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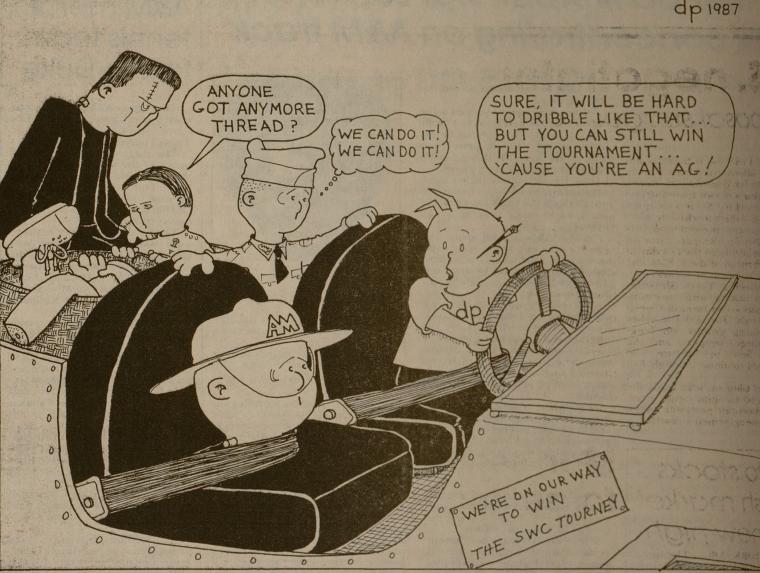
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Texas Tech relieved after learning of NCAA punishment learly 19 to Cane

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech breathed a collective sigh of relief Wednesday after the NCAA made the school's punishment slight compared to what it did to Southern Methodist for violating recruiting recruiting trecruiting violations. Last Wednesday, SMU was stripped of its 1987 season and part of its 1988 season because of repeated violations while it was already on probation. Texas Christian's probation ends next year.

Tech's football program on probation for one year and limited the Red Raiders to 22 football scholarships, instead of the usual 25, for 1988-89.

Tech became the third Southwest Conference team on probation for that the NCAA did not take sterner

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when the NCAA last week banned football for a year at SMU, the chill was felt at Texas Tech, where punishment was pending.

"Everybody was scared to death that (the NCAA) was in the groove and were going to start x-ing people off," sophomore quarterback Billy Joe Tolliver said, adding that he where punishment was pending.

But on Tuesday, the NCAA put

Tolliver said, adding that he thought the school might lose a bowl

Head Coach Spike Dykes said the loss of three scholarships would hurt, "but it's a fair and just pender."

alty."
Tech officials expressed relief

games or bowl apperances. School President Lauro Cavazos said Tech's cooperative attitude may have helped avoid stiffer punishment.

The NCAA report acknowledged Tech's "cooperative, non-defensive attitude" and that the school had never before been punished for rules violations.

Bob Swayze, Tech's NCAA faculty representative, said the school would not appeal the NCAA findings or decision. Rex Fuller, a Tech regent, said, "We are receiving what we deserve, I believe.'

Tech's punishment from the NCAA was well received elsewhere in the scandal-plagued SWC.

"In the aftermath of what pened to SMU, you obvious to be pleased," SWC Commiss Fred Jacoby said.

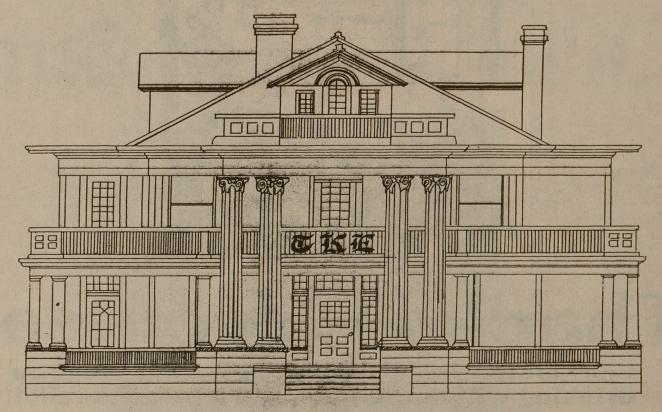
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"From what I know about TCU Athletic Director Fran egger said.

The NCAA cited 15 vio 1982-1984, many includi proper gifts to prospective According to its normal pract NCAA did not reveal na coaches, boosters or studer the university did.

The former assistant named as participating in im recruiting were Rodney Richard Ritchie and Jim

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