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CBS presents a profitable Olympic show

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Forget Tonya. Forget Nany. Their made-for-TV drama on skates has left the ice and taken to the road.

What remains is the slick, bloodless, magazine-style packaging of CBS Sports. Determined to avoid the financial bath NBC took at the '92 Barcelona games, CBS has made its Winter Olympics weary, stale, flat — and profitable.

Friday night's women's figure skating final the anticlimax of the Nancy Kerrigan-Tonya Harding saga — drew a 43.9 average rating and a 64 percent share of the audience - making it the highest-rated Friday in network history.

According to preliminary figures, it was the second-highest rated Olympic broadcast of all time, 91/2 percent under Wednesday's

THE BATTALION

CBS, which paid \$295 million for the broadcast rights, and created an Olympics spectacle that could sing and dance, crack jokes and spit silver dollars on demand.

Ah, but the sportsmanship! CBS showed just how badly world-class athletes can behave. How about the ski jumper who "psyched" his rival with premature congratula-tion? Or the speed skater accused of fouling another racer?

And then, of course, there were Tonya and

Contorted by the media to fit the storybook fantasy, they became Nice Nancy, the fairy princess, vs. Terrible Tonya, the nasty girl

broadcast that was seen by an estimated from the wrong side of the tracks.

110,530,000 people.

That's the sweet sound of cash registers for was brokered by Tonya's ex-husband, was supposed to overcome her bruising and dain

Monday, February 28, 1999

the gold medal over wicked Tonya. Instead, reality intruded. Tonya finished eighth and Nancy lost to Ukraine's swee

waifish Oksana Baiul, a 16-year-old orphan. Baiul, whose life has been a series tragedies and whose body had been batter in a practice accident the day before the final began sobbing inconsolably in victory.

When the awards ceremony was delayed by the search for Ukraine's newly minted national anthem, Kerrigan assumed it was Baiul get-

ting fresh makeup applied. Sniffed Kerrigan: "She's probably just going to come out here and cry again.'

Community

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them," he said. "Not that it makes it right, but it was not a conspiracy to evade the law. I'm a 100 sure percent they'll be cleared."

However, the incidents have left some students less optimistic. Russell Langley, speaker of the Student Senate, said the scandal

will have adverse effects. 'Regardless if this is true or not, it harms the reputation of the University especially in light of all the scandals," Langley said. "Whatever the outcome, I hope the administration and Board of Regents take strong proactive steps to ensure our credibility is restored and improved. That's the least they can do.

Beth Schreiber, Parents Weekend sub-chairwoman, said she was upset to learn such corruption existed.

the students don't know about," Schreiber said. Some students view the indictments as a step in the right

anything else scandalous going on

'It makes me wonder if there's

Student Body President Brian Walker said the University should not tolerate such behavior.

"It's a very positive thing that Bryan-College Station are pursuing the purchases," Walker said. "If something wrong has been done, the law broken, then I hope the University Board can find appropriate measure to deal with this

Schreiber agreed the action is a positive step.

"Hopefully, if we get the corruption out of the University then this won't happen again in the future," she said

Margaret Freeman, president of the Federation of A&M Mothers Club, who has questioned University officials about allegations of administrative misconduct, said she has some mixed feelings about the indictments.

"It's a bad thing we're getting adverse publicity but a good thing Aggies are cleaning house to restore our integrity," man said. "When we ask our students to live by a code of honor, we should also expect the same of those who administer the business of Texas A&M.

If nothing else, the indictments have created doubts in the many people's minds, especially as to who should bear the blame.

Freeman said she doubted the secretaries altered the vouchers on

"If these allegations are true, it's very unfortunate," she said. 'But I find it hard to believe secretaries would be acting on their own initiative.

Chad King, senior class president, said the matter troubled him.

"I feel bad for the secretari because I don't think they had full authority to do this," King said. Schreiber said the blam

should be shared by everyone. "I feel sorry for them because don't think they would do it o their own initiative," Schreiber said, "but then again it was a personal ethics call they made "They're the ones who are going

to have to live with it."

Indictment

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ments of up to \$10,000 in fines and 10 years in

The first indictment alleges Running and Walters misrepresented alcohol purchases on state vouchers by denoting the items as food and soft drinks.

In January, The Battalion obtained several bills from J.J.'s Package Stores listing the amounts and types of alcoholic beverages purchased over the years for the Board of Regents. However, records show that when the bills

were submitted to the University controller for payment, the original bills were replaced with handwritten bills from Ruffino Catering showing the same date and amount of the alcohol purchases but listing the items as "food, soft drinks, ice and cups

The bills show the Ruffino Catering's address as 1219 North Texas in Bryan, the same address as J.J.'s Package Stores.

When asked in January by The Battalion to describe his catering business, the owner of J.J.'s, J.J. Ruffino, refused to comment.

According to the indictments, the liquor was originally paid for by a concessions fund, which is a collection of the soft drink sales on campus, and would typically be considered state funds.

However, the indictments state that when the vouchers were turned over to the media they reflected payment from "institutional development" funds and not concession funds.

Turner said although it is illegal to use state funds to buy-alcohol, the deception of government officials is a more serious offense.

In a press release from Turner's office, h cited the Texas Open Government Act that guarantees each person the right to obtain on plete information about the affairs of the government, public officials and employees.

"The people, in delegating authority, do magive their public servants the right to decide what is good for the them to know," Tume said. "The people insist on remaining formed so that they may retain control over struments they have created. In short, our of the struments they have created. zens need not merely hope for an open an honest government, the law demands it."

The Rangers began their investigation in September after an anonymous letter was sen to Gov. Ann Richards accusing several high ranking A&M officials of misconduct.

Richards forwarded the letter to the Ranger who have since been joined in the investigation

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