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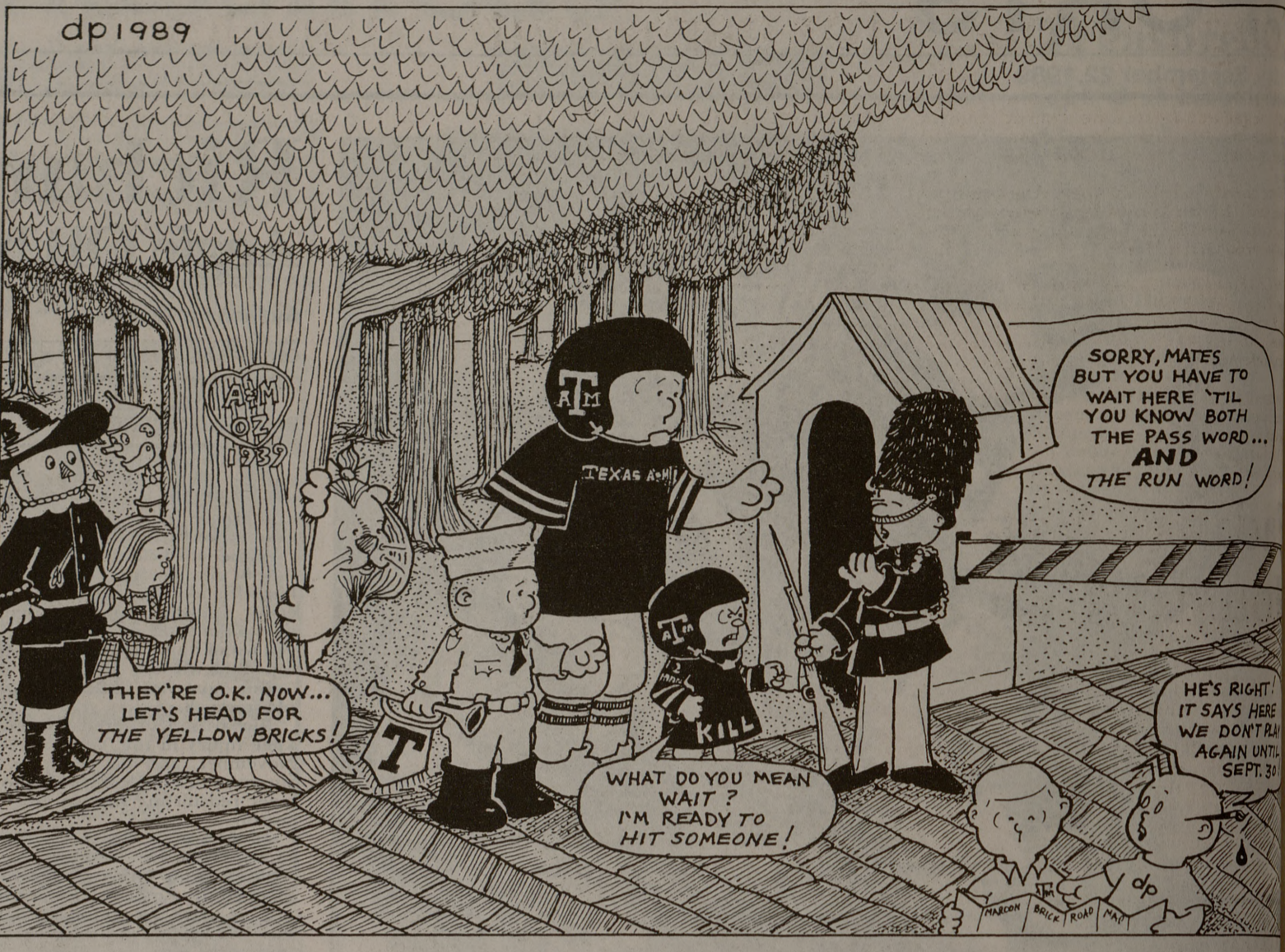
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**Griffith Joyner denies sprinter's claim**  
 Gold medalist says she didn't use 'growth hormones'

NEW YORK (AP) — Florence Griffith Joyner, accused by Darrell Robinson of buying growth hormones from him, on Thursday called the sprinter "a compulsive, crazy, lying, lunatic."

"I don't do drugs," Griffith Joyner said. "I never have taken any drugs. I don't believe in them. It's a false accusation."

Robinson detailed his dealings with the 1988 Olympic heroine and other track and field athletes and coaches, including Carl Lewis, in the West German magazine Stern. Robinson repeated the charges Thursday on NBC-TV's "Today" show.

Griffith Joyner, accompanied by her husband Al Joyner, the 1984 Olympic triple jump champion, and business manager Gordon Baskin, flew from her California home to New York for the early morning show in hopes of meeting her accuser. Robinson failed to show up, but the two confronted each other via a hookup from his Toronto home, and the rhetoric was bitter.

"How can you have the nerve ... to tell a false lie?" Griffith Joyner said angrily.

"She says she didn't take them (drugs)," Robinson said. "It's my word against hers."

"You admitted taking drugs and why do you want to implicate other athletes?" Griffith Joyner said.

Robinson, who reportedly received at least \$25,000 for the magazine story, published Thursday, and money for appearing on the TV show, insisted he was "not doing it just for the money."

"The money issue isn't an issue," he said. "I am sick and tired of hearing everyone saying they're clean."

Robinson, the 1986 national champion at 400 meters and the 1982 and 1985 runner-up, contended in the magazine story that Griffith Joyner asked him to get growth hormones for her last year, because "I have connections."

He said she paid him \$2,000 in 20 \$100 bills and the transaction took place in mid-March 1988 on Venice Boulevard in Los Angeles.

Robinson alleges that Griffith Joyner asked him to look into the cost of the hormones. He said that, when he told her it would cost "\$2,000 for 10 cubic centimeters," she said, "That's crazy."

He quotes Griffith Joyner as saying, "If you want to make a million, you've got to invest a few thousand."

Robinson says that a few days later, Griffith Joyner gave him a "wad of 20 hundred-dollar bills."

"I never gave him a dime for anything," Griffith Joyner said. "Why meet him on Venice Boulevard? The only place I met him was on the track. I have never run into Darrell on the street."

"I don't know how he's going back this up."

This was not the first time drug accusations were made about Griffith Joyner, who rocketed to international fame in 1988 after winning a world-class runner for years but never a star.

At last year's Seoul Olympics where she won gold medals in the 100- and 200-meter dashes and the 400-meter relay, along with a silver in the 1,600-meter relay, the accused was Brazilian "Joaquim Cruz," 1984 Olympic 800-meter champion.

Later, she was accused by Lanny Ashford, a six-time Olympic gold medalist, and Pat Connolly, Ashford's former coach and new coach of the team of the 110-meter high jumper, and Pat Connolly, Ashford's former coach and new coach of the team of the 110-meter high jumper, and Pat Connolly, Ashford's former coach and new coach of the team of the 110-meter high jumper.

**Johnson preaches patience to his Cowboys**

IRVING (AP) — Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson, trying to come out of college and make an impact in the NFL, said he can't compare his 0-2 start with other down times he's had, even when he coached high school football.

"I had a couple of tough years when I was at Oklahoma State but I can't compare it to that," Johnson said Tuesday. "And I don't guess I could compare it to coaching at Picayune (Mississippi) High School (in 1966). Getting ready for Bay St. Louis isn't quite as tough as getting ready for the Washington Redskins."

Johnson said he has reminded his staff, most of whom were highly successful at the University of Miami, to remain patient.

Johnson added having patience "has been hard for me to do."

Johnson makes his regular season home debut on Sunday with the winless Redskins the opponent in a noon game at Texas Stadium.

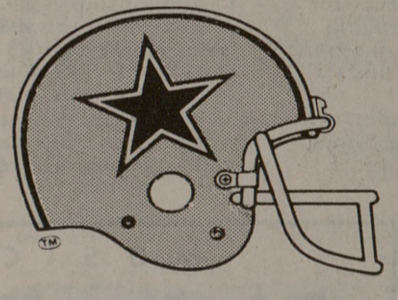
"Over the years I watched Dallas and Washington play and they had some exciting games in the past," Johnson said. "I might have a few more anxious moments because of the rivalry. Washington being our opponent certainly has added a little more spice to the week."

Johnson said the realized the 4-point favorite Redskins will try to run right at the Cowboys' crippled defense with Gerald Riggs.

"We'll have to stop their running attack because they'll try to run it down your throat," Johnson said.

The Cowboys were blanked 28-10 by New Orleans then fell 27-21 at Atlanta on Sunday after building a 21-10 halftime lead.

"We knew going in it wasn't going to be an easy situation," Johnson said.



**After transferring from UCLA, Longhorn linebacker looks ready**

AUSTIN (AP)— After Brian Jones transferred to Texas from UCLA last season, he felt like an outsider.

Jones said he hated being on the scout team, which was so far down players did not even have a Longhorn emblem on the side of their helmets.

And he certainly felt it wasn't his place to speak out on the shortcomings of Longhorns since he hadn't played a down.

But now that Jones is a starter on the varsity, he's more comfortable—and talkative.

"Sure, he's a confident person," says Texas Coach David McWilliams. "He does his share of jawing but he knows when to back off. I don't think the other players knew what to think of him at first."

"But when it came time to put up or shut up, he put up."

Jones, a 6-foot-3-inch, 245-pound middle linebacker, said he thought he could become the best linebacker ever at the University of Texas, quite a goal considering some of his predecessors at that position. All-Americans Tommy Nobis, Jeff Leiding and Britt Hager all wore No. 60, the same number given to Jones at his request.

"Brian had the confidence to wear it, so I had the confidence to give it to him," McWilliams said.

But tradition and ability are not the main reasons Jones wanted the coveted jersey.

"I wanted that number because everyone who has worn it here has been white," said Jones, a black. "I'm not saying that those others who wore it weren't good, they definitely were. I wanted to be the first black to wear it at Texas. I wanted to be a pioneer. I wanted to show the other black kids that things are changing around here."

In his outspoken way, he also criticized Longhorn players he called "eaters and riders."

"They are guys who just ride the bus and eat the food," Jones said. "We had a few people on the team that fit into that category last year. And some of them even complained about the food. Those are the guys that are just glad to be here, and that's the end of the road for them. That's their accomplishment."

Even though the former Lubbock Dunbar star first chose UCLA over Texas, he said he always felt a gentle tug coming from Austin, and the pull finally became too strong to resist.

Jones started five games as a freshman for UCLA, but after the season he had surgery to repair a cracked vertebra in his lower back and missed the rest of that season and the next one.

"My heart just wasn't with UCLA," Jones said. "I was always checking back here to see what was going on."

Jones already has become the defensive leader Texas, logging a game-high 12 tackles in Texas' 27-6 season opening loss to Colorado.

"I had some things to prove to myself," Jones said. "People have a lot of expectations of me, and I put a lot of pressure on myself to excel."

Longhorn players have nicknamed Jones "Hi Mom" because he always seems to know where the camera is, and he said, "I think they respect me. That was the main thing on my mind."

**High schools introducing 'glow ball'**

ARLINGTON (AP) — Two Dallas-Fort Worth area high schools this week will audition a fluorescent football designed to help players see it better.

"It looks like a yellow ball of coming at you," Paschal coach Pamie Walker said. "We got eight of those yellow bananas on Saturday."

Walker's team will use the ball in their game with Sam Houston High School.

The football is designed by Charles O. Finley, the former owner of the Kansas City Royals and Oakland A's. Finley said the ball will be easier to view under the dim lights of high school stadiums.

The ball is regulation in size and shape, but instead of two traditional white stripes around each end, there are eight half-inch wide yellow stripes parallel to the ball's seams.

"Ninety percent of football games are high school, and the lighting is very inadequate," Finley said Tuesday. "And the college and pro games are hard to watch on TV, even in daylight. These balls are for the benefit of the spectators. They can see the game much better."

Finley, 71, has pushed for the designated hitter rule, night games in the World Series, more colorful uniforms and orange baseballs.

"It feels good and I like the idea of it," Sam Houston quarterback Lawrence Luster said of the ball.