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Teen alcoholics find help at Alcoholics Anonymous

By Duane Bidwell
Staff Writer

Adolescent alcoholics now have their own Alcoholics Anonymous group in the Mid-Cities.

The group meets at 3 p.m. Saturdays at Mid-Cities AA, 612 W. Pipeline Road in Hurst. For more information, call Mid-Cities AA at 282-9654.

Mid-Cities AA voted July 14 to begin the adolescent meeting. Until

then, only Harbor AA at 3000 W. 5th St. in Fort Worth offered teen meetings. Harbor offers three teen meetings each week.

But that was not enough, said Sheri, an adult member of Harbor AA.

In this story, adult members of AA are identified only by their first names. The names of teenage AA members have been changed. Anonymity is a basic belief of AA.

Sheri, a member of Harbor AA, said she asked Mid-Cities AA to begin

an adolescent meeting because AA needed to reach more young adults. Also, teen members of AA need several options on when and where to attend meetings, she said.

Teens also need a chance to get away from adults, said Lee, publicity director for Mid-Cities AA.

Lee said recovering teen alcoholics are welcome to attend adult meetings, but have different problems from recovering adult alcoholics.

Those problems include school, finding a job and dealing with parents

and peer pressure, said Carl, a 17-year-old member of Harbor AA.

Carl said attending meetings with other recovering teen alcoholics helps an alcoholic recover.

"It gives us a chance to hear what other teenagers have to say," he said.

Talking over problems also makes it easier to stay sober, said 18-year-old Jake, another member of Harbor's teen meeting.

"For me, I need to make a meeting every day," he said. "If I can make two, that's better."

At the meetings, an elected leader selects a topic of discussion. Topics range from spirituality and school to parents and sobriety. Each person at the meeting is expected to contribute to the discussion.

Sheri said the meetings give the teens "a chance to say... this is how I'm doing, this is how I'm feeling, this is what I'm thinking."

"In these group meetings, people can just drop their drawers and say what they're thinking," Lee said.

Lee said Mid-Cities voted to begin

an adolescent meeting because alcoholism doesn't have to destroy a person's life if the disease is stopped soon enough.

"What we're trying to do now is get these kids educated and get them into the program so they don't have to go through those last 15 years of hell," he said.

Lee and Sheri stress that alcoholism is not a moral problem, but a physical one; the body chemistry of alcoholics, they say, causes alcoholics to become obsessed.

Despite university policies and protests the men of Sigma Nu are the proud owners of an off-campus house.

Animal House

By Lee Ann Breeland
Staff Writer

The Sigma Nu fraternity is no different than any other fraternity.

Except that it has a house off campus rather than on.

Russell Goetting, commander of Sigma Nu, said a company called Fraternity Services Inc. helped his fraternity get a house.

"A couple of our alumni are owners of it (the company)," he said. "They're helping us get a loan. It's (the house) not being bought for us."

Goetting said the first time the Sigma Nus saw the house was in June.

"In July we came back with the guys from Fraternity Services and talked to the owner about contracts. Early in August they finally wrote out plans for a contract," he said.

The house consists of three separate buildings in the shape of a horseshoe. It is located on the corner of University Drive and Bluebonnet Circle behind Dairy Queen.

The two side buildings will be used as bedrooms and the one in the middle is going to be the chapter room.

Curtis Ramsey, Sigma Nu rush chairman, said each of the building's 10 units will hold three people comfortably.

Ramsey and Goetting both said that, although the Sigma Nus still need to paint the trim and do other things to the house, the place is definitely livable now and everyone is moving in.



Raymond Babek and Lonnie Williams nail the Sigma Nu letters on the fraternity house.

TCU Daily Skiff / Brian R. McLean

"They (the Sigma Nus) are here to stay."

Mike Shiley,
Interfraternity Council
president

Only 15 people will be living in the house this fall, Goetting said.

But he added it will be full in the spring "because a lot of people have leases they signed last spring and can't get out of them."

Both he and Ramsey said they think TCU's other fraternities will support Sigma Nu's actions even if

it is not a recognized group on campus.

"A lot of them (other fraternities) are secretly pushing for us to make it (be officially recognized by the university) so they can also have houses off campus," Goetting said. "But if we fail, they're not going to go off."

"But there's not a chance we're going to fail," he added.

Curtis said that perhaps having a Sigma Nu house off campus will give other fraternities some incentive to move off campus.

Mike Shiley, president of TCU's Interfraternity Council, disagreed.

Shiley said he believes that, by being located off campus, the Sigma Nu chapter is missing out on the privileges that the fraternities on campus enjoy.

And Sigma Nu's house off campus won't give other fraternities any incentive to move their houses since those privileges would be taken away, he said.

Shiley said he believes, however, that Sigma Nu is here to stay.

"It has become a serious organization on campus," he said. "The fraternity system needs to see and realize that they are here to stay."

TCU concludes that Jeffery was in San Antonio

By Troy Phillips
Staff Writer

A TCU investigation has concluded that running back Tony Jeffery was in San Antonio two weeks ago, when a newspaper reported that he was staying at a ritzy hotel in Atlanta at a sports agent's expense.

Jeffery said he was visiting a friend that weekend, and that's good enough for his coaches, teammates and TCU.

"Whoever said that told a big, fat lie," Jeffery said.

Jim Abernethy, an Atlanta-based sports agent, flew Jeffery to Atlanta for the weekend, according to the *Atlanta Constitution*. The story also focused on Jeffery's relationship with Gary Wilson, a recruiter for Jim Abernethy Sports.

"Gary was a friend of KD's (Kenneth Davis, the All-SWC running back who was suspended permanently in the 1985 TCU slush-fund scandal), and he used to come and see us when I was a freshman," Jeffery said. "My relationship with Gary is strictly friendship."

TCU investigated to see if Jeffery jeopardized his eligibility or violated any NCAA rules, after receiving a call from the *Atlanta Constitution* about the rumors.

"We completed our inquiry over a week ago and found no evidence that Mr. Jeffery had violated his eligibility in any way," Chancellor Bill Tucker said.

Tucker said TCU notified the NCAA, but the NCAA said it had no reason to get involved because it was a university matter.

TCU assistant coach Noel Mazzone said when the rumors had reached TCU, it wasn't the first time he had heard about Jeffery and an agent.

"We (the coaches) had a talk with Tony earlier about a possible connection



Tony Jeffery: "I'm trying to concentrate on playing."

and felt that it had no truth to it," Mazzone said.

"We were behind Tony all the way and felt that the incident would not be a distraction to the team or to our practices."

"Tony is too smart to get involved in things like that, and it's unfortunate that this had to happen," he said.

The team supported Jeffery during the inquiry and elected him as one of its captains during the inquiry.

Jeffery said the university was also supportive, and he knew school officials had to do their job to find out the truth.

"The school had to find out the truth because of what happened two years ago," Jeffery said. "They didn't want another incident."

He also said that no one from the NCAA had notified him, and as far as he's concerned, the case is closed.

"As far as I know, all of this is over, so I'm just trying to concentrate on playing and getting ready for the season."

TCU students star at Star Trax center

By Dina Rosen
Staff Writer

It's not too often that a college student can stop and cut a record between classes or on the way to lunch.

But that is exactly what happened in the Student Center this week.

It was quite an unusual sight—a professional-looking recording booth located in the middle of the Student Center Lounge, manned by two college students from East Hanover, N.J.

The students, Jeff Beyer and Brian Rosenbaum, both 19, are employed by Craig David Entertainment, Inc. of New Jersey. They drove 40 hours to bring the Star Trax recording booth to TCU because the equipment is too sensitive to fly.

"Craig David is the only portable recording studio in the country," Beyer said.

Beyer said they usually make hundreds of recordings a day, but they had only made 25 at TCU by Tuesday afternoon.

Beyer and Rosenbaum said the reason for the low turnout is that TCU

students seem to be a self-conscious group.

"Only the people who are happy-go-lucky do it," Beyer said.

Programming Council members Taryn Glovinsky, Paul Schmidt and John Watson discovered the Star Trax recording booth when they attended the National Association for Campus Activities in Nashville, Tenn., in February.

Schmidt said the three were very impressed with Star Trax and decided to bring it to TCU, but student response was not as anticipated.

Star Trax offers 108 different varieties of songs, ranging from Frank Sinatra to Cyndi Lauper, Beyer said. Participants, who sing along with the record, are allowed to practice first, then record.

Bass and treble levels are adjusted according to the singer's voice to allow the best recording possible, Rosenbaum said.

"But if someone's hopeless, you can't do miracles," he said.

The whole process takes about five or six minutes, and the cost of a "studio quality" recording is just \$3.

Star Trax is just for fun, and it may be done alone or with friends.



Sophomore Jimmy Taylor psyches himself up to sing "Truly."

Adviser praises TCU melting pot

By Michelle Espinosa
Staff Writer

The different cultures at TCU should be viewed as an opportunity for learning, said TCU's new program adviser and coordinator of minority affairs Logan Hampton.

"TCU students need to be educated about and exposed to the various cultures, especially those here on campus," he said.

Through various programs Hampton said he hopes to challenge students to understand and accept cultural differences.

"College is a good time to make these challenges to students—everything is new to them, and they are willing to experiment with new ideas," he said.

Sometimes, Hampton said, people try to change members of a different

culture instead of accepting and appreciating their differences.

"We rely so much on people from different countries to achieve our goals," he said. "To try and change them—their lifestyles, values or beliefs—is unrealistic. We should celebrate these differences, instead of criticizing them."

That task, he said, will not be easy. "One of my goals is to let students know that it's OK for them to be around people who are different," Hampton said. "When they realize that this is necessary in our society, I believe they will respond."

Hampton has shared his ideas with many TCU students and said he has received a positive overall response. Understanding the importance of working together with different cultures, Hampton said, has made many students more open-minded about multiculturalism.

Students arriving to a new place, he said, are willing to get involved but are initially reluctant. Their own motivation, Hampton said, will determine their decision to become passively interested or actively involved on campus.



Logan Hampton

TODAY discovery

NEWSLINES

New York to start screening samples

The New York State Health Department will begin screening blood samples taken randomly from patients who have tests done at state hospitals for the HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) starting in October.

The \$3.4 million study, which will take six months, is one of the first nonmilitary sampling programs.

Tests will be confidential, and patients will not be notified of the results. —*Nature* August 13-19, 1987

P & G develops a nondigestible fat

Procter & Gamble Co. researchers claim to have developed a nondigestible fat that won't contribute to hardening of the arteries. Sucrose polyester has 0 calories per tablespoon. If fried in SPE, a serving of french fries would lose 70 calories.

SPE is not absorbed by the body, said Dr. Charles Glueck,

director of the Cholesterol Center at the Jewish Hospital of Cincinnati. It is shown to reduce cholesterol in the bloodstream by up to 20 percent by binding the cholesterol before it is digested. —*Discover* August 1987

MDA says drug slows dystrophy

Muscular Dystrophy Association researchers said the drug prednisone has been shown capable of slowing down muscle deterioration among young boys with Duchennes muscular dystrophy.

Duchennes muscular dystrophy is a hereditary disease caused by a defective gene. It affects mostly males but can affect females also.

In a study at Johns Hopkins University, 16 boys treated with prednisone became wheelchair bound two years later than boys in the untreated group.

Ten thousand people in the United States have Duchennes muscular dystrophy. —*Newsweek* Aug. 17, 1987.

Tanning beds safe in moderation

By Lisa Touye
Staff Writer

Freshman Laura Brennan said she just likes to be outside and feel the sun's heat. It helps her relax, she said.

Freshman Beth Thompson said she usually lays out but had gone to a tanning booth for a week and a half before she went to the Bahamas for spring break.

She said she went to get a starter tan so she wouldn't burn, because she is fair skinned.

"I've never burned in a tanning bed, but I have burned just laying out in the sun," Thompson said.

Tanning beds are popular with students on the TCU campus, said Carl Gray, owner of Magic Tan Machine at 3204 B Camp Bowie. About 25 percent of his business is students, Gray said.

Tanning sessions at Magic Tan Machine normally run a half hour in a tanning bed that is 2.2 percent ultraviolet B radiation (UVB) and 97.8 percent ultraviolet A radiation (UVA).

Jan Stokeley, owner of TCU Tans, Nails and Travel on 2709 W. Berry,

said that during the winter about 300 students tan there a week. Tanning beds here range from 1.7 to 4.7 percent UVB.

Both owners say students come in an average of four times a week. Both say a half-hour session is the equivalent of five hours in the sun. That would mean those people who tan an average of four times a week tan for approximately 20 hours a week.

That seems excessive, says Dr. Phillip Hartman, TCU instructor in genetics.

Although modern machines are an improvement over the last generation, excessive use of modern tanning beds causes as much damage to the skin as does overexposure to the sun, he said.

"Just like all things, if done in moderation, it can't hurt," he said.

The reason UVB is so damaging is that it forms dimers in the DNA in the skin, he said. These dimers cause the DNA to be read incorrectly, which can cause mutations, he said. These mutations can lead to skin cancer. When a person lays out in the sun,

enough UVA radiation counteracts this so that dimers are eliminated, he said.

Tanning machines before 1982 used only UVB, which is more harmful than the present day combination of UVB and UVA, according to an article by M.A. Pathak in the May 1987 issue of *Photochemistry and Photobiology*. The UVB-only machines gave a quicker tan but damaged the skin's DNA more.

UVB has been known to cause skin cancer for a while now, the article said.

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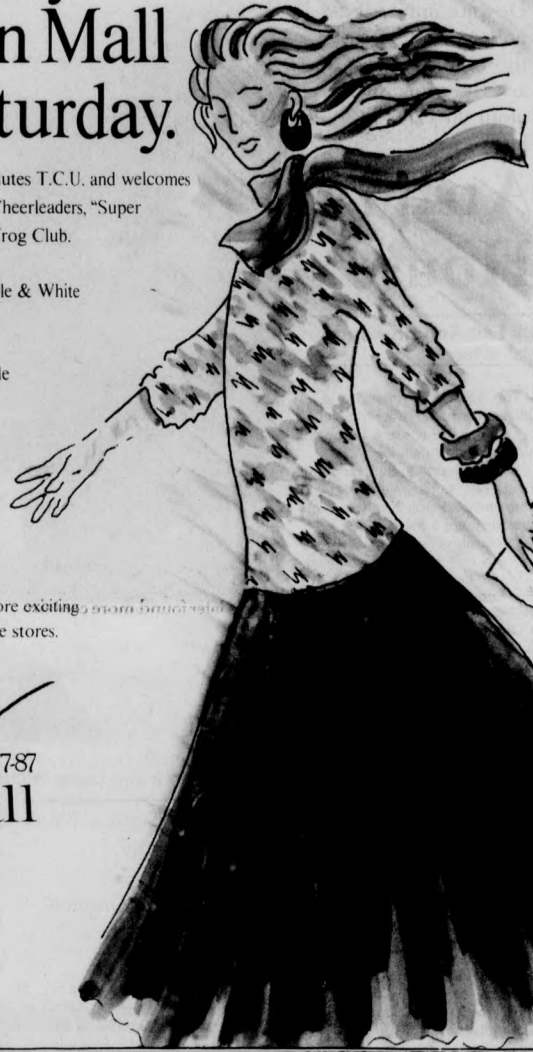
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COMMENTARY

Having a spring Rush will help everybody

Registration, add/drops, buying books and parking permits, moving into and decorating dorm rooms and getting adjusted to college life. Isn't that enough to do in one week?

We believe a deferred rush system at TCU would allow freshmen time to settle in, pay attention to their classes and become involved in other campus organizations like Programming Council.

TCU should be commended for not allowing the first day of classes to fall right in the middle of sorority rush, as it has in previous years. However, this year's bid day was held on the first day of classes, which is hectic enough as it is.

According to the rationale, having bid day and the first day of class coincide would discourage pledges from partying too hard because they have to get up for class the next day.

Unfortunately, this has not worked. Word spread quickly that IDs were not being checked at the Bid Night Party at Ridgley Country Club Monday night, and more than a few intoxicated, underaged pledges were seen there.

Granted, joining a fraternity or sorority right away can help give freshmen a sense of belonging and group membership. But spring rush would force freshmen to make a wide variety of friends upon arriving at TCU and give them time to decide whether or not they really want to rush.

Pledgeship is a very busy time, with many mandatory activities for pledges to attend. Most pledges want to go to even those functions that are not required in order to become as involved as possible in their new chapter.

This cannot help but take time away from studying. Spring rush would give students a chance to concentrate on schoolwork for a semester. This would also give fraternities and sororities a chance to see the rushees' grade point averages, which may be a factor in membership selection.

Why not give deferred rush a try? Baylor University has been using this system for years with no problem. It certainly would make for a much more awake, attentive group of Greeks in class.

Let's hit drug traffickers with a little more punch

Drug trafficking in the U.S. is one of the most serious crises that this country has ever faced.

Illegal drugs hurt everyone, except for the "businessmen" who traffic them, and for the most part these people are too smart to take the stuff themselves.

Recently, two tons of cocaine were seized by custom officials in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The smugglers had put the cocaine in toilet paper containers. Florida officials later found more containers with cocaine already in the United States.

The problem isn't just in Florida, either. Earlier this month in Chicago, over two and a half tons of cocaine were seized, while in Brownsville a Mexican national pleaded guilty in what officials say is the largest cocaine seizure along the border.

All this just goes to show how illegal drugs continue to saturate our country.

Law enforcement officials are still saying that, despite more help from the U.S. government, drug traffickers are getting into the country at higher and higher rates.

Many of these people are helped along by "respectable" businessmen. Remember John Delorean?

If we're going to tackle the drug problem, we've got to take even more action.

Sanctions against countries who don't actively try and stop drug production is one good idea. So is using U.S. Armed Forces to stop drug shipments.

We also think higher penalties for convictions against major traffickers is a good idea. State legislatures might even want to consider the death penalty.

After all, drug traffickers are responsible for the deaths of innumerable people throughout the United States who die of overdoses. Len Bias, for example.

Also, countries that currently use the death penalty against drug traffickers, like many of the Arab countries, have little problems with drug use.

Basically, we need to make the "War on Drugs" a real war on drugs.



Future may look bright but just wait a semester

By John Paschal
Columnist



Here at the first of the year there are many nice articles in the college newspaper that begin, "Here at the first of the year," which generally go on to describe how hunky-dory life will be this semester. (These die off after while and are not contagious, says the Surgeon General) Now a lot of the people who write these things as well as many who read them are dressed rather in vogue and have a dynamic late-August-early-September haircut, a fact which brings us to Round 1 of this one-round bout:

It's unique to the predominantly-white-upper-middle-class-intercollegiate psyche, first of all, this business of first-of-the-year fashion. For one, it's an opportunity to see just how much shopping the human race can cram into a short period of time. It also measures our pain threshold in relation to pastels and floral patterns. Yet the bottom line is, if our clothing is cool we have done quite well, our fathers have good jobs after all, we have perceived ourselves sharp-looking and, boy, were we right, and all is right with the world.

That's just where it begins.

Right now grade point averages are being equipped with magni-

ficently powerful rocket boosters, it seems, so high will they soon

soar. We are finally "going to study hard this semester," by gum. (This after consecutive semesters of "I could've gotten a 4.0 if I'd wanted to") According to plan there will be a precipitous and campus-wide decrease in procrastination, lethargy and heavy school-night drinking, while at the same time we young people become deeply concerned with our personal journey toward the real world. Preparation is the key.

I will not drink (on weeknights). I will not smoke. I will highlight my books in two colors. I will covet thy neighbor's girlfriend only on weekends. I will be a grand person.

Yes, we are all grand and smiling, the advent of a shiny new semester beaming ahead of us. The promised land is at our doorstep. A summer at the fitness club did us wonders, so very taut are our bodies. So fresh are our minds. Full are our checking accounts. And clean are our floor mats.

Life is full of hope but devoid of charity, for we need nothing but what we've already stocked up on. The apartment's looking goooooood, babe, so come on over, we'll have a cold beer. You graduating then, too? Cool. We'll go out. You look sooooo cute! Did you lose weight? We'll have so much fun.

It's like spring training in baseball. Then (and only then) every team's a champion. The arms are strong, the bats are lively. "The

new manager has really instilled in us a desire to win and there's a real togetherness on this ballclub. But most of all, he's made it fun again."

And so it is with us, here at the first of the year. Every syllabus is neatly folded, every test date clearly marked on the big calendar we bought at the bookstore. Our teachers seem to be pretty cool - they let us out ten minutes early the first day. And they've really instilled in us a desire to learn some neat things while doing as little as possible to get a good grade, which should be easy since we're all sitting in the front of the classroom and dispatching lucid nuggets of wisdom into class discussion.

Our semester's so bright, we've gotta wear Vuarnets.

Even the school cafeterias are places of fun, fellowship and cups that runneth the hell over. Don't worry, dude, I'll get this one - the meal card's hefty. Yeah, sure, go ahead and get an ice cream. Get me one too.

But soon the glimmer will fade into opaque. We lose one of our highlighters, like it would've mattered anyway. Fashion sense is much compromised by the availability of the snooze button. No time for the fitness center, but she's not that good-looking after all, is she? The apartment's dirty and I'm out of beer, and you owe me an ice cream, pal.

In the meantime, if you've noticed, that baseball team didn't do so well. The pitchers all had arm trouble and the hitters went into drug rehabilitation.

TCU no help when it comes to divestment

By David Artman
Columnist



With South Africa involved in the biggest wage strike in the country's history and violence intensifying, it seems unfortunate, indeed tragic, that TCU is impotent to deal with the pressing moral issue of divestment.

In 1983, the Christian Church, with which TCU is affiliated (but not controlled) passed a resolution urging all administrative units, institutions, regions and congregations to establish a process of divestment by 1985.

In the 1650s, white settlers arrived from the Netherlands in South Africa. 1800 marked the end of local resistance to white interlopers with the arrival of British military forces, who remained in power until 1910.

The discovery of incredible mineral resources resulted in a rapid influx of foreign capital and a black migrant "slave" labor system. Predictably, the constitution of South Africa preserved the status quo as far as black and white separation was concerned.

Out of response to black worker militancy and expanding black union membership, the National Party came to power. Expressing its policies in terms of apartheid (separateness) it codified and perpetuated racial segregation.

Meanwhile, tensions had arisen to a state of emergency in South Africa as a result of the 1961 Sharpsville Massacre, in which police killed 69 peaceful demonstrators. Later, the U.N. called on member states to impose sanctions.

Then in 1968 the General Assembly declared that freedom fighters against apartheid should be treated following arrest as prisoners of war and treated according to the Geneva Convention.

The 1970s were filled with a concerted effort on the international level to impose sanctions on South Africa. However, France, Britain and the U.S. continued to use a triple veto to block the sanctions. As recently as Feb. 20, 1987, the U.S. and Great Britain vetoed a resolution to impose mandatory sanctions on South Africa.

About students who favor TCU divestment, Chancellor Bill Tucker said in an interview with Image, the campus magazine, "What have they done? Now I mean that. What have they done? It's just a way for them to save their conscience."

In this article, called "TCU Inc.," Tucker described TCU as a corporation and said, "It is not the purpose of the endowment to promote social and political causes, no matter how noble they may be." The TCU Board of Trustees continues to hold this position.

Meanwhile, the situation in South Africa degenerates, and the call for sanctions becomes more urgent.

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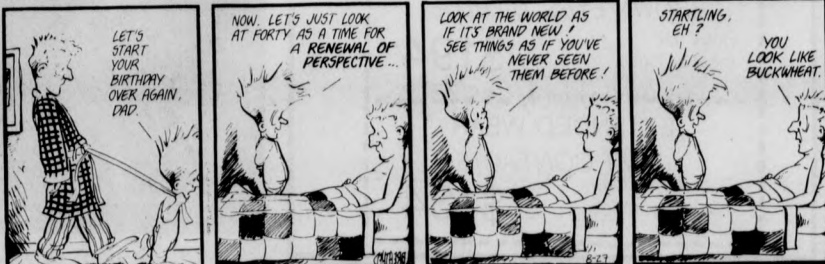
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SPORTS

'Real' gridiron fanatics crave violent collisions

By Johnny Paul
Sports Editor



Every serious football fan, no matter what age, can envision the perfect football play. For some, it's watching an I-formation tailback dart and dash his way toward an 80-yard score. For others, it's the sight of a receiver whose body flies parallel to the ground while hanging on to the pass by his nimble fingertips.

But for the real blood and guts sports fan, it's the sight of a ferocious blow by a prototype middle linebacker that buckles the knees of even the most powerful of fullbacks.

The game has always been one of brutality and intimidation. If it wasn't, well, no one would watch it. We American sports fans love to see someone suffering in pain as long as it's not someone we care about it.

How else can you explain someone paying \$1000 for a ringside seat for one of today's Mike Tyson fights. I'll tell you why. They want to see Tyson's opponent lying on his back covered in blood when the referee counts 10.

Hey, don't feel guilty. You're not alone. I'm no different. I could sit down for hour upon hour and watch old clips of Dick Butkus destroying anything that moved that wasn't in a Chicago Bears uniform.

Remember when New York Giants linebacker Lawrence Taylor broke the leg of Washington Redskins quarterback Joe Theismann two years ago. Poor Joe's leg looked like mangled spaghetti at best.

I know it sounds sadistic, but aren't we in reality? What was everyone saying at lunch the following day?

"Yeah, wasn't that so cool! Part of his leg went one way and the second half went the other. It couldn't have

happened to a better Redskins for us Cowboys fans."

In fact, I'm already chomping at the bit to see the Bears Mike Singletary crush the likes of a Roger Craig or an

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