## Journey Through the Phantom Tollbooth

with children's author Norton Juster

Friday, December 2, 1994 at 7:00 pm in the Memorial Student Center Room 206 Reception following

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OPINION

## Cotton Bowl '95 fans should 'thank' NCAA

Texans should be giving a Texas-size "thank you" to the NCAA for making possible a 1995 Cotton Bowl with a Southwest Conference host who is barely rated in the top 25 and has the awful record of 6-5-0!

That's right! Thanks, NCAA, for punishing the innocent, while letting the guilty get only a kind of "slap on the hands.

The 1994 Texas A&M football team members have not broken the NCAA rules, yet the NCAA, the Southwest Conference, and the administration of Texas A&M made an agreement that these innocent A&M athletes are ineligible to be conference champions or conference representatives at the 1994 Cotton Bowl – even with a 10-0-1 record! Shouldn't those guilty of vio-

lating NCAA rules be punished, not those who have not violated the NCAA rules?

I haven't heard any indignation, any protests, any dissatisfaction with this situation of the innocent being punished for the guilty! Why are the administrations of member schools of the NCAA accepting this habit of punishing the innocent? Why do the coaches of NCAA athletes accept this habit of punishing the innocent? Why do alumni associations of NCAA schools accept this habit of punishing the innocent? Why do sportswriters who report even the trivial sports information accept this habit of

punishing the innocent?

OOPS! I'm in error for thanking only the NCAA for a mediocre 1995 Cotton Bowl match-up! I expand my "thank you" for a mediocre 1995 Cotton Bowl match-up to the administrations of the member universities of the NCAA, the coaches

associations of NCAA member schools, and the sportswriters! All of these groups have and are silently agreeing that the innocent shall be punished for the guilty in college athletics.

After all, these groups re ceiving my "thanks" are lackin in both economic and political power to change this unfair un-American, and unjust sys-

(Or is it more accurate to conclude that they lack the in tegrity to right an obviou

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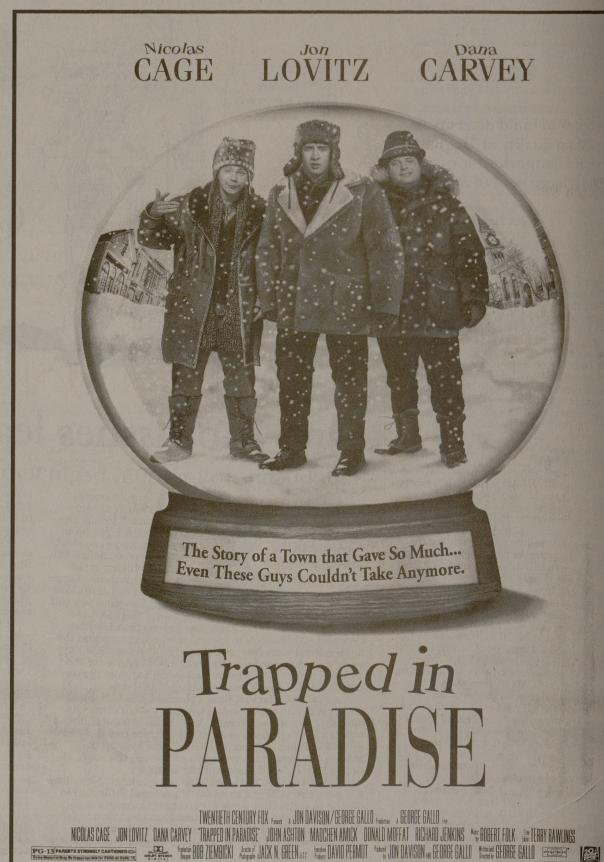
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