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Some ramblin' thoughts on Steve Martin show

By GLENNA WHITLEY
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I'm terrified. I just looked at my notes scribbled during the Steve Martin concert Monday night and realized that my editor expects some sort of coherent, rational review of an evening of comedy.

But how do you review a professional lunatic?

Besides, you know all the routines. You've heard his million-selling album "Let's Get Small." You've seen him make outrageous balloon animals on the Johnny Carson Show. ("This is a puppy dog. This is a Venereal Disease.")

You've heard your friends proclaim themselves "Wild And Crazy, Continental, Ramblin' Sort of Guys," over and over until you want to punch them in the face.

Besides, why should I have to sit in this office in the middle of the night writing about these weirdos in the audience talking the routine with Martin? At times it sounded like a religious chant.

Anyway, who cares what I think, right? Do you really care that I thought the movie that started the show, "The Absent-Minded Waiter," (written and starring you-know-who and nominated for an Academy Award) was one of the stupidest and funniest things I've ever seen?

did I really laugh until my side hurt?

I'm having a difficult time too. I know the rule about reviews in altered states of consciousness, but I confess I was last night. My escort was small, were both small. And now I reach the typewriter keys.

But it's okay, I'll do my duty. I'll tell you how fantastic, intense, purple, clairvoyant, sexy, and fully funny Martin was. I'll tell you how talented and entertaining Goodman, the warm-up comedian and singer, was.

I'll even forgive the next guy comes up to me with Happy Face. But if you expect me to do an analysis of Steve Martin, I must refuse. I absolutely won't do it.

So get mad. Write letters to your editor. You think I care?

Oh, no. My editor is backing me. He's sticking his hands out in a familiar position. I know what he's starting to say and I can't take it. "Well, excuseuuuuuse me!"

Review

Do you even care that I learned something? I mean, I was wondering where my cat was getting all those damn plastic toys I keep finding under my bed.

I'm sick of my editor anyway. He expects me just to turn this stuff out, to put down in words how hysterical Martin is when he juggles oranges, when he spills water, when he sticks his tongue through a napkin. (Did he really do all that dumb stuff and

Ag Dept. heads announced

Acting heads of two departments in the Texas A&M University College of Agriculture have been announced by Dr. John M. Prescott, vice president for academic affairs, and Dr. Perry L. Adkisson, vice president for agriculture and renewable resources.

Dr. Zerle L. Carpenter, professor of meat investigations, succeeds Dr. O.D. Butler as head of the Animal Science Department. Earlier this month, Butler was appointed associate vice president for agriculture and renewable resources.

Heading the Department of Entomology will be Dr. Jimmy Karl Olson, associate professor of medical entomology. He succeeds Adkisson, who also was named to his current office earlier this month.

Carpenter came to Texas A&M as an assistant professor in 1962 and has been a professor of animal science since 1971.

Among his many honors and awards are the 1970 Faculty Distinguished Achievement Award in Teaching from the Texas A&M Association of Former Students; the 1972 Meat Science Research Award from the American Society of Animal Science; the 1975 Outstanding Educators Award from the National Association of Meat Purveyors and the 1977 Distinguished Service Award from Gamma Sigma Delta.

He is a Fellow in the American Institute of Chemists and past president of the American Meat Science Association and the Texas Section of the Institute of Food Technologists.

His many listings among prominent scientists and educators are the American Registry of Certified Animal Scientists; Who's Who in American Education; American Men of Science; Notable Americans and Outstanding Educators of America.

Carpenter received his BS degree in animal science at Oklahoma State

University in 1957. His MS and doctoral degrees came in 1960 and 1962 at the University of Wisconsin.

Olson, a native of Idaho, came to Texas A&M in 1971, where he is teaching and research have centered on insect-borne diseases which affect the health of humans and domestic animals.

He is past president of the Mosquito Control Association, current president of the Southern Branch, Entomological Society of America; and the current chairman of the Examining Board for the American Registry of Professional Entomologists.

Olson was graduated with a degree in entomology in 1963 from the University of Idaho. His doctorate in medical entomology was awarded in 1971 at the University of Illinois.

Before the Animal Science Entomology Department positions are filled on a permanent basis, thorough search for highly qualified candidates will be conducted, Dr. Scott and Adkisson said.



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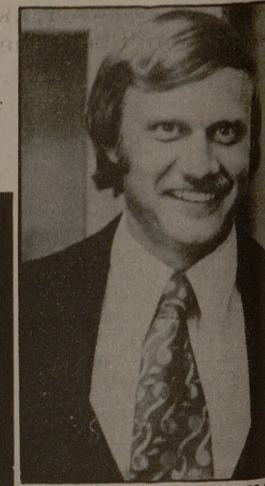


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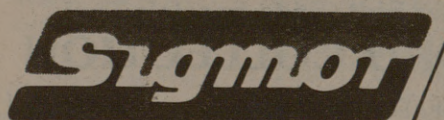
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