

'News Nose' cures NCAA blues, KKYS-FM originates parody song

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The Texas A&M Football Program and the National Collegiate Athletic Association have caused quite a stir on campus and in the surrounding community. It seems you can hear the grumbling everywhere lately.

But don't worry, be happy. One man has decided the reprimands are an opportune time for the Aggies to laugh over everything that has happened so he has done something to make the laughter come quicker.

KKYS-FM Program Director and radio personality Chuck Redden is the man behind the voice of "News Nose," a character of the on-the-spot reporter who interviews Aggie football players. The "players" can only answer his questions with music.

"It's (the song) made of cuts of lines from random songs that are out today," Redden, who has worked at the station six months, said. "News Nose has an interview with football players. Since Jackie (Sherill) said the players couldn't talk to the media after the news conference, I thought they could answer musically."

"Like News Nose asks the first football player, 'What did they give you to play for A&M?' And the song 'Fast Car' (by Tracy Chapman) comes on. The reporter says, 'What did they ask you to do in order to receive this?' And 'Sign Your Name' (by Terence Trent D'Arby) comes on. And so on."

Redden, who is known by his peers and listeners for doing crazy, funny things and impersonations on his morning show, said creating radio characters is nothing new to him. "I do a lot of the characters on the morning show like Jim Shorts, the sportscaster, Julia Wiles, who reads the school lunches and Willy B. Clear, who does the weather. So I do stuff like this all the time."

"With the morning show, I want to try to involve the people who are listening."

Redden, who describes himself as the class-clown type, said this was a reason why he wanted to do a parody song on the NCAA decision.

"I wanted to do a parody song — I thought it would be funny. First, I

thought I would blast the NCAA but then I thought 'Why make them madder? It's like pouring salt in a wound.' Then I thought I could do something like the 'Aggie Shuffle,' a take-off on the song by the Chicago Bears. I decided the quickest thing would be the interview where the players got to express their views."

He said his creation took one hour to produce.

"I went into the production room Monday morning with some notes. I add-libbed it from there. Since I'm familiar with the songs, it didn't take very long."

He debuted the song Tuesday morning. Since then, the song has been played practically on the hour and it was number one on the station's "Hot, Fast Five at Eight" view-

er's choice nightly countdown on Wednesday.

He said the song's response has been pretty good so far.

"We've been playing it as we get requests. I think everyone is taking it in good stride. It's meant to be funny — I don't mean it to be a slap. I'm a big football fan, and I hate that the Aggies can't go to the Cotton Bowl. This will probably be the only year the Cotton Bowl doesn't sell out. But maybe this song will help us laugh at ourselves. If we can't laugh at ourselves, who can we laugh at?"

KKYS radio personality Larry Brown said he thought some of the station's audience liked the song and some didn't.

"About one half like it, the other half don't. I think most people are

grinning when they hear it though."

Redden said a couple of the disc jockeys have gotten some negative feedback.

"Someone called and said that this was not the time for it (the song). Now is the only time for it. It won't be as funny in a couple weeks," he said.

"Personally, I think the NCAA goes a little too far and some of the rules are a bit harsh. But, if A&M did do what the NCAA said it did, then the Aggies deserve to be slapped on the wrist like everyone else. Why should we be any different? I'll put it this way though, it could have been a lot worse."

For now, the Aggies will just have to grin and bear it.

Odessa hospital managers dismiss two administrators

ODESSA (AP) — Board members of Medical Center Hospital, citing potential legal problems, have dismissed the last two administrators connected with the hospital's former management corporation.

During a meeting Wednesday night, the hospital's Board of Managers ordered the dismissals of Interim Administrator Judi Guthrie and financial consultant Jeff Stinert, the only remaining Hospital Corporation of America employees.

Guthrie and Stinert were asked to leave because of the possibility of a lawsuit by HCA against the hospital, board member David Meisell said.

Medical Center, a 376-bed facility owned by Ector County, was administered by HCA until Aug. 8, when county commissioners and the hospital board terminated the company's contract.

At that time, the hospital's two top administrators, HCA's Sam Glenney and chief financial consultant Russ Kyler, learned their jobs were in jeopardy.

But the management firm charged that the contract, up for renewal Oct. 1, was wrongly terminated.

HCA regional Vice President Dick Coughlin told the hospital board the contract called for a 60-day written termination before the beginning of the next fiscal year or it automatically would be renewed for two years.

Guthrie had been at Medical Center Hospital since June and took over as interim administrator after Glenney resigned.

Kyler was later transferred to North Carolina.

"We need to be real careful about all matters dealing with HCA," Meisell said. "Really, the essence of what is going on here is quality medical care. We want to give the best quality medical care, and we need people to lead and manage the programs."

At Wednesday's meeting, the board approved that all duties and property held by HCA be returned to the hospital.

The board also approved that Ec-

tor County Fiscal Services Director Tom Pace be the hospital's "caretaker" until an interim administrator can be found.

Pace, the county's fiscal services director and data processing manager, also oversees veteran's services, welfare services and health insurance.

County Judge Jan Fisher said Pace will lead the hospital for "as little as two weeks or less" while the board searches for an interim administrator.

Hospital board Chairman Don Dangerfield has said the board expects to hire a permanent administrator within 90 days, but other board members have suggested the search could take longer.

Hospital board members had expressed concern that termination of the HCA contract would force the facility to give up its HCA-supplied computer software.

But hospital lawyer Richard Buck told the Odessa American earlier that the software contract and the management contract were separate, and the hospital has reserve software.

What's Up

Friday

MANAGEMENT 481: Creed Ford, executive vice president of Chilis, will speak at 10 a.m. in 114 Blocker.
CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST: will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 108 Harrington.
TAMU MOO DUK KWAN TAE KWON DO: will have a workout and new member signup at 5:30 p.m. in 255 G. Rollie White.
DELTA SIGMA PI: will meet from 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. at the Flying Tomato for lunch. All business students are welcome.
COLOMBIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will have a general meeting at 7 p.m. in 404 Rudder.
INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: a speaker will discuss "In Hope of Christ's Return" at 8:30 p.m. in 410 Rudder.
ECUADORIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will meet at 6 p.m. at the Flying Tomato.
WESLEY FOUNDATION: will have a welcome back dance at 7:30 p.m. at the Wesley building.
INTRAMURALS: entries close for exercise classes at 5:30 p.m. in 159 Read.
UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES: will have a peanut butter fellowship from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Rudder fountain.
PLACEMENT CENTER: will have an orientation session for all December, May and August graduates at 10 a.m. in 504 Rudder through Friday.
THE AGGIELAND: Freshmen and sophomores may take their yearbook photos from Sept. 12 to Sept. 23 at Yearbook Associates behind Campus Photo at Northgate.

Saturday

ASSOCIATION OF AMATEUR ASTRONOMERS: will have an observatory set up for public viewing from 8:30 p.m. - 12 a.m. at the Southwood Valley Athletic Park.
ASIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION: will have a free dance at 9 p.m. in 226 MSC.
TAMU JAZZ BAND: will perform at 1 p.m. in the MSC Flagroom.

Sunday

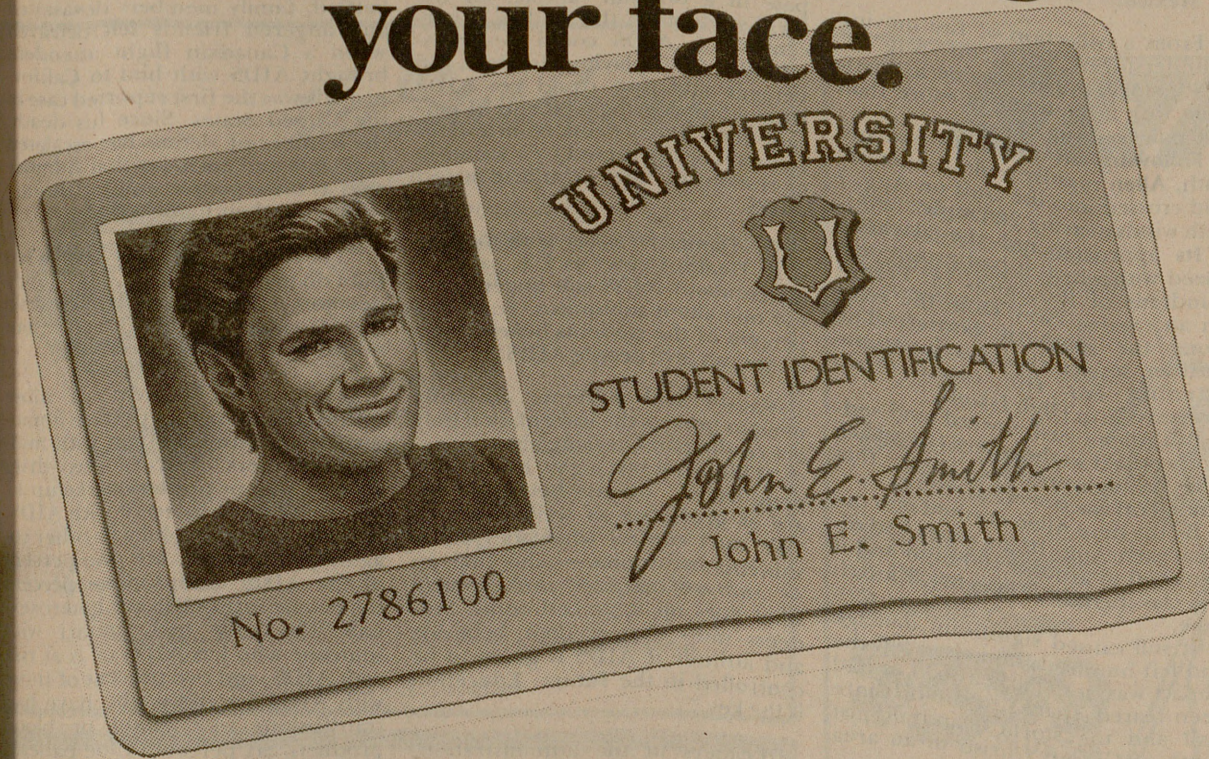
YOUNG LIFE COLLEGE FELLOWSHIP: will meet for Christian fun and fellowship at 7 p.m. in 301 Rudder.
AGGIE ALLEMANDERS: will have lessons from 8 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. in 212 MSC. A club workshop and dance will follow.
TAMU ROADRUNNERS: will have a pizza party for all members at 7 p.m. at the Pizza Hut on University Drive.

Monday

POLITICAL ACTION OPPORTUNITIES TEXAS GRASSROOTS COALITION: Richard Smith, Brazos County representative in the Texas House of Representatives will present "What the Republican Party Offers the Christian Community" at 7 p.m. at the College Station Community Center.
VOLUNTEERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS: will have an information and orientation session for those interested in volunteering in public schools at 7 p.m. in 230 MSC.
AGGIES FOR BOULTER: will have an organizational meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 704 Rudder.
PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH: Former staff members will meet at 7 p.m. in Taos Apartments #19 to help plan the staff reunion. All former staff members are encouraged to attend.
PANAMANIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will meet at 7 p.m. in 231 MSC.
MSC VISUAL ARTS: will have lecture at 7 p.m. in 206 MSC and a reception for photographer Dan Younger at 8 p.m. in the MSC Gallery.
TAMU SCUBA CLUB: will have an informational meeting at 7 p.m. in 607 Rudder.
WOMEN'S BONFIRE COMMITTEE: will meet with women Bonfire chairmen at 7 p.m. in 228 MSC.

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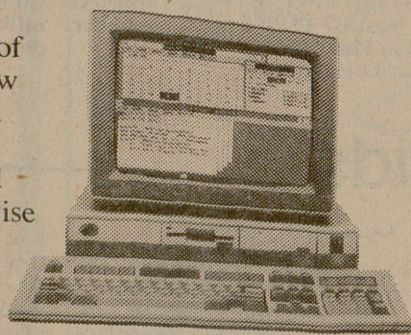
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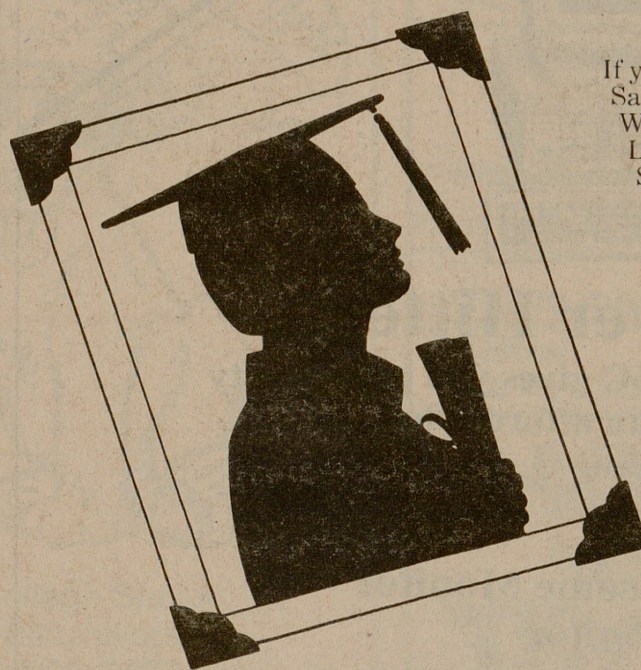
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