

# FOCUS ON: REVIEW

## Cannonball Run just more chases

By Cathy Saathoff

**Battalion Staff**  
"Smokey and the Bandit" was a good movie, but it can only be remade so many times. Someone should tell Burt Reynolds that.

"Cannonball Run" is one too many remakes.

The plot of "Cannonball Run" is different than that of "Smokey and the Bandit;" the action is the same.

Cars, cops, female anatomical parts, cars, Reynolds, cars, speeding. More cars. It all looks vaguely familiar ....

But with a different cast this time, a cast that brings its own special touch (*audience-drawing names*) to the movie.

After seeing the previews, who wouldn't rush in to watch Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr. play characters (*themselves*)

who pretend to be priests? Just imagine Martin and Davis taking the vows in real life — it's sort of like that.

Roger Moore plays himself (*or is it James Bond?*) in the movie.

### MOVIES

He has to be acting, because nobody is that spy-ish in real life, not even 007 himself.

"Cannonball Run" also stars a big bunch of pseudo-actors with names people have heard of before. Like Mel Tillis (*is the stutter real?*), Terry Bradshaw (*should stick to playing football*), Bert Convy (*born to be a game-show host*), Adrienne Barbeau (*gives Dolly*

Parton a run for her money), Jamie Farr (*remember the M\*A\*S\*H where he pretended he was a shiek?*) and others, I think. None of them were memorable characters.

The whole crew are participants in a cross-country, no-holds-barred race. Along the way, they encounter basically the same people encountered in "Smokey and the Bandit," played by different actors this time. (*Or were they?*)

Reynold's team consists of himself, Dom DeLouise, Jack Elam and Farrah Fawcett.

Elam must do a good acting job, because nobody can be as disgusting in real life as he is in the movie. He portrays a wild-eyed proctologist (*pervert*) who wants to examine everyone.

Especially Farrah, who plays a kidnapped tree-lover. She's

just along for the ride (*cheesecake/female diversion for DeLouise, Reynolds and Elam*).

The movie rolls along across the country. Prime fare for the Dukes of Hazzard crowd, of which I am not a member. I wasn't sad when it was over; I just wanted to get up and move on to other (*more exciting*) things.

But wait, there's more. Remember the outtakes at the end

of "Smokey and the Bandit II"? The flubbed up parts, that were really funny, and some people said they were the best part of the movie (*still not saying much ...*)?

Yes, they made a few boos while making "Cannonball Run." Somehow, I didn't expect them to be funny. I was right.

The whole movie was a boo-boo.

### Record prices

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"It saves everybody some money," he commented.

But Pudlewski says Hasting's has had problems with customers trying to get album music for practically nothing. Someone will buy an album, she says, tape it and then try to return it. The store will listen the album on its sound system and if the record's fine, the customer is out of luck.

"If they (the albums) don't have a scratch, we have to say we're sorry, but we can't take it back," she said.

"We have to protect ourselves."

If customers did actually have to pay list price of about \$10, would they?

"It's kind of high," Burrier said, "But Steely Dan is a good group. A lot of people may pay."

Eventually all customers will, Pudlewski warns.

"I think that in two years they (consumers) will pay that much as long as prices rise," she continues. "Prices have kept up with inflation."

All record buyers can hope is that album costs don't someday reach over the rainbow and out of everyone's price range.

## City pools available for private parties

By Denise Richter

**Battalion Staff**  
The temperature is hovering around 100 degrees. You decide that a quick dip in the swimming pool is the only thing that will cool you off. You head for Cain Pool, only to find that a couple of hundred of your fellow students had the same idea.

If this sounds familiar, don't despair. Swimmers and sunbathers alike can head for one of the six public pools in the Bryan-College Station area.

These pools are managed by the city parks and recreation departments and can be rented for private parties.

### COLLEGE STATION POOLS

#### ADAMSON POOL

Bee Creek Park on Anderson Street, 693-2311.

Weekday hours: noon — 1 p.m., adults only  
Monday and Wednesday: 1 p.m. — 8:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 1 p.m. — 7:45 p.m.

Weekend hours: 11 a.m. — 1 p.m., adults only; 1 p.m. — 7:45 p.m., general public.

Admission: 50¢ for children under 12, 75¢ for everyone else.

#### THOMAS POOL

Thomas Park, 696-0021.

Weekday hours: 11 a.m. — 1 p.m., lap lanes open for adults only.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 1 p.m. — 7:45 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday: 1 p.m. —

8:45 p.m.

Weekend hours: 11 a.m. — 1 p.m., lap lanes open for adults only. 1 p.m. — 7:45, general public.

Admission: free for children 2 and under, 50¢ for children under 12 and 75¢ for everyone else.

Thomas Pool is open year-round. In the winter, the pool is heated and a plastic bubble is placed over the pool and the surrounding area.

It is possible to purchase passes that can be used at both College Station pools:

Monthly pass — \$30 (can be used by all family members).

Yearly pass — \$150.

Discount pass — \$7.50. Good for 14 swims for an adult and 21 swims for a child.

Passes may be purchased at either pool.

Private parties may be held at either pool after it closes, from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. other nights. Pool rental rates are \$35 for the first 35 guests and 50¢ a person after the first 35. Lifeguards are provided by the pool. Leases must be signed at least three to five days in advance at the pool that is to be rented. No liquor or rough play is allowed.

### BRYAN POOLS

The four pools in Bryan have the same hours and admission charges. Each pool has two lifeguards, a roped-off diving area, and a 3-meter and a 1-meter di-

ving board.

Admission prices for all pools: free for children under 5, 50¢ for children 12 and under and 75¢ for everyone else.

#### HASWELL POOL

Sue Haswell Park, 779-0568.

Closed Mondays and Wednesdays for cleaning.

#### HENDERSON POOL

Henderson Park, 775-1513.

Closed Mondays and Wednesdays.

#### MUNICIPAL POOL

West Villa Maria Road, 779-0578.

Closed Tuesdays and Thursdays.

#### THOMAS POOL

Off of 19th Street, 779-0568.

Closed Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Swim passes may be purchased and used at any of the Bryan pools:

Child's pass — \$10.

Adult pass — \$15.

Family pass — \$30.

The Bryan Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for renting the pools for private parties. The pool can be used for a private party only on days the pool is closed for cleaning.

A lease must be signed at the Bryan Parks and Recreation office at least three days in advance. There is a \$20 pool rental fee, a \$6 clean-up charge and two lifeguards, at \$6 an hour apiece, must be hired for the party.

## COLLAGE

### Drugs, alcohol boost death rate of young

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The death rate among American youth took a significant jump in the past two decades, primarily because of an increase in drug and alcohol use and in mental problems, according to a report on health trends by Dr. Julius B. Richmond, surgeon general of the United States.

The report shows that while the overall death rate for Americans dropped by 20 percent between 1960 and 1978, the death rate for people 15 to 24 years old grew by 11 percent during that time. It jumped by 3 percent between 1977 and 1978 alone.

Most of those deaths were violent ones — caused by motor vehicle accidents, other accidents, suicide or murder. The latter was by far the chief cause of death among black youth, while automobile accidents ranked first in killing white young people. Drug and alcohol use were linked to many of these deaths, Richmond said, making the reduction of the death rate among young people a thorny problem.

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### A street by any other name ...

EUFALA, Okla. — In the history books, Andrew Johnson is overshadowed by his predecessor, Abraham Lincoln. But in Eufala, Okla., Johnson is overshadowed by J.C. Watts, the University of Oklahoma football star.

Watts, a native of Eufala, was honored recently for his successful career and for leading the Sooners to an Orange Bowl victory. That honor came at Johnson's expense, however, as the Eufala city council voted unanimously to turn Andrew Johnson Street into J.C. Watts Street.

Lest Johnson feel singled out for shame, however, it should be pointed out that the choice of a street to rename was an obvious one: J.C. Watts' parents now live on J.C. Watts Street.

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