

Local

## Council elects vice chairman

The Academic Council elected Otto R. Kunze as vice chairman and reactivated the Committee on Broadening Curricula Tuesday.

Kunze is a professor of agricultural engineering. He received his B.S. degree from Texas A&M University in 1951, his Ph.D. from Michigan State University in 1964 and returned to work here in 1956.

Dr. J.M. Prescott, vice president for academic affairs, suggested the reactivation of the Committee on Broadening Curricula. This committee will work on broadening the student's education, Prescott said. It can't be considered a free elective program, he said, but an attempt to get students to take courses in areas not directly connected to their major field of study.

The council also approved the addition of 25 new courses, the withdrawal of 110 courses and five changes in course titles.

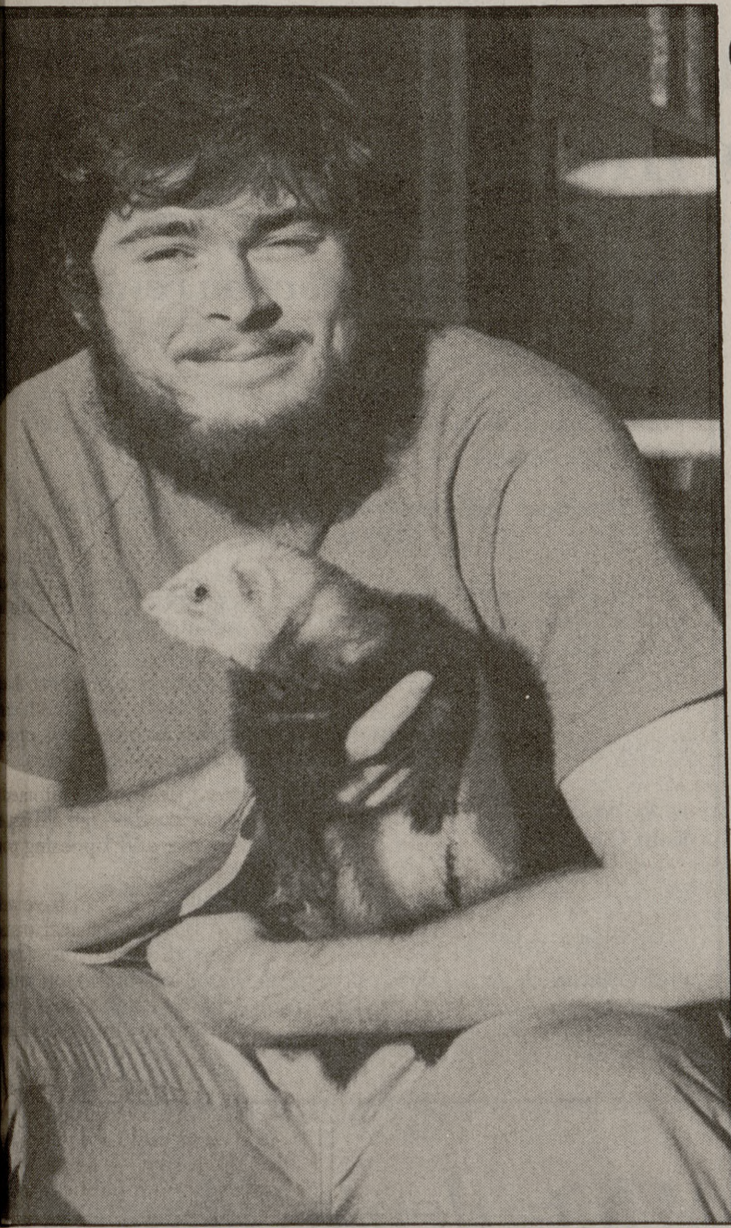
Changes in the safety engineering curriculum were also approved.

These include changing the engineering science elective in the first semester of the junior year to read technical elective, moving the technical elective to the first semester of the senior year, and moving Industrial Engineering 320 to the first semester of the junior year.

"These changes will not affect the program but give the added flexibility of permitting a student to select an elective from either engineering science or engineering design courses," said Newton C. Ellis, head of the Department of Industrial Engineering.

Dr. Charles Samson proposed holding brainstorming sessions during future meetings. These would be held after the formal agenda had been completed. Anyone interested could discuss topics like the computer problem, ways to improve communication and any other timely problems.

No official action would be taken during this period, Samson said.



Got any mice? Photo by Bob Lewis

Thor Chester, a junior history major from Houston, shows off Rock, the ferret mascot of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

## Chiles fights for, endorses Reagan

By DEBBIE NELSON

Battalion Staff  
"Make Eddie Glad, Vote Reagan 1980," read the button below the familiar face of the blue-eyed, gray-haired, gray-suited man.

Eddie Chiles, the independent oilman known to Texans for his "I'm mad..." political-comment television and radio commercials, endorsed the Ronald Reagan-George Bush ticket Wednesday at a breakfast at College Station's Ramada Inn.

"We've got to fight the second American Revolution 204 years after the first war. And we've got to fight with ballots, not bullets," Chiles said of the approaching election.

"We're freedom fighters," the chief executive officer of Western Corporation said.

What can Reagan do for Texas? Chiles said Reagan will secure the 12 to 14 percent inflation rate, although it will take time to balance the budget. And he said Reagan will reduce government regulation.

"Texans are the kind of people that want their freedoms. They don't want to be fenced in," he said.

If the Democrats are defeated, Chiles said, "Then they'll have to come back and live under all the laws they have made."

Two different political philosophies are represented in the three main Presidential candidates, Chiles said.

He said President Carter and Independent John Anderson share the theme: "If I get elected President, I'm going to see the government does all these things for you."

On the other hand, Chiles said, Reagan believes the federal government should turn back many of its functions to state, county and local governments.

"Let's let the local government do the things that it can do. They can do it better and they can do it cheaper," Chiles said.

"The closer government is to the people, the better the government will get," is a Thomas Jefferson quote Chiles said Reagan often uses.

For the last 50 years, Chiles said, the federal government has been taking in tax money, skimming off a large part for itself and turning the rest back to the people, with qualifications.

"They say, 'We're giving you all this money... You go ahead and spend it like we tell you to spend it,'" Chiles said.

Chiles said of deficit spending, "Those liberal Democrats keep spending money that they don't have, and that's the cruelest tax of all."

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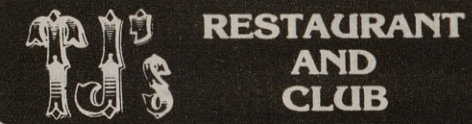
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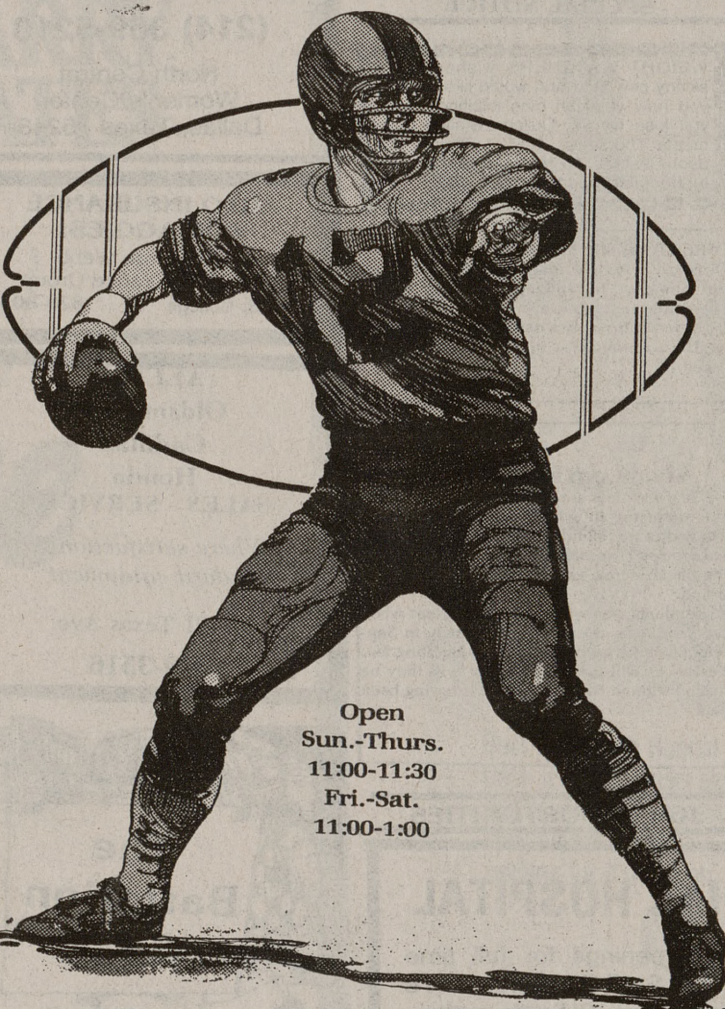
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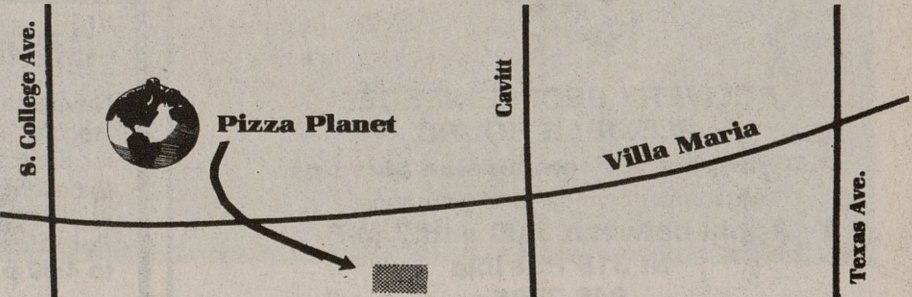
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DENVER — A homeowner grabbed a burglar's arm through a mail slot and hung on until police arrived.

Authorities said the thief was trying to reach through to open a locked door.

was looking out his window as four men prowled around houses across the street.

While the homeowner watched, one of the men walked up to his house, reached through the mail chute and tried to open the door. The homeowner grabbed the man's arm and yelled for his wife to call police.

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