Out of the Blue

By Rick Stolle



elcome back to the on-pressing saga of Texas A&M sports. A tinuing drama of the lives and events of the people that make up

Sometimes known as Search for Another World with a Guiding ght through a General Hospital in Texas or All My Children and an Hoping for One Life to Live without becoming Young and

If that's too complicated for you, just call it As the World of Aggie

As we resume the show, what will become of the fair-haired young ctor who has tried valiantly for two years to revitalize the youth ogram. Will he be able to survive all the pressures from the mean d hospital administrators on Mt. Olympus or will he be fired? Can he revamp the program enough to get a smile from Mt. lympus or will he be asked to report to surgery ... as the patient. The good doctor Tom, you know, old doctor Wil's son, took over aging program and tried to continue its winning ways. But, ler his direction, the program changed and was filled with new

But, as happens so often with new ideas, rough roads soon came. with the tough times, came great criticism from Mt. Olympus (or be hospital administrators) and their evil cronies, the group who nd the hospital with the big bucks.

They did not like what was happening to the program (losses in yareas like the Houston and Dallas branches). Even though they d been pleased with Tom's victories over t.u. (A strange disease nat turned the patients a sickly color of orange.)

The adminstrators thought good doctor Tom should try other ings and they told him so. They felt whatever he did was wrong no er what happened.

Produce, they said, or we will find someone who will. Tom nted to his record and said, I have. Breaking even, the Olym-

ans growled, is not producing enough.

Can the good doctor handle the pressure? Will he be able to unive another year at the helm of the program? And what is pening to program while the Olympians grumble and growl? Already, the good doctor has saved one life. Halfway through the eration, things looked pretty grim for the young surgeon but he alled the patient out of the fire with some fancy footwork.

But, the mean old administrators were waiting in the background trike if doctor Tom should lose his poise or the patient. Can the good doctor Tom hold off the Olympians long enough to

going or will he be dismissed along with the long list of past ctors? Stay tuned for more. In another scene of this ever-pressing drama, Magical (call me

rlin) Metcalf is awakening from a long sleep that he and the giant Just when the giant was starting to get up from a long sleep that lasted over half the season, he was sent back to naptime once

Who can defense against a 'magical' shot from the jumping jack of

funny frogs? It was designed to put the giant and Magical (call me Aerlin) Metcalf to sleep for a long time and it worked But Magical is awake and plotting his revenge upon those funny ogs and others in the kingdom who have laughed while the giant

And what will the evil Duke Sutton of Mutton have up his sleeves

wart the giant and the wizard? Will they be able to stomp the funny frogs, bumbling bears and

trid pigs into the castle grounds and take their rightful place at the head of the kingdom or will they be put to sleep indefinitely. Stay tuned to this channel for more...

Georgia, Oklahoma and Texas

Schools sue over TV contract

United Press International KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The question of who owns the lucrative elevision rights to collegiate football — the NCAA or its individual members - likely will be determined where most property disputes end — in a courtroom.

Tuesday, three of the nation's most prestigious collegiate football powers — defending national champion Georgia, Oklahoma and Texas — filed suit on behalf of the 61 members of the College Football Association, seeking a judgment on that fundamental question and asking the courts for protection from punishment from the NCAA while that question is being decided.

The NCAA offered no reaction to the court action, but the schools

"The members of the College Football Association contend that each university has a property right to its own athletic program, said Fred Davison, the president of the University of Georgia and chairman of the board of the CFA.

Unfortunately, the NCAA has continued to threaten CFA members individually and collectively with sanctions affecting not just football but all sports should a CFA member elect to participate in the CFA agreement with NBC. In view of the NCAA position and the resulting confusion, it was de-termined that the question of ownership of a university's athletic program could best be decided in a court of law.

"It is for that reason that the University of Oklahoma and the University of Georgia have filed a class action suit in federal district court and the University of Texas has taken similar action in state court. The CFA membership should be free to select the agent it prefers in the sale of football television rights without threat of

"Hopefully the courts will respond promptly and permit the CFA universities to continue as members in good standing in the NCAA and also have the opporproperty right which properly be-

West Virginia.

The CFA recently negotiated a revolutionary four-year, \$180-million television contract with NBC to broadcast games of its member schools, beginning in 1982. That pact with NBC is scheduled to run in direct conflict with a \$263-million television package negotiated recently by the NCAA with ABC and CBS.

While not offering reaction to the court suits directly Tuesday, the NCAA did announce that a special convention "has been called by the NCAA counsel to con-

such independents as Notre Dame, Penn State, Pittsburgh, Florida State, South Carolina and Ship of Division I and I-A foot-

James Frank, president of Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Mo., and president of the NCAA, said the convention would begin sometime the week of Dec. 6. He also said the chief executive officers of all Division I institutions which include George, Oklahoma and Texas — had been invited to attend a special meeting in conjunction with the NCAA's regular scheduled gathering of selected chief executives Sept. 28-29 in

Chicago.
"Any Division I chief executive

to discuss the restructuring prop-

In Oklahoma City, Dan Gibbens, OU's faculty representative to the Big Eight Conference, said Oklahoma entered the federal suit with Georgia to protect itself and other CFA members from NCAA

"These suits (in Oklahoma City is offered by participation in the and Austin) will hopefully main-

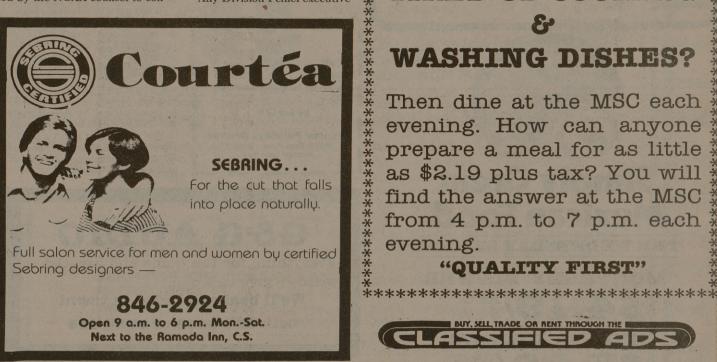
television arrangements," he said.

In Austin, Ronald Brown, vice president of student affairs at the University of Texas, said: "We feel it's necessary to make sure the property rights of Texas-Austin are protected. Out long range goal is to establish an improved environment for athletics over what

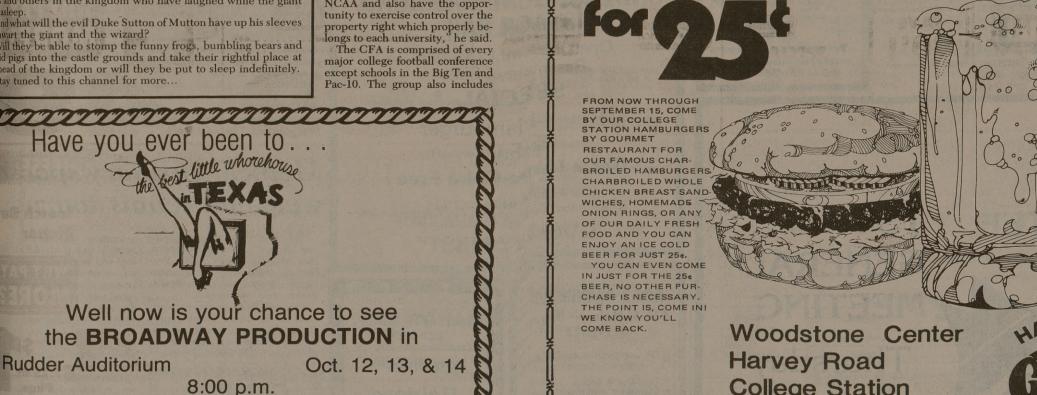
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