

When the Bears heard that their Sunday evening flight would be substantially delayed, they split off in different directions. A couple of players who live close to O'Hare went home. Most stayed at the airport, though, where they grabbed a bite to eat. But team public relations director Ken Valdiserri yearned for something more hearty. He headed for Lawry's downtown, and carried with him a request from Mike Ditka to bring back a meal. Valdiserri returned with a steak dinner for the coach, who had passed the time playing cards with area car dealers also on the charter. But by the time Valdiserri had come back, Ditka's appetite was gone, so the PR man took the dinner to another card game. Jim Morrissey, Ron Rivera, Steve Fuller and Cap Boso were thrilled to see him. In fact, Boso was so hungry he offered Valdiserri \$25 for the good eats. That brought a storm of protest, so Valdiserri settled the matter by cutting the cards and having each player take one off the deck. Who drew the high card? Boso with a jack.

P.S. No word on whether he shared.

Speaking of card games ...

... Dan Reeves got to know Ditka over a game of cards, and he recently reminisced about that 1969 encounter. Reeves, a running back for the Cowboys, was just coming off knee surgery. Ditka had just been traded to Dallas from Philadelphia, and he, too, had knee problems, so both reported to camp with the rookies for extra rehab. They were the only two veterans in camp and played a lot of gin rummy to kill time. Reeves hated the game and rarely won, but one night he hit a streak. The more Reeves won, the madder Ditka got. With each loss, Ditka changed the cards. He went through three decks and was working on a fourth when Reeves got his best hand of the night and simply laid it on the table. Ditka got so angry he stood up and threw his chair against the wall. All four legs stuck into the plaster. Then he took the deck of cards, tore them in half and threw them out the window. Says Reeves now: "I knew then he was a little bit different."

Perfect timing

The band had just played the opening strains of "My Girl" when Dave Duerson arrived at the West Side sound studio last Thursday. Not missing a beat, Duerson removed his suit jacket—he'd come from an appearance for Blue Cross-Blue Shield-segued up to the microphone and began crooning, "I got sunshine, on a cloudy day. ..." It was Duerson's last practice with the Chicago 6 before the Bears left for Denver, and he sang that Temptations classic twice. Each repeat is crucial, since the group debuts Dec. 10 at the Pavilion.

More music ...

Among the others attempting to even out their numbers was Blackhawk Curt Fraser, who solos on Bruce Springsteen's "Dancing in the Dark." As Fraser sang while accompanied on guitar by teammate Gary Nyland, his mother and father gazed at him supportively. Jeanie and Larry Fraser had flown in from Vancouver to hear the group, and before practice was over, Larry had joined drummer Walter Payton in the running back's vocal rendition of "Twist and Shout."

Tight squeeze

By the way, the Chicago 6 perform on a Thursday evening, which means the musicians will have put in a full day of practice (on the field and the ice) before the concert. Since time is so tight, Blackhawks Fraser, Nyland and Troy Murray will be picked up by limo directly from the Stadium, taken to a hotel to change and then driven to the Pavilion. Things will be even more frantic for Payton, Duerson and Dan Hampton. They don't finish practice in Lake Forest until 4:30 p.m., so they'll be helicoptered directly to the Pavilion to avoid traffic jams.

It didn't hurt

In a rash moment, Tom Secco made a rash promise. The Triton soccer coach vowed that if his players advanced all the way to the national championships, he'd pierce his ear. So guess who's sporting a diamond in his lobe? Here's how it happened. Immediately after clinching the Midwest championship at the College of Du Page on Sunday, team members grabbed Secco, held him down, iced his ear, sterilized the area (under the watchful eye of trainer Mike Palmer), then presented the coach with the above mentioned diamond. Maybe diamonds will be Secco's best friend Thursday when the team begins national competition in Trenton, N.J.

News, notes and nonsense

Cheerleaders and the school band regale coach Bill Foster and the Northwestern basketball team next Monday evening at a pep rally in the Huddle Bar at the Orrington Hotel in Evanston. NU's football banquet is set for that same night at the Orrington, and coach Francis Peay and his players are expected to drop by. . . . Injured Bear Tim Wrightman and former players Ted Albrecht and Bob Thomas appear at Crain's Quarterback Club luncheon Tuesday. . . . Natural tie-in: Dennis Gentry makes a personal appearance at the Gentry Clothing Shop in Arlington Heights at 7 p.m. Tuesday, while Willie Gault appears at the same time at the Gentry store in Highland Park. A percentage of the evening's sales goes to the Better Boys Foundation.

And finally: Former Bear Stefan Humphries said he'd given his new Bronco teammates a special piece. of advice about William Perry before Monday's game. Warned Humphries: "Just get out of his way when he starts falling down." You may recall that Humphries suffered a broken toe in Chicago when he failed to

heed that advice.



Competition between rugby players from Toulon and Carcassone gets hair-raising during a match in Toulon, France.

themselves chasing their own tails in their efforts to clean up natives' eating habits before the 1988 Olympics.

In May, 1984, Seoul officials banned traditional delicacies such as dog meat and earthworm soup, saying the exotic dishes would repel foreigners attending

the Olympics and give South Korea a bad image.

Officials of the Seoul government find

But the government's ban has had little success. In fact, customers are sitting up and begging for more.

"Once you've had a plate of dog meat you don't want any other kind of meat,' said a beaming restaurant owner as he watched his customers enjoying hearty lunches of dog stew. "Business is flourishing."

City officials admit the ban has done little except to drive dog meat restaurants into back streets where inspectors seldom spot them.

The restaurateur, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the ban is impossible to impose, despite potential fines of up to \$2,500. "How can they enforce it? Even the police eat here," he said.

Koreans who enjoy a good lunch of dog say they don't understand why some

foreigners find the idea repulsive.

Waiter, there's a collar in my soup

They insisted they love dogs as much

"They go to restaurants to eat dog."

as anybody. "People are very fond of dogs, they don't eat their pets," said one man.

City officials say action was taken against the dog restaurants because of foreign complaints that the practice was cruel. But the ban does not apply to the countryside, where the dishes can be served openly. The ban has boosted the price of a dog lunch or a bowl of snake soup because of the risk to restaurant owners and suppliers of the unusual foods. Restaurant customers say a plate of dog and rice costs about \$4, twice the price of a similar beef lunch.

"An ordinary guy can't afford it too often," said one customer.

Dog, snake and earthworms are traditional dishes in Korea. People believe eating dog or snake will give them the stamina and strength of those animals.

"After eating dog meat my customers feel a distinct difference. They feel new strength," said the restaurateur.

If that news gets out, Olympic athletes may be beating a path to his door. And asking for doggie bags.

There goes the neighborhood

Armed police and wooden barriers surrounding Joe Robbie Stadium to stop illegal parking have touched off a war between homeowners trying to make money and residents angered by the flood of football fans.

While the Miami Dolphins were busy Sunday with the Indianapolis Colts, residents outside the new stadium traded insults and punches after Metro-Dade police and members of the Leslie Estates Citizens Association barricaded entrances to a nearby townhouse complex.

Two weeks ago, dozens of homeowners sold parking spaces on lawns, medians and empty lots to Dolphin fans, infuriating some association members. Many fans left the stadium only to find their cars had been towed and that people they had paid did not own the property where the

"We cannot have people parking in our neighborhoods, destroying our community," said association president Ruby McKay. "I was in Jamaica during the last game, and when I returned, my lawn had been ruined and there were 200 beer cans in my yard."

The association sued, and a court ruled Friday that zoning laws prohibit using residential land for profitable

But some homeowners vowed to let fans park free of charge for Sunday's game. Tempers flared when police barricaded the entrances to the community and allowed only residents past guarded posts.

"The bottom line is not money, it's freedom," said Joseph Kerr. "I can't believe that I can't have friends come to my house if they wanted to."

Association member Delia Pena was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after allegedly attacking Michael Cruz, who two weeks ago earned more than \$200 parking cars at his home during the Dolphin-Steeler game.



The Major Indoor Soccer League has unveiled a new logo as part of its 10th anniversary celebration.

It's un-American

those days are probably over.

have had little or no English.

"It's like someone threw a cloak over the Statue of Liberty," he says.

Louisiana State's Dale Brown has set the pace among Southeastern Conference coaches for recruiting foreign basketball players, but he says

Brown says eligibility requirements make it more difficult than ever to get players in school, especially those who

For my first official act, higher doorways in all dorms

When Keith Thomas finishes his basketball career at Pan American University, he may want to give politics a shot.

Thomas, from South Shore High School, has been elected president of the Pan American University Residence Hall Association. By a nine-vote margin, he won the right to represent 281 dormitory students at the Edinburg, Tex.,

He won the election less than two months after arriving at the school, without spending a penny on his campaign and without having yet played a game for Pan American.

"All my campaign was verbal," says Thomas, a junior. "I'd tell everyone in my classes and in

the cafeteria and snack bar to vote for me. I ran as a last-minute thing. I was shocked when

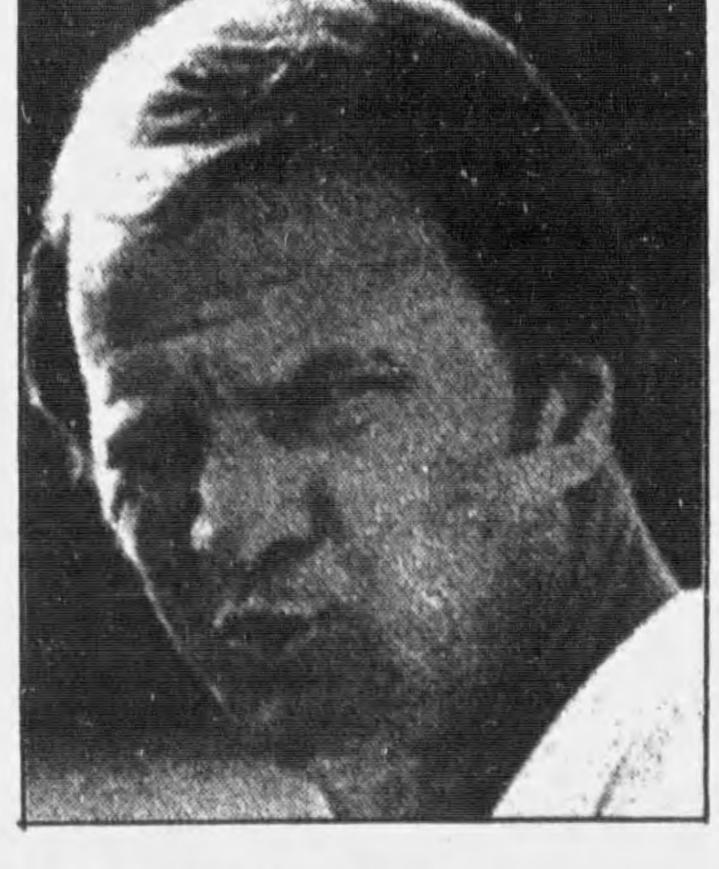
The 6-foot-9-inch Thomas came to Pan American from Butler County Junior College in Kansas.

"The other guys thought I was joking around when I ran for dorm president. 'What are you going to do if you win?' they said. But I thought I could win, and it would look good on my resume."

Thomas is majoring in communications and minoring in education, and says his future

plans are "to make lots of money." Spoken like a true Chicago politician.

They can always sell insurance



I think I've lost my quickness. For 15 years I've dodged them on the sideline, but I never saw the guy. I knew when it happened I was in trouble. I knew it was ligaments.

-Oklahoma coach Barry Switzer, who will be in a cast for six weeks after injuring his knee when Missouri linebacker Reggie Ballard ran into him on the sidelines Saturday

A number of PGA Tour golfers might be better off finding another line of work

rather than continuing to play without chance of winning, Tour Commissioner Deane Beman says. In an interview in the December issue of Golf maga-

thing" and might be better they could be more produc-

While "there weren't 30 or 40 people who could make a living" on the Tour 15 years ago, Beman says, "now we have a solid 150 to 200 people earning a good living."

Although making the Tour more lucrative was one of his objectives as commissioner, he said he was nevertheless "disappointed when I see tive."

some players use their winnings as a cushion for leisure rather than a springboard for more achievement.

"But some people are here to tread water, and some are here to sprint. That's a personal choice.

"I don't subscribe to the zine, Beman says some gol- notion that you have to be fers "hang on too long the best player or one of the without accomplishing any- 10 best players in the world, or you had better get another off doing something "where job. But I do believe in the survival of the fittest, and I do believe—and this is probably more surprising to me than anything else I've encountered—that a number of golfers hang on too long without accomplishing anything.

"They may be making money, but they might also be better off directing their lives somewhere else where they could be more produc-

BRIEFS

Syracuse, runner-up last season to national champion Indiana, has been chosen the No. 1 team in the Associated Press' preseason college basketball poll. Purdue, one of three Big 10 teams in the top 10, edged North Carolina by one point, 975-974, for second. Pittsburgh was fourth, followed by Kentucky, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Michigan and Wyoming. Iowa is No. 11 and De Paul No. 20. Syracuse is also No. 1 in the United Press International poll, but North Carolina is No. 2, followed by Indiana, Michigan, Pittsburgh, Purdue, Kentucky, Kansas, Missouri and Arizona. Iowa is 14th and De Paul 18th.

The AP's football poll, meanwhile, has a new No. 1 team. Oklahoma, playing without injured quarterback Jamelle Holieway, made the mistake of only beating Missouri 17-13, so Nebraska, though idle Saturday, zoomed ahead of the Sooners into the top spot. The two teams face each other Saturday in Lincoln, Neb. Notre Dame remains No. 7. The top-rated Big 10 team is Michigan State at No. 11. . . . Indiana's Lance Malott, a sophomore special-teams player, suffered a serious neck injury in Saturday's Michigan State game and will be out the rest of the season. He was covering a kickoff in the first quarter when he was hit in the side of the head, causing his neck to snap back. He suffered a fractured first cervical vertebra but was walking on campus Monday. Malott was wearing a halo, a device to keep the head and neck straight and in place so the vertabrae can heal. He'll have to wear the halo for two or three months.

... Michigan Athletic Director Don Canham said the Wolverines will play the loser of the Auburn-Alabama game in the Hall of Fame Bowl Jan. 2 in Tampa. "It looks like that's it," he told the Ann Arbor News. "They said they're going to give us a bid." Bob Sutton, chairman of the Hall of Fame Bowl Association, also confirmed the selection.

Robert Berry, a lawyer for Cris Carter, said the former Ohio State wide receiver has agreed to perform community service during a one-year period to avoid criminal charges for accepting money from sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom while still in college.

North Park College basketball coach Bosko Djurickovic was named the school's athletic director. He'll remain head basketball and baseball coach.

Reports that Nancy Lieberman would sign a contract to play with the Harlem Globetrotters are absurd, a team spokesman said. "It's nonsense. Nancy Lieberman is not going to join the Harlem Globetrotters team." Lieberman's attorney, David Burrows, had said she was expected to sign with the Globetrotters Monday.

Ed Garvey, onetime executive director of the National Football League Players Association, announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for U.S. senator from Wisconsin. He's bidding for the post being vacated by Sen. William Proxmire, who is retiring next year.

The Beatrice Western Open, picking 25th, selected Mark O'Meara for its team in the Nabisco Grand Prix of Golf draft. O'Meara finished 30th in the 1987 PGA Tour money standings. The Western picked Willie Wood in the second round, Vance Heafner in the third and Todd Hamilton in the fourth. The 1987 team of Tom Watson, Howard Twitty, Bob Lohr and Duffy Waldorf finished 19th and won \$16,000 for the Evans Scholars Foundation. Payne Stewart, selected by the Tournament Players Championship, was the first pick in the draft. . . . Chi Chi Rodriguez was named Golf magazine's first Senior Player of the Year, and Curtis Strange and Betsy King won the player of the year honors for their respective tours.

Carl Hayes, 6-foot-7-inch forward from St. Joseph High School in Westchester, signed a letter of intent with Nebraska, selecting the Big Eight school over Colorado and Texas-El Paso. . . . St. Rita's Correy Short, a 6-8 forward, signed with Ball State.

The NCAA Division I men's tennis subcommittee voted unanimously to move its championship tournament from the University of Georgia—where it's been held for 12 years—to a variety of sites chosen on a rotation basis. The executive committee will consider the subcommittee's recommendation next month.

American cruiserweight Ricky Parkey was ordered removed from the World Boxing Council's rankings because of his Oct. 30 fight in South Africa.

Grace Dozier Durocher, the wife of Leo Durocher from 1934 to 1943, died Sunday of pneumonia at the age of 85 in Manchester, Mo., a St. Louis suburb.

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Chiefs' rookie gaining on the field

Kansas City Chiefs rookie running back Christian Okoye was the eighth runner taken in the NFL draft. He has 402 yards rushing this season, only 100 fewer than the total gained by the seven rushers chosen before him.

Corrections and clarifications

An incorrect phone number was printed in some editions of Monday's Tribune for Olson Travelworld, the designated Olympic ticket and travel agent in the United States. The correct number is 1-800-421-2255. The Tribune regrets the error.

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