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Fort Worth, Texas

Arlington GM plant may close

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)—They've heard the rumors before, and as usual, the reaction is a shrug of the shoulders.

The rumor: General Motors plans to close its local assembly plant, a major employer and taxpayer.

The *Detroit News*, quoting unidentified sources, reported Tuesday that the Arlington plant is one of nine nationwide scheduled to be shut down.

"We don't believe anything out here until it happens," a GM worker said during a shift change at the plant.

In Detroit, GM spokesperson Nettie Seabrooks said the company would neither confirm nor deny the newspaper report.

"It's a new rumor every month," said City Councilman Kelly Jones.

But he added that he won't be surprised if the rumor some day becomes fact.

"I think it's going to happen," Jones said. "General Motors isn't going to base their decision on how much we love GM or how much they love Arlington. It's a numbers decision, and the fact is that is now a very old plant."

The plant has 2,375 workers and is the city's largest taxpayer, officials said.

"It would be a critical loss to this community," City Manager Bill Kirchoff said. "The reality is, there's very little the city can do if that's a strategic decision made by GM."

The automaker last week announced plans to close several U.S. assembly and metal-fabricating plants by the end of 1987. GM reported a third-quarter loss of \$338.5 million.

The Arlington plant makes the Chevrolet Monte Carlo and the Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme. Sales of the mid-sized vehicles have been sluggish.

In April, GM laid off nearly 2,000 assembly workers when demand for the cars slipped.



Pricing a pumpkin - Fort Worth police officer Don Stutts weighs a pumpkin for friend Fran Fenwick Tuesday at a produce stand. The stand has temporarily converted into "Pun'kin Junction" for Halloween.

Candidate filing deadline Nov. 5

By Jerry Madden
Staff Writer

House of Representatives members were reminded Tuesday that election time is drawing near.

Elections chairperson Andy Hartman told the House the filing deadline for student body officers election is Nov. 5.

Hartman said Wednesday that a total of six candidates had filed for positions. One candidate for House president, Todd Camp, has withdrawn from the election. Those filing for the presidential seat are Robert Kelly and Joe Jordan.

In the vice president race, Lee Behar stands as the lone filer. The offices of secretary, treasurer and vice president of programming also have only one candidate each. They are Monique Chapin, Patty Keefe and John Watson, respectively.

Behar said since the filing date is more than a week away, he anticipates more candidates to file.

"So far the election is going well," Behar said Wednesday. "I don't anticipate any problems but we have the Election Appeals Board ready in case there is a problem."

Behar said the Election Committee plans to meet with all candidates after the filing date to discuss campaign rules. He said candidates will also be given copies of the election code.

Hartman told the House that volunteers would be needed to man the polls. Voting will take place Nov. 11 through 13.

A bill requiring the posting of all House bills in residence halls was passed by the House at Tuesday's meeting.

The bill, which the House passed unanimously, calls for House members to regularly post all upcoming bills in residence halls.

One of the bill's co-sponsors, Rosario Holguin, said the idea behind the bill was to help students become aware of what the House was doing.

Holguin said the postings will help House members in that they will initi-

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ate suggestions from constituents of what needs to be done on campus.

She said there was an "enormous response" from students who saw her posting bills earlier this month.

The House will begin selecting officers to post the bills as soon as possible.

Actual posting of the bills will begin within the next few weeks.

In other news, representative Keith Kirkman told the House that TCU student government, which began in 1906, was approaching its 80th birthday.

The House is planning to celebrate its birthday Jan. 19 through 26 with a variety of campus activities.

Among the events being planned are a bonfire, an open House meeting and an open Forum during the lunch hour, Kirkman said.

Kirkman said an all-campus party was also being planned to celebrate the anniversary.

House President Donnie Thomas told House members that TCU Chief of Police Oscar Stewart will speak to the House next week on campus security problems.

Thomas said Stewart will answer questions on crime and what the campus police are doing to combat it.

Representative Lee Behar informed House members of the results of a recent poll concerning the selling of magazines and periodicals in the bookstore.

Of the students responding, 401 were in favor of magazines and periodicals being sold in the bookstore. Eighty said they would not favor such a move.

Determination key to success

By LaRetta Hammer
Staff Writer

The 6 o'clock news producer for KXAS-TV Channel 5 told aspiring journalism students Tuesday that persistence is a key element in the television industry.

When students first apply for a job in TV, Barbara Griffith said they should be prepared for "rejection city."

"One must have the ability to take rejection and to not give up," she said.

As a starting point, Griffith suggested internships. She said television stations will not hire students without experience, and an internship gives students insight and experience.

Griffith stressed the importance of writing letters and sending them to as many different people in the television industry as possible. She said to always have a resume available to give anyone remotely related to the field.

Along with a written resume, a student should make a resume tape, Griffith said. The tape should include simulated exercises and any other video spots showing skill and professionalism.

She also encouraged students to learn Spanish as a second language. She said knowing Spanish would give the job applicant an edge over other applicants who did not have this skill. Spanish will be the most important language to know for the future, Griffith said.

Knowledge of the people and the surroundings in the field is important and can be achieved by reading *Broadcast Magazine* and attending conventions, she said. Griffith landed the job she holds now at a Radio Television News Directors

Association Convention in Las Vegas.

Griffith said to begin applying for jobs in the smaller markets, such as Mobile, Ala.

Griffith said the most important trait to acquire is that of persistence.

"Every good reporter I know has persistence," she said. "I don't think there is a more exciting or rewarding career to be had than a career in television if you are persistent and work hard."

She also said it does not take a pretty face to become successful in the broadcast aspect of television.

"One must be well-groomed and look presentable, and later you will get help from business consultants on how to dress, style your hair, etc.," Griffith said.

Griffith said she never knows what to expect in her career, and it is one reason the television field is so exciting.

Last New Year's Eve, she planned to celebrate the new year with friends. However, her plans were cut short with the announcement of Ricky Nelson's fatal plane crash near Texarkana.

By the 10 o'clock news, Griffith had contacted her friends to tell them she could not make it, reached NBC affiliate stations in Texarkana and Louisiana, received satellite time for video tapes, acquired old clips of "Ozzie and Harriet" and retrieved the biography of Ricky Nelson from The Associated Press.

Griffith said KXAS' 10 o'clock news had the best coverage of the Ricky Nelson story.

"I welcomed home the new year on the interstate, but the sacrifice I had to make was well worth it," Griffith said.

Sun cycle linked to ozone decline

NEW YORK (AP)—An unusual peak of solar activity may have caused the recent decline in the Earth's protective ozone layer, and the ozone may be returning now that the sun's activity has subsided, says a study to be published Thursday.

The findings argue against the contention that ozone depletion is due primarily to man-made chemicals, including the chlorofluorocarbons used as refrigerants and aerosol propellants.

Interest in changes in the ozone level has intensified in recent months following the discovery of a pronounced depletion of ozone over Antarctica, suggesting that atmospheric ozone destruction may be more severe than previously realized.

Newly analyzed satellite observations show increases of up to 75 percent in nitrogen dioxide in the stratosphere between 1979 and 1984, said

one of the authors of the new study, Linwood B. Callis of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va.

The nitrogen dioxide was formed by solar energy, and it led in turn to the formation of other nitrogen compounds that are known to promote the destruction of ozone, Callis said in an interview Wednesday.

Ozone in the upper atmosphere shields the Earth's surface from some of the sun's harmful ultraviolet radiation.

The increased ultraviolet radiation that would reach the Earth's surface if the atmospheric ozone continued to diminish could change weather patterns and climate, affect the growth of plants and increase the incidence of skin cancer, Callis said.

Changes in ozone, an ionized form of oxygen, in the lower stratosphere

could also contribute to the so-called greenhouse effect, a gradual warming of the Earth attributed primarily to an increase in atmospheric carbon dioxide, which traps the sun's heat, he said.

The study, by Callis in collaboration with Murali Natarajan of SASC Technologies in Hampton, will appear in the British scientific journal, *Nature*.

A team of U.S. scientists, led by Susan Solomon of the University of Colorado at Boulder, was sent to Antarctica in August to observe the ozone depletion there partly in an attempt to resolve conflicting theories about its origin.

Callis has proposed that the 11-year solar cycle that peaked late in 1979 and early in 1980 is primarily responsible for the destruction of atmospheric ozone.

The solar cycle, which Callis said was the second strongest in the past

250 years, bathed the Earth in radiation, particles and magnetic fields that triggered the formation of increased amounts of nitrogen dioxide in the stratosphere, especially in middle latitudes of the Southern Hemisphere.

That also created the destructive nitrogen compounds, referred to as odd nitrogen, which are carried by normal atmospheric circulation to the Antarctic, where they created what has come to be called the ozone hole, Callis said.

He said he has found satellite data suggesting that ozone levels may have started to climb again this year, lagging several years, as expected, behind the decline in intense solar activity.

If the solar theory of ozone destruction turns out to be correct, Callis said, "this will be the first indication that a solar cycle can have such a major effect on the atmosphere."

Capitol physician cancels prescriptions

WASHINGTON (AP)—Former members of Congress are losing a longstanding, little-known retirement bonus—their easy access to prescription drugs provided by the Capitol physician at taxpayers' expense.

Rear Adm. William Narva, the new Capitol physician, is putting the cap on the bottle of assorted pills that some former legislators once obtained free of charge during office visits or simply by picking up the telephone and requesting refills.

Narva said the informal practice began under his predecessor, Dr. Freeman H. Cary, a Navy cardiologist who recently retired after 13 years as the attending physician for members of Congress.

But Cary, interviewed by telephone at his farm in Virginia, said he inherited the practice from his predecessor, Dr. Judson Pearson.

"I just continued it," Cary said. "I was never told to stop it."

Narva said the Capitol physician's favor of dispensing free drugs to old friends who'd left Congress apparent-

ly became an unspoken tradition. None of the drugs shipped by mail was classified as a controlled substance, he said.

Narva found he was receiving four or five requests a week for various medications from onetime members who had long since retired or been defeated at the polls.

Narva estimated that 90 percent of the requests were from elderly former legislators seeking refills of prescription drugs used to treat chronic high blood pressure or heart ailments.

None of the mailed drugs were tranquilizers, amphetamines, narcotics or other such "controlled substances" that are tightly restricted under federal law, Narva said.

"No controlled drugs were being sent out of here," he said, although some were prescribed legitimately during patient visits to the Capitol physician's office.

Cary said the drugs covered the gamut of former members' ailments, and that he was "sure that some of

them must have been" controlled substances.

However, Cary said, "in each case they were bona fide prescriptions issued by me, one of my assistants or some other doctor."

Narva said he discovered that some former legislators who still live in Washington would stop by the Capitol physician's office to pick up their refills, he said, while others living in distant states would submit their requests by mail or telephone. Cary said the former members would pay the postage for any drugs shipped to them.

Neither physician could estimate the cost of the drugs dispensed free to former members, but Narva said "it was not big, big bucks—it didn't destroy the budget."

Cary was abruptly released in late July, a few weeks after one of his patients, Sen. John East, R-N.C., committed suicide on June 29 after suffer-

ing a debilitating thyroid condition for years.

According to *The Washington Post*, the senator left a suicide note accusing Cary and the Naval Medical Center at Bethesda, Md., of failing to diagnose his illness until April 1985, when East lapsed into a near-fatal coma.

The Navy insisted that Cary's release was routine, in anticipation of his retirement on his 60th birthday in September. Cary dismissed the reported suicide note as the product of East's agitated state of mind, the *Post* said.

Narva said since he succeeded Cary, he has "very tactfully" suggested that former legislators choose a private physician for their future medical care and prescriptions.

Narva said there was nothing illegal about the practice. The Capitol physician, who traditionally is "on loan" to Congress from the Navy, runs a virtually autonomous medical office, he said.

OPINION

America's would-be diet; losing pounds metrically



Kristin Temte

It's time the United States put its sacred cow to pasture. Why are Americans holding on to the English system of measurement, which dates back to the 1200s, when practically the entire world is metric?

It's hard to believe the United States is one of only three countries in the world that hasn't converted to metric. The other two countries are Burma and Brunei, part of the island of Borneo in Indonesia.

Of course, attempts have been made at adopting the metric system. In 1975, Congress passed the Metric Conversion Act, promoting a voluntary switch to metric measurements. But the campaign failed, mainly because of consumer resistance.

This resistance to change puts U.S. companies at a disadvantage when they try to compete overseas. It is seen as an indication of our unwillingness to accommodate foreign consumers.

The European Economic Community has set a 1989 deadline for all imports to be entirely metric. In Japan, metric must now be used in all commercial transactions. Sixteen percent of the 1,000 leading U.S. firms have reported losses for failure to supply in metric.

Then why keep a system that keeps the United States at an economic disadvantage overseas and is

also awkward, when the metric system is convenient and simple to use?

To the mathematically shy, the metric system might seem scary. But upon closer look, the metric system is logical. The system is based on the meter, which is defined as one ten-millionth the distance from the equator to the North Pole.

It follows the decimal number system, that is, metric units increase or decrease in size by 10s. It's as simple as that. In contrast, units in the English system have no single number relationship between them. For example, feet and yards are related by threes, but feet and inches by 12s.

If you have ever traveled in Europe, you know the highways are marked in kilometers and the cars are in metric. After a few days, you adjust to the distances and speeds in metric and don't notice the absence of miles and miles per hour because you are driving consistently under one system.

Americans won't switch to metric unless they have to. But guaranteed, as people adjust to the metric system while traveling overseas, people will adjust to the metric system at home. People won't be thrilled to learn new ways, but change they must if the United States is to keep up with the rest of the world.

Contrary to popular belief, dinosaurs did not disappear overnight. Neither will the American system of measurement. But the world has learned to live without dinosaurs and in time, the United States will learn to live without its quarts and pounds.

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Letters to the Editor

Another case of bowaholicism

We are writing to you out of concern for our good friend—she is a bowaholic! She has exhibited all the traditional symptoms of a bowhead for quite some time, but she crossed the brink earlier this semester when she went out and bought the materials to make seven brightly colored bows (to match her shoes, of course).

Since then, she has fallen prey to many "bow-pushers" living around us. These so-called friends have only contributed to the problem by offering her different colors and styles to complete her collection. This only serves to deepen the addiction.

We could see the problem deepening when she put a bow on her stuffed animal, Gorilla Man. We realized we had to seek professional help when she discovered one day that one of her bows had been stepped on. She immediately threatened us, her friends, with bodily harm, accusing us of trying to sabotage her bow collection. She had hit bow bottom.

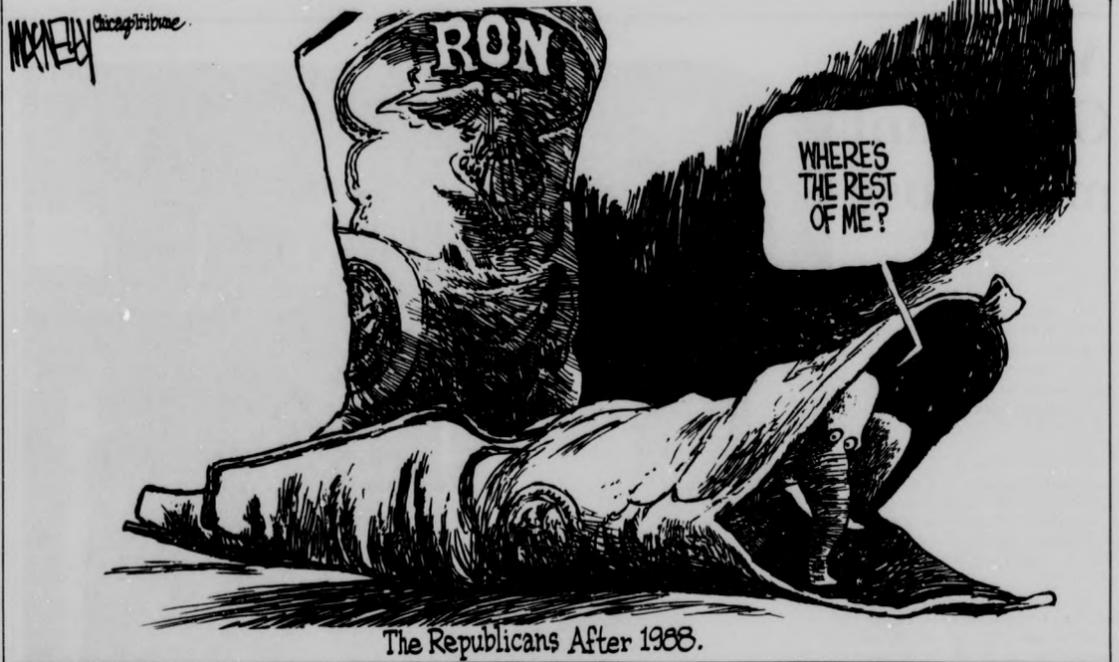
We firmly believe that this prob-

lem lies deep in her childhood roots. When she was a baby, her mother would tape bows to her head before she had hair. Parents should be more responsible and consider the consequences of their actions on young children.

Mr. Camp, we appreciate all you have done to raise awareness of this disease. It is your comic strip that forced her to acknowledge that she was indeed a bowaholic. Since then, we have tried to break her addiction by holding her bows hostage at scissor-point and forcing her to watch "Good Morning America" every morning.

We have also tried to explain to her world issues such as divestment in South Africa. We felt we made a real breakthrough when she enrolled in a Political Science class, but we still have a long journey ahead. With your support and the loving care of others, we can pull her through this difficult time.

Diane Ellis, sophomore, finance; Susan Nagle, junior, political science



Mobil, IBM take stand against apartheid



Rafael McDonnell

General Motors' and IBM's pullouts from South Africa last week may go down in history as a key support for the anti-apartheid movement.

But don't be fooled. Those two businesses aren't leaving South Africa just because of righteous indignation over apartheid—GM and IBM are leaving because of economic reasons—dollars and business sense.

GM employs about 2,800 workers

in South Africa, second only to Mobil Oil in American companies with South African divisions. About 60 percent of GM's South African workers are "non-white." And in the past, the automotive giant has argued that which provide economic benefits to all races.

However, the main reason GM is leaving South Africa is economic. South African division was losing money. The automotive giant was also having money problems on the domestic front. Competition forced GM to offer discount automobile financing. Because of this, the automaker is expected to have a third-quarter profit of under \$100 million, down from the \$1 billion profit for the first two quarters of 1986.

IBM's expected pullout is also based more on economics than opposition to racial policies. The computer giant employs about 1,500 people in its South African subsidiary, of which 23 percent are "non-white." Yet unlike GM, IBM was the dominant manufacturer in its market, and it was making money. So why sell?

Simple. The U.S. government has some restrictions on trade with South Africa. The U.S. Department of Commerce forbids U.S.-based companies to sell computers to the military, police, prison system, or other agencies that enforce the system of racial discrimination. Also according to the Commerce Department, computers topped the list of goods sold to South Africa last year. Computer sales

accounted for \$80 million of the \$1.21 billion in total exports to South Africa.

IBM's South African division accounted for less than \$250 million of the parent company's \$50 billion in sales last year. IBM said it wanted to sell the South African division while it was in good business condition and while it had a good base on which to build.

Of the other large companies that do business in South Africa, only time will tell if they will also leave when the bottom line on the ledge, not the people on the streets, changes from black to red.

Whatever the reason may be, these two companies took a stand which may prove to be the final stake through the heart of the apartheid monster.

High school students deserve moral guidance



Lynn Eckles

Should public high schools provide contraceptive to students? Some people feel that in doing so, this will encourage promiscuity

by appearing to give it official consent while it also undermines parents who are trying to teach adolescents to postpone sex until marriage, or at least until they're older.

Supporters think that providing contraception could possibly help re-

duce the epidemic of teenage pregnancies.

In New York City, nine public schools have set up in-school clinics to give health care to students. Needless to say, many of the people there are outraged and concerned. Two of the nine schools dispense contraceptives. The other seven dispense prescriptions for contraceptives that can be filled at certain hospitals and out-of-school health centers.

Nationally, there are 61 such in-school clinics in 17 states. Because they are so controversial, most receive money from state agencies and private foundations. Parents must sign written permission for their children to use the health clinics and the birth control services.

Who's to say that these consent forms aren't forged? Considering the importance of the topic to most parents, there should be a check system for these forms.

People who oppose high school clinics providing contraception should consider these facts:

—More than a million teen-age girls, most of them unmarried, become pregnant each year.

—Because of pregnancy, most girls drop out of high school, and most of them never get a more formal education.

—The babies of teenagers are often high-risk medical problems and are likely to grow up in poverty, have trouble in school or elsewhere and fall in the same pregnancy trap as their

parents.

The most important question still is whether the clinics are reducing pregnancies among high school students. Some statistics such as in St. Paul, Minn., show that in-school clinics cut the pregnancy rate by more than one-half. Another example from a Johns Hopkins University study found that clinics in four Baltimore public schools led to a 30 percent drop in the number of pregnancies and postponement of first intercourse by about seven months.

But more studies are needed before it is certain that the clinics are worth the risk of undermining parents and community values. We owe young people moral guidance and support for saying "No."

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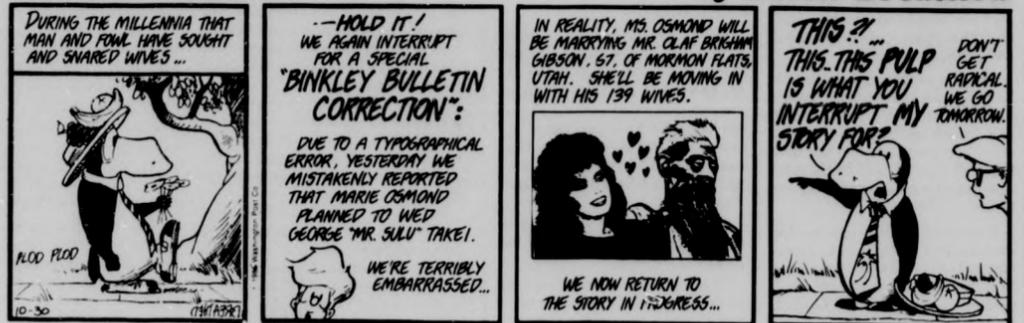
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by Berke Breathed



CAMPUS NOTES

"Boo"-loon-a-grams on sale

Mortar Board will sell boolloon-a-grams in the Student Center today and Friday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Deliveries will be anywhere on campus.

One balloon with candy costs \$1.25, two balloons with candy cost \$1.75.

Philosophy lecture

Charles Hartshorne, world-class philosopher and professor emeritus at

the University of Texas at Austin, will lecture on "The Idea of Dual Transcendence," concerning the way God and the world interrelate.

The lecture, open to the public, will be today at 11 a.m. in the lower level of Brite Divinity School.

Haunted house

Clark Hall will host a haunted house for all ages today, and Friday from 8 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$2 or \$1.50 with TCU ID and will go to the hall's treasury.

TCU opera to perform

TCU's opera department will present "Halloween Scenes" today and Friday in the Student Center Ballroom at 12:30 p.m.

Admission is free and audience members are welcome to bring sack lunches.

The program includes a scene from "Hansel and Gretel" and "The Bartered Bride."

Colby Hall's tricks and treats

Children of faculty and staff members can go trick-or-treating through Colby Hall Friday from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Colby Hall women will provide treats for the children. Men of Pete Wright Hall will create a haunted house within the residence hall.

Ballet and modern dance concert

The TCU Ballet and Modern Dance Autumn Concert will be held at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium.

Admission is free with TCU ID and to children under 12, \$4 for adults and \$2 for senior citizens, students and children over 12. For reservations, call 921-7626.

Foreign study open house

Students interested in study abroad can attend an open house Wednesday in the Student Center Gallery. Representatives from London and the University of Durham will discuss their programs and answer questions.

Professors to offer election advice

Several professors will answer questions on voting in the Nov. 4 election.

Eugene Alpert, chair of the political science department, can be reached in his office at 921-7395.

William Jurma, of the speech communication department, may be reached at his office at 921-7610 or at his home at (817) 354-4327. Jurma analyzes political debates.

James Riddlesperger, political science, can be reached at his office at 921-7395 or at his home at (817) 738-5053.

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SPORTS



TCU's QB depth increases; Rascoe still starts



John Paschal

Forty-five miles west of Dallas—that monstrous city where fans are fickle and quarterbacks are worried—there is no quarterback controversy. No siree, here in Frogville, the starting QB spot is safe and sound.

Head Coach Jim Wacker said sophomore David Rascoe is his starting

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quarterback. Although freshman red-shirt Ron Jiles rode the white rescue horse into the Baylor game with 3:36 to go and TCU losing 28-17. Wacker said Rascoe is still his top gun.

"Rascoe will be starting, just like he has been," Wacker said Wednesday. "Jiles obviously did a good job last week, and he'll be ready to come in if we need him. We are just going to play that by ear."

When Jiles entered the Baylor game, it was the first time he had seen honest-to-gosh game action since the

Texas Class 5A high school title game in late 1984. Sophomore flanker Jarrod Delaney was also on that Houston Madison team.

"Man, it felt great, just like the good old days," Delaney said about the on-field reunion. "It's hard to describe the feeling when we were on the field together for that first college play. I just wanted him to throw the ball in my direction and let me run with it."

Jiles threw two passes in Delaney's direction Saturday and completed one, for 16 yards. Jiles also completed one to Baylor all-America free safety Thomas Everett, who ran with the

interception 21 yards to end the game.

Junior center Clint Hailey, who hasn't played since straining knee ligaments five weeks ago against SMU, has been running full speed this week in practice and it appears the knee has healed. Hailey won't start against Houston but the word is, he'll be available if needed.

Placekicker Lee Newman, a 5-7, 157-pound sophomore from Garland,

has hit all 22 of his extra point attempts this year. He trails the TCU record of 31 consecutive PATs by Ken Ozee in 1984. Newman has also hit nine of 11 field goal attempts this season.

Muscular pro "rassler" Ivan "The Great" Putski was in the Amon G. Carter student section last Saturday looking like a small chunk of Mt. Rushmore. But he wasn't picking on the band's wind section, or on help-

less coke vendors; he was watching his son, fullback Scott Bednarski, butt heads with Baylor Bears. Unfortunately, Bednarski sprained his left ankle in the second quarter and it appears he's down for the count. Bednarski is doubtful for Saturday's game.

And finally: Injuries are always part of the game, but we didn't know the whole team'd be lame.

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