

Chancellor to speak at fall convocation

By Mia Grigsby
Staff writer of the TCU Daily Skiff

TCU's annual fall convocation will officially begin the university's 112th academic year Thursday, Sept. 20, at 11 a.m. in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium.

Chancellor Bill Tucker, who is now in his sixth year as chancellor of TCU, will speak at the convocation. Last year's fall convocation speaker was Vice President George Bush.

Tucker said that the topic of his speech will be "Where to From Here?" "Bearing in mind that I gave my first convocation address as chancellor five years ago, my intent is to ask the question, 'Where to From Here?'" the chancellor said.

After a quick review of events at TCU during past five years, Tucker said, his speech will focus on his "hopes for the university with specific reference to the next five years."

The public gathering will be highlighted by the announcement of the second recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Teaching.

The award was endowed by an anonymous TCU alumni couple and includes a \$5,000 cash award in recognition of outstanding accomplishment plus a \$5,000 check to cover any expenses the recipient feels will most help his contributions as a teacher.

There are nine nominees for the

award. The nominees representing AddRan College of Arts and Sciences are Robert Doran, mathematics, Bill Reese, sociology, and Bob Frye, English. These three nominees were selected to represent the natural sciences, the social sciences and the humanities, respectively.

There are two nominees from the School of Fine Arts—Emmet Smith, music, and Joseph Helmick, communication pathology.

The rest of the nominees are Glenn Routt, Brite Divinity School, Peggy Mayfield, Harris College of Nursing, Geraldine Dominiak, M.J. Neeley School of Business, and Luther Clegg, School of Education.

The first award was given in 1982 to English professor Betsy Colquitt. In alternate years the award is given for outstanding research; in 1983, the award was presented to William H.

Watson, chemistry professor and department chairman.

Tucker has spent his career in academic administration. After earning degrees at Atlantic Christian College, TCU and Yale University, Tucker served as chairman of the religion department at Atlantic Christian College. He joined the TCU Brite Divinity school faculty as assistant dean in 1966 and served as its dean from 1971 to 1976.

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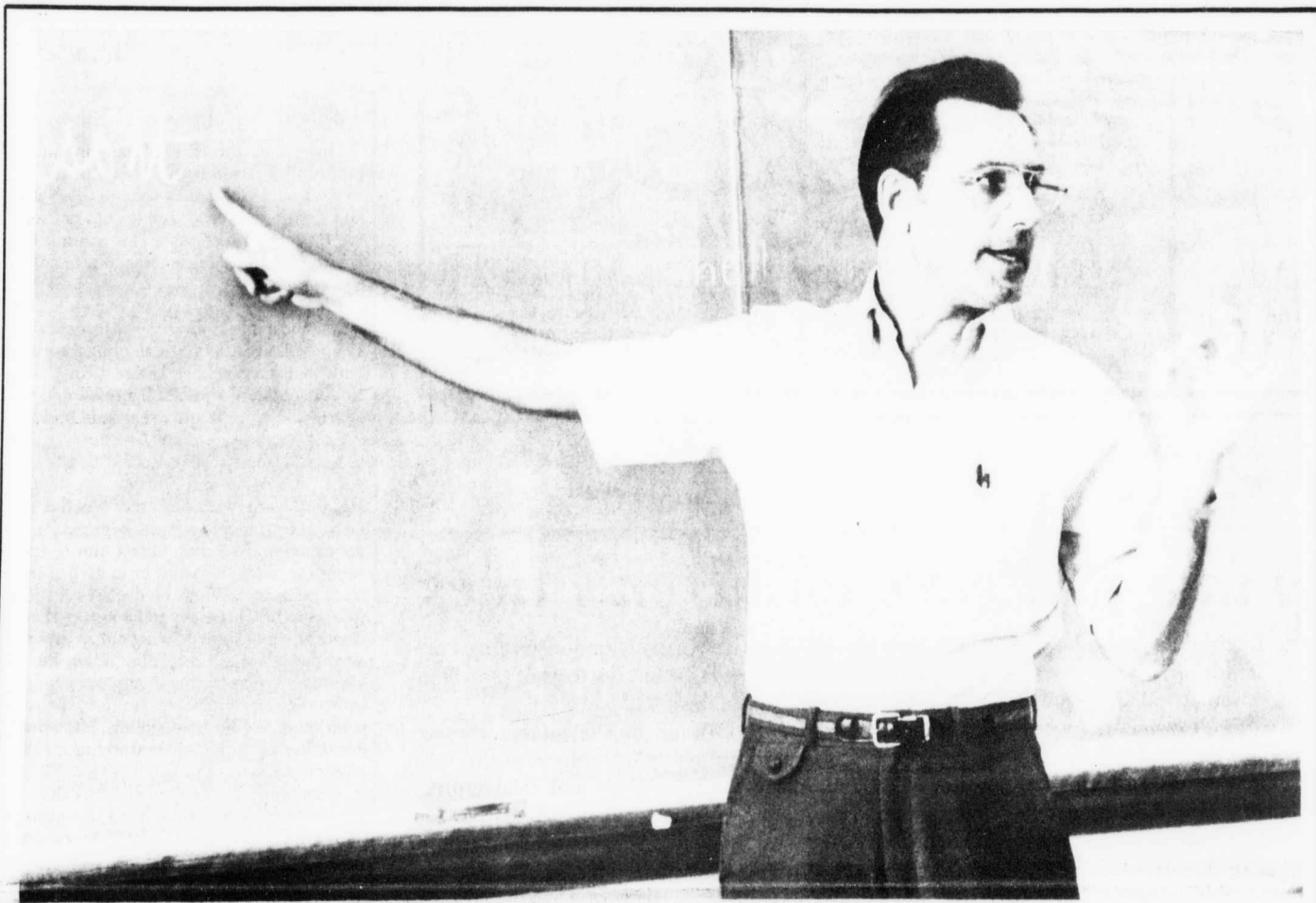
Down to earth

A team of Army parachutists showed their skills to TCU. See Page 4.



Going strong

Participation in intramurals is becoming more popular for TCU students. See Page 6.



YOU SAY IT THIS WAY: Jean Knecht, a TCU French professor, enjoys teaching French. A former missionary in Belgian Congo, Knecht came to

TCU in 1960 and says it is important to know more than one language. Julieanne Miller/TCU Daily Skiff

Belgian rich with opinion about U.S.

By Richard Glass
Staff writer of the TCU Daily Skiff

Agatha Christie's most famous fictional character is a Belgian detective who is frequently mistaken for a Frenchman. He doesn't mind too much for he realizes that a lot of people have never even heard of the country.

Jean Knecht, assistant professor of French and German at TCU endures the same treatment that his fellow countryman did, but Knecht shrugs it off, saying "it really doesn't bother me too much. Americans just don't know their geography."

Knecht said he teaches German at TCU "whenever the need arises," but said he hasn't done it for three years.

"I prefer teaching French," he said, because, "that's my mother's tongue."

Knecht, who tells his students to pronounce his name like "connect" (it is actually much more difficult to say), isn't your run-of-the-mill professor; for one thing, he's been teaching here since 1961. What is

truly unique about him, however, is what he did before he came to the United States.

After receiving his teaching certificate at the University of Liege in Belgium in 1958 and then doing one year of required military service, Knecht took his wife to what was known then as the Belgian Congo in Africa. Today, it is Zaire.

The trip wasn't just another African safari. The two served as missionaries for the Christian Church for a year until the country gained its independence in 1960. Then they had to leave.

"The whole country was in an uproar. We actually fled for our lives; and so, when we arrived back in Belgium, we had lost everything we had ever owned."

His next-door neighbor at the mission was from Fort Worth and suggested that Knecht come to America. Fortunately, TCU had an opening at the time in the French department and the rest is history.

Knecht didn't have too difficult a time adjusting to the American way of life when he came here because

"I did just come out of an experience in Africa where practically all of my colleagues were American."

That is not to say the way of life in Europe is not much different from in the United States.

"The quality of life, I think, is superior in Europe than it is here," Knecht said. "People are more concerned with the quality of their life. Here, it's such a rat race for money. We're terribly materialistic."

Knecht has lived in America longer than anywhere else and now considers himself an American. Two years ago he took a 12-month leave of absence and returned to Belgium.

"I did enjoy it after a while. It took me a little time to get used to it."

French classes with Knecht are rarely boring because of his animated interchange and amusing way of teaching. He still enjoys what he's been doing after all these years. "It's different every time be-

cause your class changes. It's different people, different reactions."

Knecht claims that his style of teaching hasn't changed much in 20 years, but the school has. "It's become much more informal. I was always in a coat and tie. Now, not so much."

He also believes that the quality of students has declined some. People are less concerned with a good education than they were earlier," said Knecht.

One thing that bothers him, he said, is that Americans, especially those in the business world, do not learn a second language. He suggests that learning a foreign language become a requirement. Americans, Knecht said, often are judged poorly because of their own ignorance in that area.

"It's not amazing when you hear the School of Business, people who teach at the university level, come out plainly and tell their students that it's a loss of time to take a language," he pointed out.

Workers laid off as talks resumed

DETROIT (AP)— General Motors Corp. laid off 1,000 more workers Tuesday because of walkouts at 12 of its most profitable facilities, as the company and the United Auto Workers resumed talks to try to smooth out their touchy differences over job security.

Negotiations between representatives of GM and the UAW on a national contract covering 350,000 workers began again Tuesday morning at GM headquarters in Detroit after a one-day breather.

One analyst said the walkout was costing GM \$27 million a day, and the UAW said its members were losing nearly \$6 million a day in wages.

The union said Monday that "significant differences" separate the two sides, and a source said the UAW's chief demand—job security guarantees—remained unresolved despite 19

hours of talks that ended early Monday.

More than 62,000 UAW members remained on strike Tuesday at 13 GM facilities over local disputes not covered by the national contract. The walkouts were disrupting operations at the factories that supply the struck plants.

Officials at GM's Chevrolet Pontiac Canada body parts plant in Marion, Ind., said they were furloughing 523 workers effective Tuesday. About 200 workers at a Chevrolet Truck and Bus Plant in Indianapolis and more than 300 at GM's Inland Dayton Division in Dayton, Ohio, also were told not to report for work, company officials said.

In addition, 5,000 workers at GM's Fisher Body plant in Flint, Mich., were laid off over the weekend.

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Heart recipient gives birth to girl

SAN DIEGO (AP)— Her mother was "terrified" and the 23-year-old woman with a transplanted heart was advised to abort her pregnancy, but she persevered and gave birth to a healthy girl, apparently the first child born of a heart recipient.

Doctors said Monday that Betsy Sneith, who four years ago received the heart of a man who died in a traffic accident, had given birth to 7-pound, 1-ounce Sierra Jamieson Sneith after a pregnancy and delivery with "no complications."

"There is no indication in medical literature that this has ever happened before," said Dr. Thomas Key, of the University of California at San Diego Medical Center, where the birth occurred Sunday. "There have been pregnancies, but they have never gone full term, usually because the cardiac patient did not want (them) to."

"This check was done primarily by word of mouth in the medical community," said Key, an assistant professor of reproductive medicine and director of perinatal medicine at UCSD.

Doctors were concerned that Sneith's male heart would not function the same as a female heart during pregnancy, when it is expected to work about 50 percent harder than normal and undergoes changes to pump blood to the fetus.

"We found her transplanted male heart experienced the same changes as a female heart would," Key said.

"To tell you the truth, I was terrified for her," Sneith's mother, Mada, said in a telephone interview Monday night from Plum Borough, Pa. "We talked to her several times (Sunday). She called to tell us she was having a baby and then she called to tell us everything was OK."

The baby was delivered by Caesarean section because of its breech position, meaning its head was not facing down, said Dr. Robert Resnik, chairman of the Department of Reproductive Medicine at the UCSD, who assisted in the delivery.

"There were no complications in the pregnancy or the delivery," Key said. "The Caesarean was performed because of the fetus' position, not because of any concern about Betsy's heart."

Doctors at Stanford discouraged the pregnancy, but Sneith was persistent, said Dr. Howard Dittrich, her cardiologist at UCSD. She aborted one pregnancy after receiving the heart transplant, he said.

"She had tested her heart appropriately during the last four years and she apparently really wanted a child," Dittrich said.

Sneith rested Monday and declined to talk to reporters. A news conference was expected later this week, said UCSD spokeswoman Pat Jacoby.

At home and around the World

■National

Candidates settle on debate format

WASHINGTON (AP)— Ronald Reagan and Walter F. Mondale have settled on a presidential debate format that prevents a direct confrontation between the two candidates but opens both to lengthy questioning by a four-person panel.

The League of Women Voters announced Monday that two 90-minute televised presidential debates would be held Oct. 7 in Louisville, Ky., and Oct. 21 in Kansas City.

A third match-up between the two opposing vice-presidential nominees, George Bush and Geraldine A. Ferraro, will be held in Philadelphia on Oct. 11, the league said.

Public announcement of the debates followed tough, behind-the-scenes negotiations for nearly a month between White House Chief of Staff James Baker and Mondale campaign director James Johnson, and their top aides.

Under the format, Reagan and Mondale will face a moderator and four panelists, probably all journalists, who will question the candidates in the first debate on the economy and other domestic issues, and in the second on defense and foreign policy.

Mondale had sought a format under which the candidates would have questioned one another. But Reagan's aide, Baker, opposed the idea.

Campaigning Monday in Dearborn, Mich., Mondale said he had hoped for as many as six debates but that two were "all that we could get."

Of his thwarted effort for a direct face-off, Mondale said, "I think it's a part of the president's candidacy to try to get re-elected by answering as few questions as possible."

White House deputy press secretary Marlin Fitzwater said Reagan "looks forward to these debates. . . ."

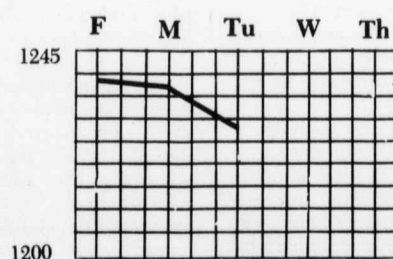
"He has said from the beginning that he supports the principal of debates and that presidential candidates should debate the issues," Fitzwater said.

At a news conference in Washington, League President Dorothy S. Ridings said the league had originally proposed a single moderator similar to the format used effectively by Mondale in a debate last winter with rival Sen. Gary Hart, D-Colo., during the New York primary campaign. The moderator then was Dan Rather of "CBS News."

Reagan campaign negotiators insisted on an indirect format with panelists posing the questions, said Ridings.

Each of the panelists will ask either Reagan or Mondale a question. Once it has been answered, the candidate will be asked a follow-up question. The second candidate will be asked the same question, plus a follow-up, after which both candidates will be permitted a rebuttal. Once the questioning has finished, Mondale and Reagan will each deliver a closing statement.

■Wall Street



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■Weather

Today's weather is expected to be fair with a high in the low 90s.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The young man is deliberately odd and prides himself on it; the old man is unintentionally so, and it mortifies him.

-Richter

OPINION

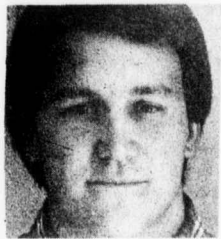
QUOTE OF THE DAY

I have always thought I was an American. I'm just making it legal.

-Amparo Carrera, born in Cuba, became a naturalized U.S. citizen Monday in the Miami Orange Bowl with 9,705 others.

CAMPUS

Mondale not the answer for economy



By Peter Vermillion

Most Americans would agree that there are far too many people in this country who are "economically poor" or unemployed, or both. In fact, in most countries across the world, including communist ones, the people would probably agree that there are too many economically disadvantaged in their country. It almost seems that a degree of poverty is inherent among large societies. That is not to say that poverty is to be tolerated, just that no modern society has yet to function without some poor or disadvantaged. Most Americans feel it is a problem that should be addressed—but *how* the problem of helping the poor is dealt with (not whether or not we should) is where disagreement sets in.

This last statement is important because it exposes one of Walter Mondale's false claims about President Reagan and conservatives in general. Because Reagan differs with Mondale and other liberal leaders about how to address the problem of the poor, some liberals would say he must therefore not care or hurt about the poor as much as the Democratic presidential nominee does. In fact, Mondale would like us to believe that Reagan despises poor people. Mondale likes to take off his coat, roll up his sleeves, loosen his tie and get mad and emotional when talking about the underprivileged (especially when the camera is rolling). The press eats it up. . . . Boy, he must really care!

C'mon! Reagan hams it up a lot. But make no mistake—the "Oscar" goes to Mondale.

Reagan and conservatives in general do not like to see poor Americans any more than Mondale and his liberal colleagues do. It is sad and unfair that there are disadvantaged in this country. But how do you solve the problem?

Mondale says if he is elected, government will come to the rescue with new programs and government subsidies, increased taxes and cuts in defense spending. Yet is this not the same old road that the liberal leadership has been on for years? America got a taste of such policies under Carter. They did not help the poor or the unemployed in the long run. In fact, when Carter and Mondale left office, interest rates were soaring near 20 percent and inflation was more than 12 percent. But that's not the whole story.

By the time the effect of such high interest rates and poor economic conditions were felt, Carter and Mondale were out of office. Reagan was inaugurated in January 1981. It took several months for his programs and policies to be outlined, let alone enacted by Congress. It wasn't until 1982, and really 1983 and 1984, that Reagan's policies had much effect.

With economic conditions as they were when Carter and Mondale left office, there was no place for the economy to go but down—and down it went. The terrible recession resulted in the worst unemployment since the Great Depression. I cannot see how the poor and unemployed were helped by all that.

Reagan plans to help the poor and unemployed, not by subsidizing them and overtaxing working Americans to pay for it, but by providing them with real jobs in a healthy economy and an opportunity to climb out from dependence on politicians like Mondale.

Vermillion is a senior geology major

WHAT DO YOU THINK ?

The TCU Daily Skiff welcomes letters to the editor and guest columns. The page is designed to offer a forum for thought, comment and insight concerning campus, state, national and international issues. All letters and columns *must* be typed and double-spaced. In addition, a picture must accompany all columns. These can be taken by a Skiff photographer when the article is submitted.



EDITORIAL

New safety law will save children's lives

This summer the Texas State Legislature passed a law that will save the lives of many children.

The law, which goes into effect Jan. 1, 1985, requires that infants under 2 years of age who ride in an automobile must be secured in a child passenger restraint system that meets the federal standards for crash-tested restraint systems as set by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Children 2 to 4 years old must be secured by either a similar restraining seat or a safety belt.

An offense of the law is punishable by a \$25 to \$50 fine.

Charges may be dismissed if the offender produces proof of purchase of a safety seat within ten days of the offense. Safety seat prices range from \$22 to \$50.

The November 1983 issue of *Consumers Research Magazine* categorized automobile accidents as the "number 1 preventable cause of serious and fatal injury to infants and children, resulting in more than 70,000 injuries to youngsters under five years of age and claiming 700-800 lives annually."

The article also said that safety seats can reduce the chances of fatal injury by as much as 90 percent.

BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



LETTERS

Separation necessary for freedom

Regarding Laura Chatham's column on the separation of politics and religion:

Just who are you to tell us how our founding fathers would have wanted things? When was the last time you spoke with Thomas Jefferson, George Washington or Alexander Hamilton? Yes, the nation was formed "under God," but you note that it is *under* God, not *upon* God. And even then, whose god, what god, and in what form god? And since when does, or did, Benjamin Franklin speak for the entire population of the United States?

So the Bible is used as a textbook. Does this mean you want to adopt principles of elementary statistics as national tenets as well? No one is persecuting the administration for "its" religious beliefs, or saying that religious beliefs are either good or bad. The "furor" is over the attempt to force religious beliefs upon any of the American people. If

the foreign policy of America was to be based upon Catholic, Methodist, Buddhist, or any other religious principles, would that not in effect be saying the American nation is a Catholic, Methodist, Buddhist, or perhaps, Moslem nation? I get the feeling you would not enjoy being represented as such if we had a Moslem president, so why should you expect them to enjoy being portrayed as fundamentalists?

Politics is not only separated from religion, but that separation is necessary for any nation which purports to be the land of the free and the land of opportunity. Politics and morality are another issue. The first colonists came here to escape religious persecution and to establish government without religion. It is well and good that the leaders of our nation attend church and are God-fearing people, but this does not and should not affect the policies they set forth in the

name of and for a country of diverse peoples and beliefs.

As for your quotation of Morse, I can only point out a few examples of "Christian" government such as the Spanish Inquisition, the persecution of the Huguenots in France under Cardinal Richelieu, the burning of Jan Hus, and the persecution of "heretics" including Galileo in earlier times. Since when are spirituality and morality necessarily linked—since the burning of Joan of Arc or since the Christian camp massacres in Lebanon? Adolph Hitler was a Roman Catholic, let us not forget. If these represent your Christian-Republican principles, you can keep them, for they are not a republic in my eyes.

-Timothy C. Dowling
Senior journalism/history major

God is non-partisan

I would like to respond to Laura Chatham's Sept. 13 column, "Politics and religion are inseparable." The points I want to make can apply just as well to most of Greg Butchart's columns, too.

First of all, I am getting tired of hearing people tell me I must hold certain positions on secular issues in order to be a Christian. Oh, they usually don't put it that way directly. But such is their point.

As a Southern Baptist, I strongly support the separation of church and state, an entirely constitutional principle. It is just as much unconstitutional to forbid voluntary practice of religion as it is to force one's beliefs on others. So, I support the right of students to

meet voluntarily for religious purposes, but oppose state-supported prayer.

Among Southern Baptists, you will find general agreement on Biblical issues, but our political views range all over the spectrum. Only a few extremists attempt to force their political perspectives on others. That's the way it should be—we recognize and accept our political diversity.

However, neither Chatham nor Butchart would seem to agree. For Chatham, God is a Republican. For Butchart, God is, if not a socialist, at least a Democrat.

I, however, agree with television evangelist Pat Robertson, a political conservative, who once said, "God isn't a left-

winger or a right-winger." Trying to make Christianity, or any other religion, into a political movement is an insult to that faith.

The fact is that this nation is, and has been, a pluralistic nation politically and religiously. All this debate over who is more "Christian," Reagan or Mondale, seems to me an insult to all the non-Christians of this nation. Jews, Muslims, agnostics and atheists, among others, are just as much a part of this nation as Protestants and Catholics.

-Stan Wonn
Junior journalism major

CAMPUS

All deserve political attention



By Greg Butchart

Once again the issue of religion and politics has raised its ugly head in the Skiff. Laura Chatham's column "Religion and Politics are Inseparable" has caused me to start a precedent. This column is written for the sole purpose of refuting her column.

I agree with Chatham on one point: religion and politics are indeed inseparable. People of all faiths have an obligation to vote their conscience. The real controversy is how a public figure should relate to the church and synagogue and vice versa.

As much as I dislike Ronald Reagan, I am an American and he is my president. His job, along with our other elected officials, is to run this country's immense government. We didn't elect him to comment on religious issues or to give spiritual guidance. When he declares a specific group of Christians to be better than another, then he is leaving out everyone who doesn't share the faith. When he praises a group for being anti-abortion, anti-homosexual, and leaves out Christians who disagree, he is meddling. He would be better off in his office working on the deficit.

Chatham seems to believe that the "humanists" are some kind of threat to the United States. I would like to know exactly what a humanist is. Various dictionaries have different definitions. It's like trying to define a Republican or a Democrat or even an American. There are certainly some humanists who are atheists and others who are Christians or Jews. The common theme throughout all of the definitions is "a person who seeks to promote human welfare."

If this is the case, all Christians should be humanists. Jesus calls on us to be deeply concerned about humanity. I have a feeling I would find very little opposition to this definition from the ministers on campus or the professors in the religion department. To say that all or most humanists are atheists is the same as claiming that all Republicans are against the Equal Rights Amendment or all Democrats are in favor of it. I would like to explain to Chatham that Jesus was himself a humanist but of course not an atheist.

I have no problem with Walter Mondale supporting a group of humanists, who may or may not be atheists. A president should be interested in human welfare. I have seen Reagan praise Judaism although that faith doesn't believe Jesus to be the Messiah. Is it really Mondale's business if the humanists believe in God or not?

I enjoyed Chatham's statement about "atheistic, agnostic and religious radicals who claim the concept of separation between church and state is constitutional." Which radicals are you speaking of, the Supreme Court, several past presidents or perhaps literally millions of church members across the United States? I am studying to be a minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). I don't want the government doing my job. School prayer, creationism and all of that other nonsense is the opening salvo of a state religion. The role of government officials is large enough without them acting like preachers.

If Chatham really believes Walter Mondale is persecuting our leadership on religious grounds, then maybe we should take a look at our leadership. Ronald Reagan professes to be pro-family. I guess he doesn't include his own. His relationship with his children is less than desirable, and of course there is that nasty divorce business. He is anti-abortion yet favors capital punishment. If that isn't hypocritical enough, he wants to build more nuclear weapons which could make all of humanity an abortion. The "gipper" doesn't even make it to church very often. I believe it's because of a security risk or something.

The point is that no one should make a politician look like a pagan. Anyone who claims he or she is a Christian is a Christian. Only God knows the truth, certainly not a liberal columnist or a conservative editor of the Skiff.

Butchart is a junior religion/history major

Around Campus

Memorial services for students to be held this week
 Memorial services will be held this week for two students who recently died. Lisa Ann Morris, who died Saturday morning, will be remembered today at 5 p.m. in Robert Carr Chapel. The service for Jeffrey Dudderar, who died Monday, will be held Saturday at 5 p.m. in Robert Carr Chapel.

Fall Convocation scheduled
 Fall Convocation at TCU will be held Thursday, Sept. 20, at 11 a.m. in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. Chancellor Bill Tucker will be the featured speaker. No classes will meet from 11 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. so that students may attend.

Pre-med/Pre-dent groups to sponsor speaker
 The TCU Pre-med/Pre-dent department will sponsor a lecture by TCU Kinesiological Studies Professor Dan Southard. His speech, "Motor Control and You," will be presented today at 5:15 p.m. in Sid Richardson Lecture Hall 4.

Career Planning and Placement Center to hold workshop
 The TCU Career Planning and Placement Center will hold a workshop on job hunting today at 3:30 p.m. in Student Center Room 220. The workshop will focus on traditional and non-traditional ways to approach the job market. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Phi Kappa Sigma to host Manday
 The Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity invites everyone to attend its annual Manday party Friday, Sept. 21, in Forest Park. For information call the Phi Kappa Sigma office at 921-7900.

Women's business fraternity to hold rush
 Phi Chi Theta, a business fraternity for women, will hold rush today at 4:30 p.m. in Dan Rogers Hall Room 107. Any business major may attend.

Circle K to meet today
 Circle K, a community service organization, will meet today in Student Center Room 205 at 6 p.m. Anyone interested may attend.

Meeting concerns Rhodes scholarships
 A meeting concerning Rhodes scholarships and overseas study scholarships will be held Thursday, Sept. 20, at 7 p.m. in Sadler Hall Room 210. The meeting is primarily for current degree candidates in their senior year who will apply for Rhodes Scholarships, Marshall Scholarships and Fulbright Awards for 1985-87. The meeting is also open to all undergraduates considering the prize scholarships for future years. For additional information, call Neil Daniel at 921-6241.

College republicans to meet today
 The TCU chapter of College Republicans will hold a meeting tonight in at 8 p.m. in Student Center Room 203. Everybody is welcome.

University Chapel services today
 University Chapel services will be held at noon today in Robert Carr Chapel.

Talks: go on

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"I think there are going to be a lot of ripple effects. To prevent parts backup, they'll have to shut down a lot of plants," said David Healy, automotive industry analyst for Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc. in New York.

GM spokesman John Mueller in Detroit said he did not know whether layoffs were forthcoming at any other of the company's 150 U.S. facilities. "You'd have to call every one of them to find out," he said.

The Marion factory makes parts used at seven of the plants with strikes. The Indianapolis facility supplies sheet metal stampings for trucks assembled at truck plants in Pontiac, Mich., and Shreveport, La., said GM spokesman William C. Spidle.

The strikes were affecting plants producing some of GM's fastest-selling cars, such as the Fiero sports car, which is produced in Pontiac, Mich. Analysts predicted large losses if the walkouts continue.

Healy said they could cost the automaker up to \$27 million a day. UAW locals with 62,000 members at 12 GM assembly plants and a research center went on strike over the local issues Friday night, when the old contracts expired.

A tentative settlement at the Van Nuys, Calif., plant Sunday night put some of its 4,000 UAW workers back on the job Monday. But efforts to resume production were short-lived. About 85 percent of the 2,100 day-shift workers showed up, but "several hundred" went to lunch and didn't return, said local union president Pete Beltran.

Soviets hold U.S. crew

MOSCOW (AP)—The captain of an American crew seized last week off the coast of Siberia said today his ship was boarded by armed Soviet soldiers and towed into port, and he urged people back home to "continue to pray" for their release.

In another conversation, the skipper said the crewmen had explained "many, many, many times" that they did not deliberately violate Soviet territory, but Soviet authorities were "not satisfied."

Capt. Tabb Thoms, 45, told The Associated Press in a telephone call placed from Moscow to the crew's place of detention in Urelik that he and four crew members detained since Wednesday were well but have been told nothing about when they might return home.

"We were on our way to an island," Thoms said when asked to describe how his vessel, the 120-foot supply ship Frieda K, was seized.

"We neared a gray ship to obtain local knowledge of any danger. We were boarded by many soldiers carrying guns and were later towed by another battleship. Hours later they came and towed us to where we are."

"They say we violated a Soviet boundary," the skipper said.

Thoms said Monday when contacted by Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, that the Soviets want the crew to sign papers acknowledging they intentionally ventured into Soviet waters.

The U.S. Embassy in Moscow said Monday the five sailors, all from Homer, Alaska, were at a hotel in the town of Urelik on the Bay of Providence, across the Bering Strait from Alaska. But Thoms said today that it appeared to be a "military installation."

The embassy said that it also talked with one of the sailors and was assured that all were "safe and well."

"The embassy is now attempting to secure the release of the five crewmen and their safe passage home," said embassy spokesman Mark Smith.

In the United States, the other four crew members were identified by the U.S. Coast Guard as Tate Thoms, Mark Halpin, Robert Miller and Charles Burrall.

Thoms told Stevens that they were taken into custody in the narrow strait between the islands of Big Diomedea, a Soviet possession, and Little Diomedea, part of the United States.

"They want us to sign many papers saying that we have intentionally and

knowingly violated the Soviet border. This is not true," Thoms said.

"Don't tell them you did something that you know you didn't do. That will just get you in trouble later," Stevens said.

Thoms said today that his crew was communicating with the Soviets through interpreters but "they will tell us nothing" about when the men might go home.

He said that their place of detention appeared to be "a military installation."

Asked about the report that the men were in a military installation, U.S. Embassy spokesman Tom Johnston in Moscow said, "what we understood when we talked to them was that they were in a hotel."


The telephone connection to Siberia was extremely poor and it was impossible to obtain from Thoms an explanation of the discrepancy or much news about him and his crew.

Thoms said that they had requested and been denied outside communication. When The Associated Press reached Urelik, however, a man who answered the phone readily handed it to the Americans.

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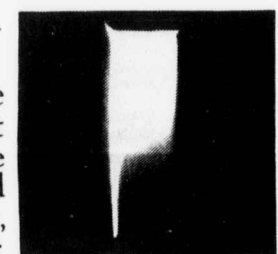



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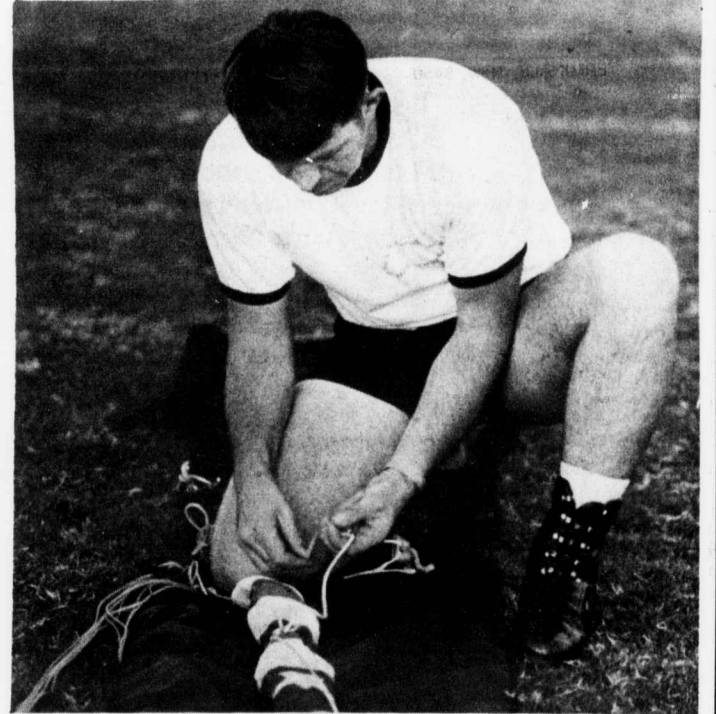
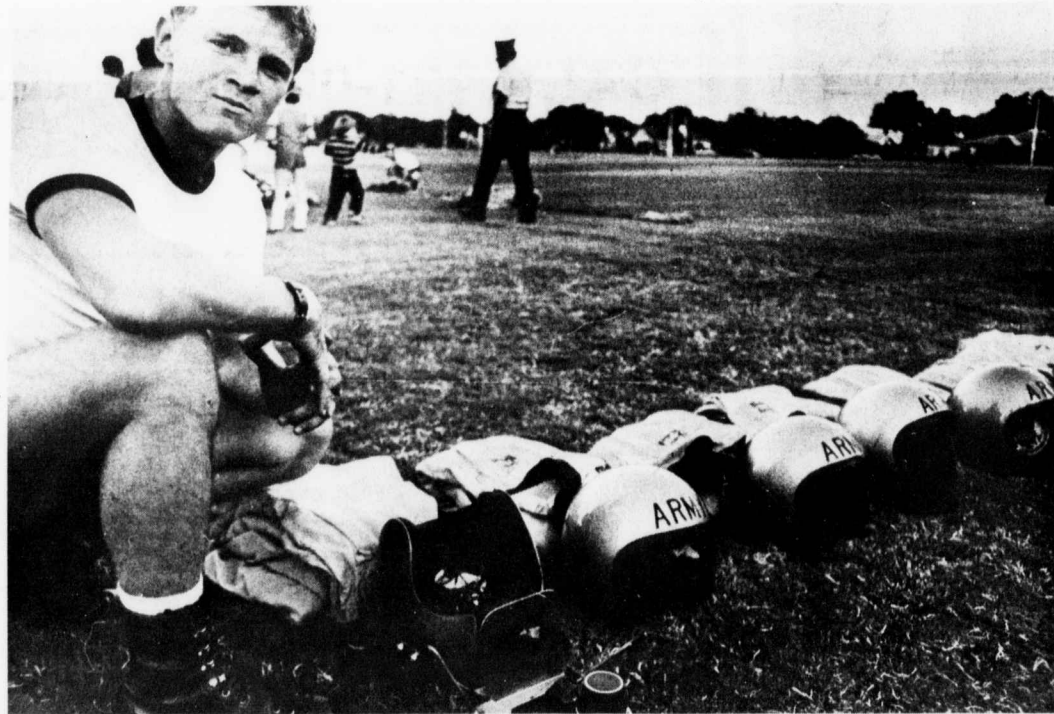
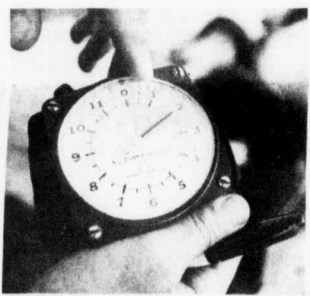
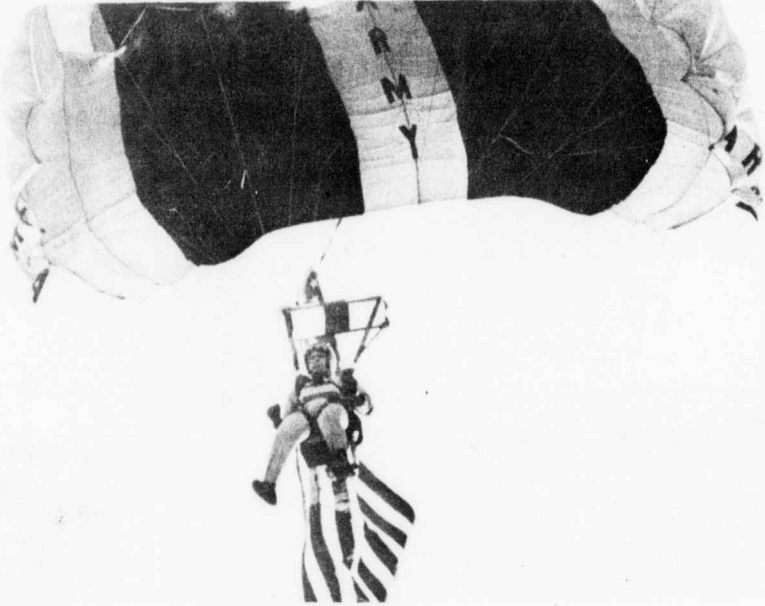
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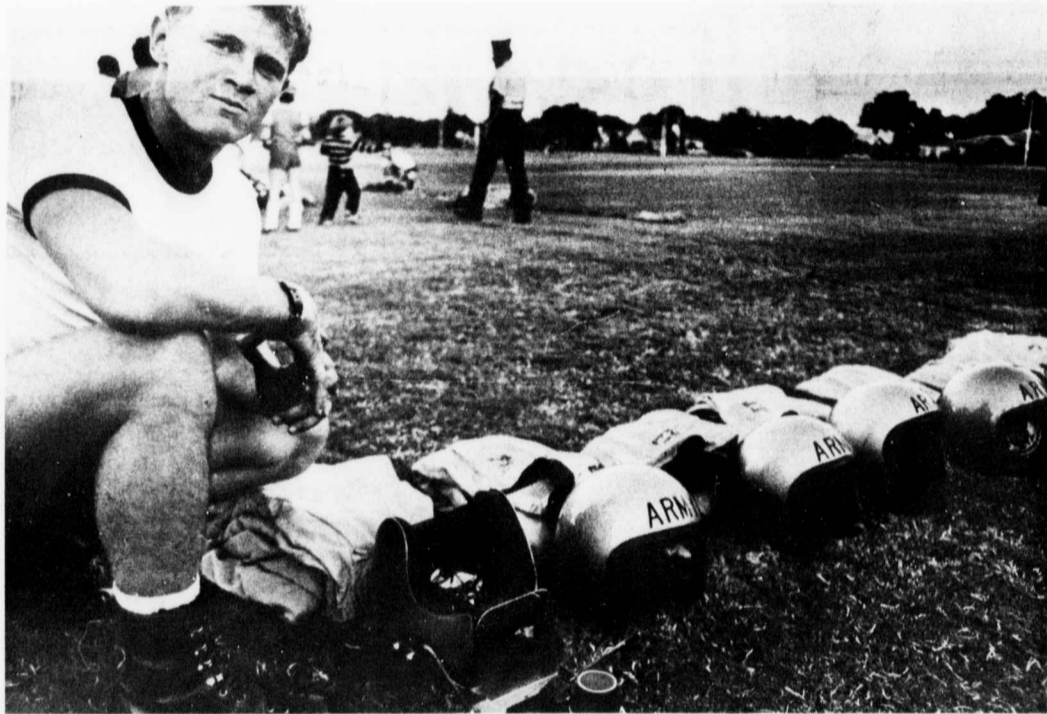
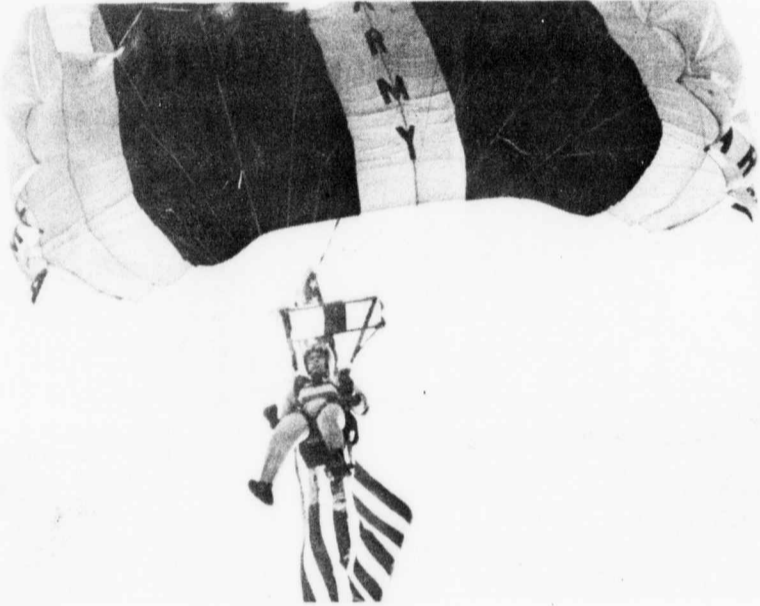
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Publication lists Texas billionaires

DALLAS (AP)— Five Dallas billionaires, including four members of the Hunt family, are among the top 10 of the richest Americans, according to *Forbes* magazine.

The list, released Monday by the magazine in New York, includes 52 Texans. New York had 83 and California had 53, the magazine reported.

Heading the Texas list was H. Ross Perot, 54, founder of Electronic Data Systems, and Nelson Bunker Hunt, 58, the oil and real estate magnate.

Perot, who was chairman of Texas Gov. Mark White's special committee on education, still serves as chief executive officer of EDS, which was recently sold to General Motors.

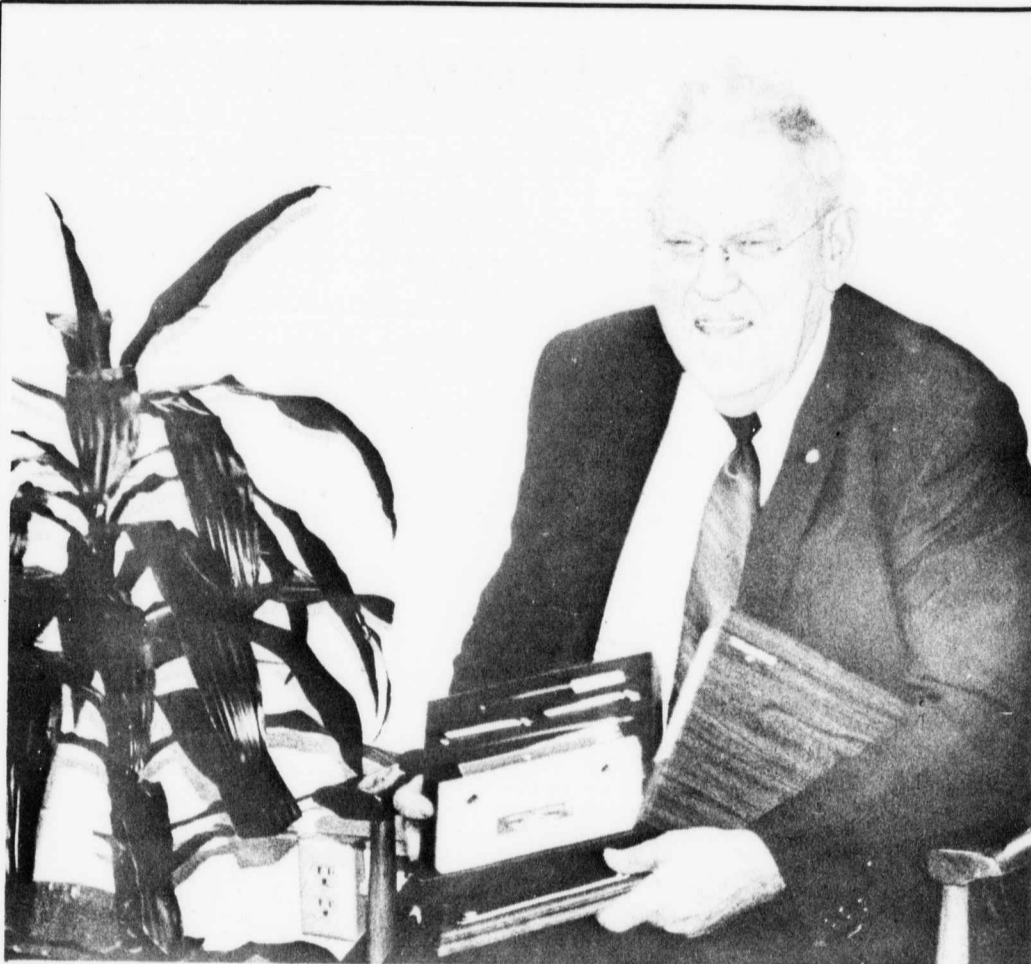
Perot and Hunt both had their minimum net worth estimated at \$1.4 billion.

Margaret Hill, 69, daughter of H.L. Hunt, is No. 6 with a minimum net worth also at \$1.4 billion.

Listed next was her sister, Caroline Hunt Schoellkopf, 61. Her minimum worth is \$1.3 billion.

William Herbert Hunt, 55, another son of H.L. Hunt, was No. 10 on the list. His worth is estimated at \$1 billion.

Others on the list are Fort Worth's four Bass brothers—Sid Richardson, Edward Perry, Robert Muse and Lee Marshall—and their father, Perry Richardson Bass, each worth about \$600 million.



HIS WORK IS DONE: A.L. Stevens is retiring after working 29 years at TCU's physical plant. A reception was held in his honor for his service to TCU. Courtesy Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Retiring craft technician tells of days at TCU

By Bill Brownlee
Staff writer of the TCU Daily Skiff

September has always been a big month for A.L. Stevens. In 1919, on Sept. 17, he was born. He was married Sept. 17, 1950. Last Friday, Sept. 14, Stevens retired from his job at TCU.

A craft technician, Stevens' duties at the university included welding, metal work, and carpentry. He said he is bittersweet about his retirement.

"The only thing about retirement," Stevens said, "is that you don't have anything to take a break from."

Stevens, who had worked at the TCU Physical Plant for 29 years, was honored at a Physical Plant retirement party attended by more than two dozen of his fellow workers and friends.

At the party, he was presented with a plaque commemorating his service for TCU. His co-workers also gave him a pen set.

Stevens said the campus has tripled in size since he has been at TCU. He said the campus "is not

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even recognizable" compared to its appearance when he began work at TCU almost 30 years ago.

Although the maintenance department had only one electric drill and one pickup truck when he came to work at TCU, Stevens feels that those were the department's best days.

"The best years were when the department was small," he said. "You didn't have to ask for help. We had more liberties and we did our work."

Over the years Steven has gained respect from his peers.

"He was always willing to help," said Jerry Morrow, heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) supervisor. "We liked him a lot."

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GOAL BOUND: Terry Lacy, number 23, defends against an opposing Phi Delt player during Thursdays

game. Lacy is a member of the Fiji intramural soccer team. DAN PETERSEN/TCU Daily Skiff

Intramural sports begin

By Amy Hoyme
Staff writer of the TCU Daily Skiff

Intramurals is a fast growing trend at TCU. Not only do the 17 fraternities and sororities compete, but so do representatives from Tau Chi Upsilon, Brite Divinity School, residence halls and many other organizations.

Maggie Mabee has headed TCU intramurals for the past six years. She said that there is usually no problem with participation and that even before she took over, the system was strong.

"We just try to work with different teams to help them get organized," Mabee said.

The department plans few changes. Mabee said, "We want to keep it pretty much the same, but we do want to add a few things." Those additions include coed flag football and water polo using inner tubes.

There are two women's soccer leagues, one on Tuesday and one on Wednesday, and four flag football leagues, one all Greek and three independent. Greek males who wish to participate in an independent league may do so without using their Greek name.

The 25-member intramural staff has its hands full keeping the leagues

organized. "They serve as the referees and score keepers," Mabee said.

Forfeits are a negative factor in intramural play. Not only do they make figuring the standings difficult, but they are a waste of time for the staff and opposing team who shows up to play.

The first round of competition was recently completed. In the men's Monday division of flag football, the Chops were victorious over the Ball-Busters, while Brachman ended up on the low end against the Ranchers. The Re Petes (former occupants of Pete Wright Dormitory) beat Brite Divinity School 18-12 and the Graduates won by forfeit.

On Tuesday, Sept. 4, the Greek men went at each other with the Phi Delta Theta beating Delta Tau Delta 9-0, the Sigma Chis victorious over Phi Kappa Sigma and Lambda Chi Alpha defeating Phi Gamma Delta. Kappa Sigma received a bye.

In the Greek men's second week of competition, it was Lambda Chi over Sigma Chi 14-6. Kappa Sigma beat Phi Gamma Delta and Phi Kappa Sigma beat Delta Tau Delta. Phi Delta Theta got a bye.

In the men's Wednesday division, Sept. 5 proved to be a lucky day for the Polar Bears, the Argonauts and

the Former Frogs. On Sept. 12, Tau Chi Upsilon was victorious over the Falcons and the Polar Bears were once again invincible.

The Thursday league of men's independent flag football players had a good turnout with Clarkmen I beating the Owls 7-0. The Trojans beat Pete Wright 12-0. And finally, Clarkmen II beat the Wright Brothers 12-6.

In the women's soccer league, the Greeks and independents are mixed and there are two leagues, one Tuesday and one Wednesday. On Sept. 11, the women of Delta Delta Delta sorority stunned the Chi Omegas in a 3-0 victory. Alpha Phi was victorious over Kappa Delta 2-0 and the Zeta Tau Alpha vs. Pi Beta Phi game was postponed.

In the Wednesday women's league, the Polar Bears pulled out a narrow victory over Jarvis/Brachman, 3-2 in overtime. Alpha Delta Pi beat Kappa Alpha Theta 1-0 and Delta Gamma trounced Kappa Kappa Gamma 4-0.

Men's soccer has two leagues. The Thursday league is Greek, and so the Phi Delta Theta and Phi Gamma Delta have been the only victors. The independents played Sept. 10, and the Polar Bears beat International Students' Association 3-1. Brachman beat the Aucas 2-0 and Pete Wright beat the Tom Brown Rowdies 3-0.

No surgery for Sciaraffa, Ledet returns

Doctors treating quarterback Anthony Sciaraffa decided they didn't need to operate on his ankle Tuesday morning. Instead, they placed a cast on his ankle, which will take two weeks to heal. Sciaraffa will undergo rehabilitation after the cast is removed. Quarterback Coach Bob DeBesse said he hopes to have him back for the latter part of the season.

Defensive end Kevin Dean (high bruise) and strong safety Egypt Allen (sprained ankle) are both listed as questionable for Saturday's game against Kansas State.

Quarterback Thomas Ledet returned to the team on Sunday after leaving the team Thursday. "He said he made a bad judgment and the weekend gave him a chance to think about what he did," said DeBesse.

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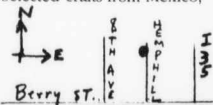
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