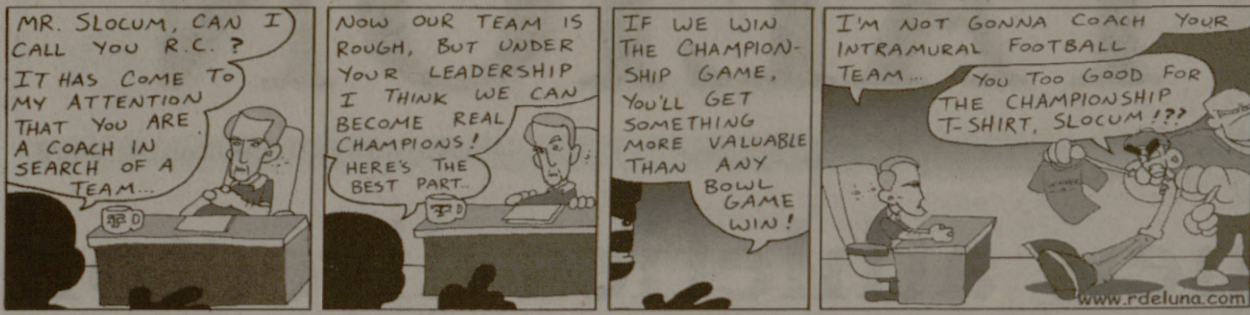


**Fish**



by R. DeLuna Byrne

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annually to the athletics director who demonstrates superior administrative abilities and has shown dedication to college athletics.

Cocanougher said Nebraska's all-around achievements throughout a broad range of sports played a role in the committee's decision.

"Essentially, when we talked to Bill Byrne, we talked about excellence in athletic programs," he said. "Football is obviously a very important part of that, but it's just a part."

Byrne said he guessed he would not assume his role at A&M until the first of the year, but said he would probably have to "wear two hats" while finishing up at Nebraska. He said he did not know when he would be visiting College Station again.

"It was an extremely difficult decision," Byrne said. "I have great affection for Nebraska. I looked at A&M being much like Nebraska with great opportuni-



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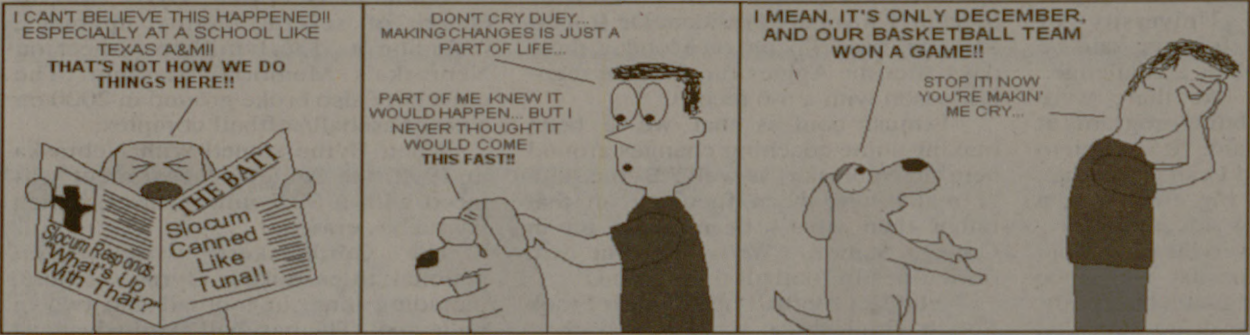
Marketing professor Dr. Benton Cocanougher, head of the athletics director search committee, announced Bill Byrne from the University of Nebraska would be the new athletics director. Cocanougher serves as the special assistant to the president of the University.

"Asking a new athletics director to fire an A&M icon will place a burden on the new director she shouldn't have to bear," said.

"I decided I needed to take the action myself, take the consequences, and to do so quickly enough to give us a good start at a high quality new coach."

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**Beernuts** by Rob Appling



**U.S., Israeli battles against terrorism overlap in Africa**

JERUSALEM (AP) — U.S. authorities and Israel's Mossad spy agency are both investigating last week's twin attacks in Kenya, and both suspect al-Qaida. The largely separate U.S. and Israeli battles against terrorism now overlap in the east African nation and will require a closely coordinated response, analysts said Tuesday.

The United States and Israel have backed each other's fights against terrorism, though the Bush administration has drawn a distinction between the U.S. campaign against al-Qaida and the Israeli conflict with the Palestinians.

In contrast, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon says it's all part of a single, worldwide effort against terrorism that has its roots in radical Islam.

The line drawn by the United States blurred Thursday with the suicide bombing at a hotel in Kenya filled with Israelis, and the near simultaneous missile attack that narrowly missed an Israeli charter plane taking off a few miles away in Mombasa.

"The paradigm has now changed dramatically," said Martin Indyk, the former U.S. ambassador to Israel. "The terrorists are busy erasing the boundaries between al-Qaida, Hezbollah and Hamas, as the attack in (Kenya) demonstrated."

A statement attributed to al-Qaida and posted on an Islamic Web site claimed responsibility for the attacks, and U.S. officials said they considered

the claim credible. "We suspect al-Qaida, or one of the organizations that operates under the cover of al-Qaida, is responsible," said Lt. Gen. Moshe Yaalon, the Israeli army chief of staff.

If an al-Qaida link is confirmed, it would mark the first time the group has hit an Israeli target, after years of threats by Osama bin Laden. It also suggests al-Qaida is attempting to draw Israel directly into the U.S. war against the group, analysts said.

The chief of research in Israel's military intelligence, Brig. Gen. Yossi Kupperwasser, said Israel knew terror groups were operating in Kenya but didn't have specific information pointing to attacks on Israeli targets. U.S. investigators are also taking part in the Kenya inquiry, said a diplomatic source, speaking on condition of anonymity. Al-Qaida is also blamed for the deadly 1998 bombings at the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

If Israel openly launches a hunt for al-Qaida members, it could create a backlash in moderate Muslim nations. They could be discouraged from assisting the United States in tracking down al-Qaida members and might be less inclined to support a possible U.S. war with Iraq.

"This is not a case where Israel can strike on its own and retaliate as it did in the past," said Joseph Alpher, an Israeli policy analyst.

**Search**

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season. Solich led the Cornhuskers to a BCS title game appearance in the Rose Bowl.

"We have not gone into any depth (of possible candidates) with him," Cocanougher said. "Obviously, I think he plans to get up to speed and actively involved as early as possible."

**Berry**

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care that really cares about their needs, he said.

Berry encouraged medical experts to work at the high end of their expertise. He said physicians need to do less of the work nurse practitioners can do and nurses need to do less of the work untrained staff can do.

Berry recommended that patients be allowed to make office visits with non-physician clinicians and telephone

appointments with doctors. These practices would enable the health care systems to become much more efficient, Berry said.

Doctors are rarely paid for questions they answer over the phone. After a full day of treating patients, physicians are often asked to call back the many patients that call them throughout the day, Berry said.

Berry suggested solving this problem by paying doctors to answer medical questions over the phone or by e-mail. This

should also give physicians more time throughout the day eliminating patients who call appointments just to ask questions, he said.

Offering more rewards for initiatives to health care practices could also help improve health care services, Berry said. He recommended giving the best doctors, staff and nurses more bonuses and days off.

"The system we have now is crazy," Berry said. "We need to improve health care services while reducing its overall cost."

**Iraq**

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In a speech Monday, Bush contended that so far "the signs are not encouraging" that the Iraqis will "cooperate willingly and comply completely" in the inspection process.

The inspectors, however, report the Iraqis have fully cooperated thus far. In New York, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan underlined that point. "There is a good indication that the Iraqis are cooperating, but this is only the beginning," he said Tuesday.

The declaration the Iraqis are required to submit by Sunday — reporting on any weapons of mass destruction, along with chemical, biological and nuclear activities they say are peaceful — will help shape the inspectors' future work in Iraq, as they seek to verify Baghdad's claims.

Gen. Amin indicated the report, which may run

to thousands of pages, would include "new elements," but "those new elements don't mean Iraq has weapons of mass destruction. Iraq is full of weapons of mass destruction."

The U.S. administration is expected to dispute that. The Iraq report "must be credible and complete," Bush declared Monday.

The United States has threatened war against Iraq — with or without U.N. approval — if it views Baghdad is not stripped of weapons of mass destruction.

Other governments say only the U.N. Security Council can authorize such aggression in the absence of a situation of immediate self-defense.

Turkey's foreign minister said Tuesday that country would allow the United States to use military bases on its soil for an attack against Iraq if the United Nations approves military action.

Yasar Yakis spoke after meeting with Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz.

**Library**

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Blake said the library museum took three years to build. The process began in November 1994 and was completed in November 1997.

Laura Bush received her bachelor's degree in elementary

education from SMU in 1968. In 1999, Bush, then governor of Texas, donated \$250,000 to establish the Laura Bush Promenade and Garden at the entrance of school's library, according to *The Dallas Morning News*.

Nye said some think A&M would be a natural location

because of the potential for side by side, father-son libraries.

"The location on the A&M campus would likely be in some proximity to the existing George H. W. Bush Library," Nye said.

There are no ideas yet as to how much the new library will cost.

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