



free fallin'



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Franklin Gallwas remembers tumbling through the air at speeds near 180 mph. He remembers looking at his altimeter at 7,000 feet above the pine-carpeted and mountainous landscape of western Oregon. And he can't forget arching his body as hard as he could in order to pull his rip chord at 5,000 feet to avoid bouncing off the ground.

This was early in Gallwas' skydiving career — only his fifth jump — and since then he has done 130 more jumps and learned a lot about the sport.

"If you panic you lose your edge in a situation," he said.

Gallwas and his diving partner Rob Rainwater were sure not to lose their edge in the 1994 National Collegiate

Oregon still in air, even lacking skydiving team

Competition for skydiving in Arizona, where they took first in the two-way novice event.

Gallwas, who was representing Oregon at Nationals, and Rainwater, who jumps for Oregon State, had only practiced together for a month before the December competition.

"We had no idea," explained Gallwas, a senior majoring in psychology. "We weren't going down there to win. We were just going to learn more about the sport."

After three rounds of jumps at the competition, the pair had a total of 19 points, scoring eight more points than last year's winners.

In order to qualify for the novice event, divers cannot have had more than 100 jumps. At the time of the event Gallwas had done just under

100 jumps and Rainwater, a sophomore at Oregon State majoring in chemical engineering, had 69 jumps behind him.

In the two-way event, a point is earned every time the two skydivers connect to create a formation, such as linking hands or holding each other's knees.

Before their jumps, divers pick four formations randomly out of a hat, which contain a total of 21 formations. Therefore, the competitors don't know what they will have to perform during their jump.

"This is to try to keep the playing field level," said Jack Gregory, director of safety and training at the U.S. Parachute Association, which sponsors the Collegiate Nationals.

New formations are drawn for each round.

Once the divers complete the sequence of formations they have picked, they repeat the routine as many times as they can during free fall. The faster the two jumpers connect, the more points the pair

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Franklin Gallwas and Rob Rainwater jump in a plane in the National Collegiate Competition for skydiving in Arizona.

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AP Top Twenty Five

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 29, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Massachusetts (53)	15-1	1,633	1
2. North Carolina (10)	16-1	1,584	3
3. Kansas (3)	15-2	1,528	7
4. Connecticut	15-1	1,374	2
5. Maryland	16-3	1,327	8
6. Kentucky	13-3	1,231	5
7. UCLA	12-2	1,215	4
8. Arkansas	16-4	1,197	9
9. Michigan St.	14-2	1,148	10
10. Syracuse	15-2	1,132	6
11. Iowa St.	17-2	1,026	11
12. Arizona	15-4	963	12
13. Georgetown	14-3	758	14
14. Wake Forest	12-4	685	16
15. Virginia	12-5	618	15
16. Arizona St.	14-5	586	13
17. Stanford	13-3	527	17
18. Missouri	14-3	493	20
19. Villanova	13-5	462	22
20. Alabama	14-4	332	—
21. Georgia Tech	13-6	325	21
22. Oregon	12-4	160	18
23. Cincinnati	15-6	166	19
24. Oklahoma	15-4	144	25
25. Florida	10-6	104	23

Others receiving votes: California 98, Oklahoma St. 73, St. Louis 73, Minnesota 50, Brigham Young 49, W. Kentucky 32, New Mexico St. 30, Utah 30, Ohio U. 28, Purdue 28, N.C. Charlotte 27, Tulane 24, Utah St. 24, Mississippi St. 21, Penn St. 19, Tulsa 14, Penn 13, Louisville 11, Memphis 11, Texas 10, Xavier, Ohio 10, Illinois 8, Auburn 6, Indiana 6, Clemson 4, Washington St. 4, Iowa 2, Nebraska 2, Santa Clara 2, Virginia Tech 2, Georgia 1.

Coach avoids letting basketball control life

We would all like to believe that what we do on a day-to-day basis is much harder than what the next person does, but usually that has more to do with ego than facts.

With so many difficult professions in the world, it's hard to pinpoint just which one is the most physically and mentally demanding.

But one slight glimpse of the disheveled man that Arizona State head coach Bill Frieder is today brings to light the life of a head basketball coach on the collegiate level. Here's a man who looks and acts the part of what happens when the envelope gets pushed just a bit too far.

Frieder was the head coach of a primetime powerhouse at Michigan. Frieder's programs were a mainstay in the top 10 teams in the nation. But as his team prepared for the NCAA Tournament in March of 1989, Frieder pulled a Johnny Paycheck and basically told the Wolverine brass to take their job



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and shove it. His Wolverines went on to win the tournament and become national champions — a factor that lured the "Fab Five" to Ann Arbor.

He didn't move on to bigger and brighter things. Instead, Frieder left the glamour for a program at Arizona State, which wasn't exactly setting the basketball world on fire.

Why would someone make such a drastic change in their lifestyle?

"Being a head coach is a very demanding job," Frieder said. "With the scrutiny, the media attention, the exposure and the fact that you put in 16-20 hours a day every day... that can take a lot out of you. And it does.

"I know for myself, it was starting to affect me at Michigan, and that's one of the reasons that I left Michigan and took this job (at Arizona State). My attitude changed, and I just wasn't going to let the game destroy me."

Can being a college-level basketball coach actually destroy a person? There seems to be some support for this theory in recent years.

Coaches across the nation, from George Raveling at Southern Cal to Coach K at Duke, have fallen by the wayside due to the exhausting tolls of collegiate sports. The intense pressures placed on them. The exhausting compulsion to try to go beyond other coaches in game preparations. The constant hours of being put in front of a microphone as thousands look on, being the focus of all attention placed on your team. Each of the coaches has admitted to being physically and mentally unable to handle what's involved in their job.

Just as soon as you start thinking what you do is the biggest

back-breaker of them all, someone else describes their life in the land of opportunity. Bummer, huh?

"There are a lot of people out there in other businesses that work 16-20 hours a day," Frieder said. "They just don't have the media scrutiny, pressure and exposure. But that's just the nature of the game."

"(The pressure) is just part of the business today, and it's just another thing that happens in this wacky world of college basketball. There are a lot of tremendous benefits to being a college basketball coach, and this comes with it."

Also coming with the job is the idea that coaching gets into your blood. In another profession, you can quit and move on to an entirely new field. It's rare when a coach leaves coaching forever. Many who don't continue coaching turn to the media to help control their desires.

But coaching is a hard habit to kick, which explains why

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Ex-Cardinal arrested

COUNTRY CLUB HILLS, Mo. (AP) — Former St. Louis Cardinals outfielder David Green was arrested for suspicion of drunken driving after a fatal car accident, police said Monday.

Green's car hit another at an intersection about 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Officer Greg Adams said. An 86-year-old woman in the second car was killed. Adams would not release her name.

Country Club Hills is a suburb of St. Louis.

Adams said Green was under police guard at Christian Hospital Northeast, where he was being treated for injuries. Police were seeking formal charges, he said.

Green, 34, played for the Cardinals from 1981 to 1984, and then briefly in 1987. He was traded to the San Francisco Giants in 1985 in a five-player deal in which the Cardinals got first baseman Jack Clark.