Trojan coach 'not surprised'

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"I can't say I'm totally surprised," said Lampe. "I never saw any intention of him finding a permanent place to live. It didn't look from the beginning like this was a permanent place to land for him. at Colby College." I wouldn't say this is a happy day for the coaches, but I don't think anyone is shook up about it."

Lampe also said that while Arntt brought a lot of good qualities to the table, he had his shortcomings as an athletic director.

"The #1 need for an AD is to have a close working relationship with all of the coaches," said Lampe. "I didn't see that happening, although Duane had some strong qualities. He was good with book work, letters and working with conference commissioners. There wasn't any shortage of confidence, but I don't know if Duane was as comfortable in Colby as much as he seemed to air in his confidence. I really feel that he was not comfortable at Colby College.'

Arntt took over in July 2007, becoming the first full-time athletic director in school history. His one-year reign didn't include much success on the scoreboard with any of the Trojan teams. Of the five team sports at the school, only one (volleyball, 20-19) finished with a better than .500 re-

"I'm one of those people that wouldn't grade myself well, even if things went really well," said

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Steve Lampe, Trojan head wrestling coach

Arntt. "We dealt with some issues, and for the most part everything turned out fairly well."

Even though volleyball was the lone team sport to post a winning a record, co-head coaches Manolo Concepcion and Eddie Rivera were dismissed right after the season. That was just one of a number of coaching changes that occurred in the last year. Five head coaches were either asked to resign or left on their own terms. Another, Trojan men's basketball coach John Woods was asked to resign in February, but regained his job after the college board overturned Arntt and Kreider's recommendation.

What might have been perceived as a slight to some, Arntt says that situation had no effect on his decision to leave.

"That's just part of the job," he said. "That had no bearing. That's a dead issue. I've been in administration long enough to understand why boards make decisions."

Lampe, who was familiar with the situation, had a different take

"He was agitated by that I think," said Lampe. "I don't think that was Duane's choice, though. That was Dr. Kreider's call that got overturned by the board. But I do think Duane was a little intimidated by the decision reversal."

Regardless of what the ultimate reason was behind Arntt's departure, the college must now turn its attention to finding his replacement. Although Lampe says the situation has improved over the years, he would still like to see more of the burden taken off the coaches.

We had one AD in the past who at the beginning of the school year told the coaches 'if you want anything done, do it yourself. I'm not going to help you," said Lam-"Most of us learned to be our own AD in a lot of ways. We do a lot of things that a lot of other college coaches don't do. For the most part, every college coach does all of their own fundraising. In my case, 60 percent of my time is devoted to making money and 40 percent is coaching. I wish it weren't that way."

The ideal candidate? Well, that's pretty clear in his mind.

"I want to see an AD that's very close to the coaches and an AD that will work for the coaches,' said Lampe. "Our program needs to get stronger. To do that, we need really strong leadership, a promoter and a fund raiser."



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Colby grade school football campers participated in a scrimmage Monday. The grade school and middle school football camps concluded Thursday.

Eagles finish youth football camps

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The orange shorts and gray Tshirts were back in the wardrobe. The whistles were out in full force and the humidity normally reserved for two-a-days was in the

All was right in the world again for Colby Eagle football head coach Chris Gardner, who was back out on the practice field this week teaching the game he loves to Colby grade school and middle school students.

"I miss the grass," said Gardner. "It was good to be back on the grass. It's good for the coaches to get the rust off and get back in the

Gardner and his coaching staff spent three hours each morning Monday through Wednesday with middle school students and two-ahalf hours each afternoon with the grade-schoolers. A total of 42 elementary and junior high students participated in the football camps kid, hopefully they stay with it,

this year, which was an increase of six students over last year. 'We had some new faces on the

junior high level," said Gardner. "The great thing is we saw a lot of the same faces we had last year."

Teaching the fundamentals was the main focus, but Gardner also made sure the kids had some fun. A couple of the camp activities included playing Gator Ball and a touchdown dance contest.

For the coaches, Gardner said this was an environment they thrive in.

"I tell everyone our football staff needs to be around kids, because they're good with kids," said Gardner. "The benefit for us is being around the kids and letting them get to know us. It's good just to see where they're at and if there's an excitement for it."

Gardner knows the more enthusiasm for football he and his coaches can provide to the younger kids, the better it will be for

Colby football long-term. "If there's an interest as a young

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said Gardner. "Hopefully, camp allowed them to have fun and learn the fundamentals."

Monday, the fun aspect of camp gets toned down a bit as the high school kids take to the practice field. The high school camp runs Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

"It's a little bit more getting down to business," said Gardner. "It's a big refresher on fundamentals. The kids can knock the cobwebs out before two-a-days. We only have three two-a-days this year, so we'll try to get some more things done in camp.'

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Inside-the-park homer sparks Royals

this series, it wasn't safe to take a

The Chicago White Sox overcame deficits of 4-1 and 5-0 to 1-1 beat Kansas City in the first two

On Thursday night, it was the Royals' turn as they scored four runs in the eighth, capped by Mark and emerged with a 4-1 victory to avoid being swept.

"When I hit it, I was going hard trying to make sure I got a triple," said Teahen, who also had an inside-the-parker on May 27 against Minnesota.

But as second baseman Alexei Ramirez hesitated momentarily before making the relay throw to Silverio frantically waved on Tea- around his sweeping tag.

into too many outs," Teahen said.

The frantic ending ruined an otherwise splendid outing by White Sox starter Mark Buehrle, and kept Royals starter Zack Greinke from losing one of the best games he's thrown all year.

finished second in fan voting for victory the night before. the final AL All-Star spot, crushed

four-hit shutout into the eighth but came out after giving up an RBI double to Mike Aviles that tied it

After Jose Guillen made it 2-1 with an RBI double off Octavio Dotel, Teahen slammed Boone Logan's pitch into right-center and provided what Royals man-Teahen's inside-the-park homer, ager Trey Hillman calls one of the most thrilling sights in baseball.

"I don't think there are many more exciting things for the fans than to see a come-from-behind victory like that and then topped off with an inside-the-park home run," Hillman said. "It's pretty exciting.

As Teahen kept coming, the throw came wide to catcher A.J. the infield, third base coach Luis Pierzynski and the runner slid

> ager Ozzie Guillen said. "The last three days here they have battled back. It's fun, because from one inning to another, you don't know what's going to happen."

Dotel had struck out the side on 10 pitches in the ninth inning of Jermaine Dye, after learning he Chicago's come-from-behind, 7-6

a towering home run off Greinke Mahay (5-0), who pitched one in- up six hits, with one walk and in the fourth. Then Buehrle, a ning and struck out two. Joakim eight strikeouts.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) _ In longtime Royals nemesis, took a Soria, the Royals' only All-Star, pitched the ninth for his 24th save in 26 opportunities.

> Buehrle gave up a leadoff single to John Buck in the eighth and David DeJesus hit a hot grounder to shortstop Orlando Cabrera, who tossed to Ramirez for the force.

But when Ramirez threw to first for the double play, Paul Konerko dropped the ball after a wide throw and DeJesus was safe.

Originally, official scorer Del Black did not rule an error. But he later changed the call to an error on Konerko. Aviles then doubled home the

tying run, bringing Dotel out of the bullpen. Guillen mashed a double off the wall in straightaway center before Teahen came to the plate. Buehrle (6-8) gave up six hits

in 7 1-3 innings and had a season-You have to give credit to them. high eight strikeouts while losing "I trust him. He hasn't run me They kept battling," Chicago man- to the Royals for the first time in five decisions. It was the third time this year he has not issued a

> "I felt strong until the last inning," he said. "Everything happened so quick. It seemed like 5 seconds, and we're down 4-1."

Dve broke an 0-for-13 slide with the towering homer off Greinke, The winner was reliever Ron who went seven innings and gave

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