked onto Court 1 before the opening-round match and again as he left the court after his victory. Each time, he acknowledged the cheers with a wave of his left hand.

"It was nice," McEnroe said of the reception for his first appearance at Wimbledon since his 1985 quarter-final loss to Kevin Curren. "Hopefully, it will get better the longer I stay around."

Before he stepped away from Wimbledon for two summers, McEnroe treated the crowds here to some classic tantrums, earning nicknames such as "McBrat" and "Mac the Mouth" from the Fleet Street tabloids.

In his comeback, McEnroe has vowed to keep his temper under control. He kept that promise against Skoff, who was coming off a clay-court tournament

title in Greece.

The No. 8 seed kept quiet throughout the match and only once showed anger, swatting the net with his racket after netting an easy volley to give Skoff a break point in the second set.

"It's a whole new ballgame now," said McEnroe, who is trying to regain the top ranking he held from 1981-1985. "It's almost like starting over."

The second day of the tournament also featured easy first-round victories by the top two women's seeds, Steffi Graf and Martina Navratilova. Both wins were noteworthy — Graf's because she posted her second straight Grand Slam shutout and Navratilova's because it was her 42nd straight match victory at Wimbledon, a post-war record.

Fourth-seeded Chris Evert No. 5 Gabriela Sabatini and No. 9 Hana Mandlikova also won in straight sets, but No. 3 Pam Shriver struggled before downing South African Dinky Van Rensburg in three sets.

The women's draw did lose a seed, with No. 11 Claudia Kohde-Kilsch of West Germany withdrawing because of a knee injury.

No. 14 Andrei Chesnokov of the Soviet Union was eliminated by Udo Roglewski of West Germany 7-5, 6-4, 6-4.



Frank Conley/Staff

A long, hard day...

Sammy Smith takes time out to catch his breath after an intense game at the Bruce Stewart team camp. Smith is one of 550 students attending coach Stewart's camp.

Russell seeks All-Star pick after turn-around

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - Six weeks ago, Texas Rangers pitcher Jeff Russell's only shot at getting inside Cincinnati's Riverfront Stadium for the All-Star Game was to buy a ticket, sit where people who watch the game sit, and root for the American League.

Now he's 7-0 and sees the game, to be played in his hometown, in a different light.

"I always wanted to go home," said the 26-year-old Russell. "It was my goal all along, but I knew it was out

of range starting the season in the bullpen. Now, it's possible.

It's possible because he's done everything but bat to keep the Rangers within ten

games of the Oakland Athletics, who, as of Tuesday night, led the American League West by five games over the Minnesota Twins.

Russell is 6-0 as a starter,

and has one win out of the bullpen. He has pitched three consecutive complete games, has a 2.36 ERA and a happy, but cautious, boss.

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Lights to debut at Wrigley August 8

By JAMES LITKE
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP) - Star light, star bright, soon you'll be able to see a Chicago Cub in his home den at night.

More than five decades after baseball debuted under the lights and 40 years after the Detroit Tigers became the last team to flip the switch, the Chicago Cubs announced

that the first night game at Wrigley Field will be Aug. 8 against the Philadelphia Phillies.

"It is an historic event for our club and fans," said Don Grenesko, executive

vice president for business operations. "This is an opportunity for more fans to experience Cubs baseball, and a positive step to ensure that our club remains competitive."

Monday's announcement ended weeks of suspense over when the lights atop the left-and right-field upper decks would be turned on.

At least one night practice session is scheduled before the Aug. 8 game. The contest will end a 72-year tradition of playing baseball only in the sunshine at the major leagues' second-oldest park.

But as soon as the Cubs said the lights would go on, opponents promised they'll keep fighting to keep them off.

"The first couple of night games will probably go smoothly because of the police, the Cubs, everybody will be paying serious attention," said Charlotte Newfield, president of Citizens United for Baseball in the Sunshine (CUBS) a neighborhood group that fought the team's owners, Tribune Co., over lights for seven years.

"But then emergencies will be reported here and there and manpower will be moved around, the crowds will get rowdy... and we'll be going to court to test the public nuisance laws," she added.

Newfield said another tactic community organizers are considering is a petition drive to vote the precinct around Wrigley Field "dry," meaning no liquor could be sold there.

"If lights can be turned on," she said, "they can also be turned off." Besides fighting the neighbors over lights, Tribune Co. has locked horns with alderman over ordinances and state legislators over statutes since acquiring the club and North Side park in 1981.

But a City Council vote in February removed the final roadblock, even while limiting the team to eight regular-season games in

1988 and 18 games each season for the next 14 years.

The Aug. 8 game will be broadcast on WGN-TV, the superstation owned by Tribune Co., and the following night's contest against the New York Mets will be shown nationally on NBC.

Wrigley Field's seating capacity is 39,012 and about 13,000 tickets remain for the Aug. 8 game. Sales for that game were frozen by the club Friday as word circulated that it would be the date of the first night game. The remaining tickets will be sold over the phone through Ticketmaster starting June 28.



Frank Conley/Staff

Look at those jokers...

MTSU coach Bruce Stewart and Jubal Cooper chat while watching a game on the Murphy Center courts.

Russell from page 10

Rangers manager Bobby Valentine said, "It (the All-Star Game) is a legitimate goal. But I don't want him to stop there in setting his goals. There aren't too

many pitchers in this league who can stay with him."

His victory Monday over the Seattle Mariners was no exception. He gave up only four hits in nine innings, allowing three earned runs, and helped the Rangers beat the Mariners 4-3, av-

oiding their fourth straight extra-inning game.

"That's a nice way to win, I'll tell you that," Valentine said. "No extra innings. Jeff Russell gets the complete game and the guys in the bullpen get the day off."

Pitching coach Tom

House added, "That's what big-league pitching is all about. He has shown it. It's there."



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OVC from page 10

OVC Coach of the Year in basketball. With Fisher as athletic director, Austin Peay won OVC titles in track, baseball, football and tennis and also won three basketball championships.

Besides coaching at Austin Peay, Fisher played basketball and football there while completing his undergraduate degree.

Fisher is currently serving as a professor in the Health and Physical Education Department at Austin Peay. He holds B.S. and M.A. degrees from APSU and a Doctorate of Arts from MTSU.

Reagan has been involved with the OVC since his playing days at Murray State University in the mid-1940s.

He was selected to Murray State's Athletic Hall of

Fame in 1971 for earning All-Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference honors as a junior in 1946. During his sophomore season, "Red" Reagan became MSU's only basketball player to lead the team in every statistical category. Reagan was also a standout on the baseball field.

Reagan entered the college coaching ranks as an assistant baseball coach at Northeast Louisiana College and returned to Murray State as head coach in 1957.

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SPORTS

Worthy-led-Lakers repeat

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — The Los Angeles Lakers, led by James Worthy's 36 points, held off the Detroit Pistons 108-105 Tuesday night and became

the first team in 19 years to repeat as NBA champions. The Lakers, who trailed 52-47 at halftime, hit their first 10 shots of the third quarter on the way to a 15-

point lead, then held off a furious rally by the Pistons in the final 12 minutes. Byron Scott scored 12 of his 21 points during the Lakers' 23-7 rally in the

third period, which spanned the first 6:25 of the second half and gave Los Angeles a 70-59 lead. Scott capped the spurt with a 3-point goal.

The Lakers led 94-79 with 7:24 left before the Pistons rallied.

Vinnie Johnson had three baskets and John Salley five points as Detroit used a 17-4 spurt to close withing 98-96 with 2:50 left.

The Pistons got within two on two other occasions before Magic Johnson hit a free throw with 1:16 to go

to make it 103-100. Bill Laimbeer then missed a 3-point attempt and was unable to save the rebound. The ball went out of bounds with 1:05 to go.

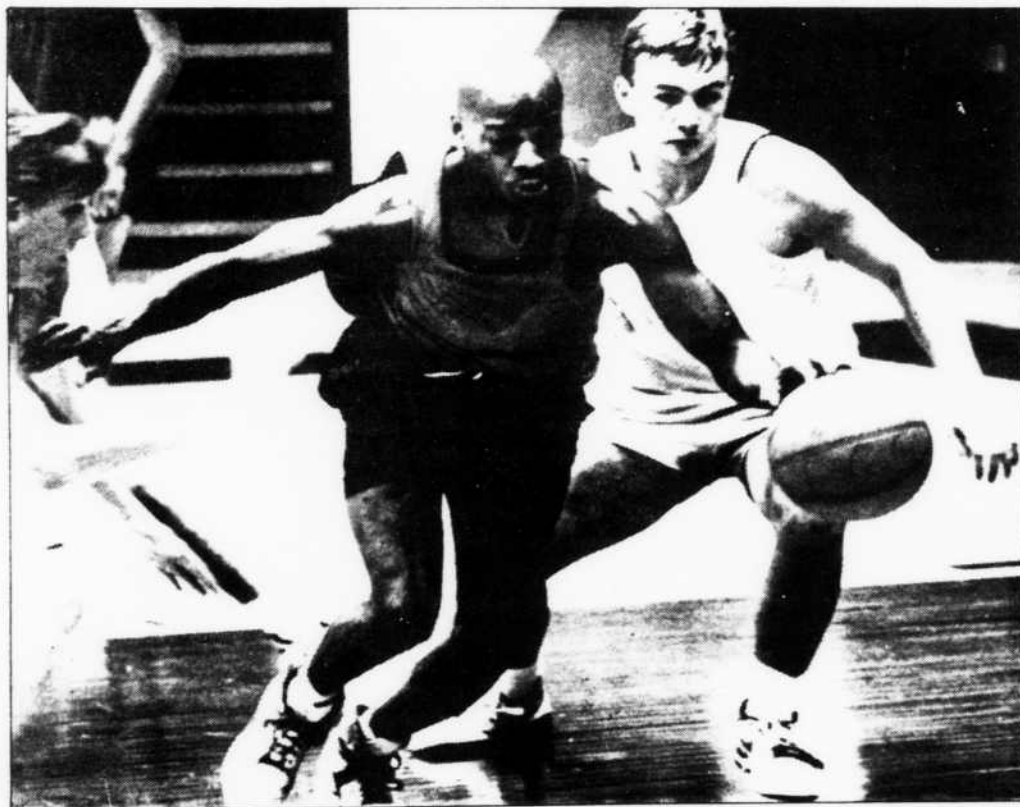
Afer a missed shot by Los Angeles, Dennis Rodman missed a jumper with 39 seconds left.

With a sellout Forum crowd of 17,505 screaming, "Repeat, repeat," during every timeout, Scott hit two free throws to make it 105-100. The Lakers missed three of their next four attempts at the line, however,

and the Pistons then trailed by onlyt j106-105 when Laimbeer hit a 3-pointer with six seconds remaining. But A.C. Green clinched it with a layup with two seconds on the clock.

When the game ended, delirious fans swarmed over the court, celebrating the first successful defense by an NBA champion since the Boston Celtics in 1969.

Magic Johnson added 19 points for Los Angeles. Joe Dumars had 25 points for the Pistons, Salley 17 and Adrian Dantley 16.



Frank Conley ● Staff

Out of my way...

Negotiating his way down the court this high school basketball player eludes a group of defenders during the MTSU basketball camp.

Roundballers invade Murphy

By TONY STINNETT
Sports Editor

Over 550 basketball players from a four-state region tipped off the fourth annual Blue Raider team camp at Murphy Center Sunday night, and will take part in competition for the remainder of the week.

The camp is by far the largest in the state and has grown rapidly over the past few years under the direction of head basketball coach Bruce Stewart and assistant Tommy Smith.

"This is the largest team camp in the state and it is growing every year," Stewart said. "We have 550 young men here this week and Tommy Smith has to be given credit for that."

"Tommy has done a bang-up job of promoting the camp and getting it organized. He is directly responsible for the success of this camp."

The camp got under way Sunday with registration and the teams getting situated into their dormitories. Action also began Sunday night with the teams beginning their competition against one another.

Thirty-three teams from Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky and Illinois made their way to Murfreesboro for the camp, which is the first of two team camps this summer. The other will be held July 3 through 8, with about 350 athletes taking part in the competition.

"We have got a great facility here and we think we have the best program in the state," Smith said. "We attack the camps in the same manner as we go into the season. We try to do it right and with class, and provide the teams with what we can."

"We stress the same prin-

ciples in camp as we do with the team, and that is hard work, determination and a desire to win."

The goal of the team camp is to give the teams a chance to play against one another in a game-type situation, giving them the opportunity to get into shape and find their weaknesses and strengths going into the upcoming season.

"The teams get in 14 to 15 games in a week against some tough competition," Stewart said. "The camp gives the teams a chance to prepare for the upcoming season in a crash-course type situation."

Stewart said he has seen some talent within the camp during the weeks' action.

The camp will run through the remainder of the week with games being played from 7 a.m. until 11 p.m.

OVC says 'No' to UT-Martin

NASHVILLE (AP) — Ohio Valley Conference schools have rejected a request by the University of Tennessee at Martin to become member of the conference.

OVC President Kala Stroup of Murray State said in a letter to UT-Martin administration officials Monday that the college would not be asked to join the conference.

The conference's membership dropped to seven schools this year when Youngstown State left the OVC.

"On the general issue, a

consensus developed that the OVC is not interested in replacing Youngstate immediately, and the long-term interest of the conference is best served by concentrating at this time on building on our present strength and assuring the success of our most recent addition, Tennessee State," Stroup wrote.

Nick Dunagan, executive vice chancellor at UT-Martin, said school officials were disappointed, as they believed the college's role and scope as a public university were similar to the existing members of the OVC.

UT-Martin is now a member of the Division II Gulf South Conference and Dunagan said officials will direct their energy to being a productive part of that conference.

The OVC currently consists of MTSU, Eastern Kentucky, Tennessee Tech, Tennessee State, Murray State, Morehead State and Austin Peay.

UT-Martin had met with various OVC school officials two weeks ago and made it quite known that they were very interest in becoming a member of the OVC.

Peterson nabs three recruits

From Staff Reports
Middle Tennessee baseball coach Steve Peterson, who lost three underclassman to the professional draft earlier this month, took a step toward replenishing the Blue Raiders' talent pool this week with the signing of a Shelbyville infielder and an Iowa shortstop/pitcher.

Phillip Edwards, a 5-foot-6-inch, 145-pound infielder from Shelbyville, and Tom Wegmann, a 6-foot-1-inch, 180-pounder who can play shortstop and pitch, have both signed with MTSU.

Edwards batted .382 for Shelbyville Central this spring after fashioning a .487 average in 1987. He

was also used as a pitcher at times, with a perfect 5-0 record.

He was the District 8-AAA Player of the Year in 1987 and was an All-District selection this year.

Wegmann, a native of Dyersville, Iowa, starred the past two years with Muscatine Community College, where he batted over .400 and had a pitching record of 20 wins and nine losses for his junior college career.

At Dyersville's Beckman High, he was a first-team All-State selection as a senior, when he led his team to the Class AAA state championship and was named the MVP in the Iowa State Tournament.

"We think we have signed two outstanding prospects in Edwards and Wegmann," Peterson said, "players who can come right into our program and start to help us right away. They have compiled some impressive numbers and they're the kind of individuals we want to have associated with our program."

The 1988 professional baseball draft took MTSU third baseman Chris Whitehead (Boston Red Sox) and shortstop Ed Pye (Los Angeles Dodgers), both juniors, and sophomore first baseman Mike Messerly (Oakland Athletics). Senior pitcher Dave Richardson (St. Louis Cardinals) also went in the draft.