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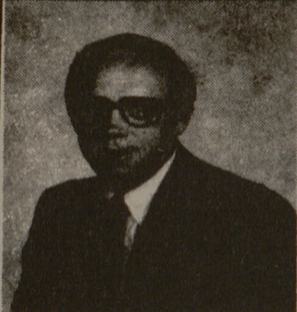


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## Rangers look good to Chiles

United Press International

ARLINGTON — Texas Rangers, plagued by debts estimated as high as \$18 million, may soon be fully acquired by its majority owner Eddie Chiles through a buyout of the club's general partners, the Dallas Morning News reported Thursday.

"We're in the process of doing that (buying out the general partners); it will be done very soon," Chiles told the newspaper. "It hasn't been done yet, but it's very close."

Bill Seay and Dee Kelly, general partners in the Rangers organization for the past 10 years, said they have agreed to sell their shares to Chiles. Kelly said the other three general partners — Ray Nasher, Sharon Simons and Ruth Sharp — already had officially sold their shares to Chiles.

Nasher was quoted as saying he wasn't aware of the transactions but that "something is going on."

The buyout would give Chiles all the shares of Ranger Management Inc., which controls the Rangers.

## Aggie badminton team wants 'Phamtastic' year

By TAMARA BELL  
Sports Writer

Although badminton has yet to surpass baseball as the nation's favorite pastime, the sport is gaining popularity among both college and professional persons as a challenging physical activity.

The Texas A&M Badminton Club recognizes the benefits of this game and, as a goal within the group, strives to inform more persons of the psychological and physical advantages derived from badminton.

"Our goal is to familiarize others with the procedures of the game," club president James Pham said. "Badminton is very similar to tennis in respect to the court and equipment used. There is a growing awareness of the sport, especially in the north and Canada, but it's still not taken as seriously as the more traditional sports such as football and basketball."

At A&M, those who play badminton take the game very seriously.

The club has won four trophies in each of the eight college division tournaments played last se-

mester. A September 21 tourney in Houston presents no major problems for returning players Pham, Steve Bong, Swie Bong, Dave Moral, and Kristina Le. Pitted against such opponents as the University of Texas, Baylor University, and Houston-area badminton club, the A&M team should capture first in both men's singles and doubles.

"Both the men's singles and doubles appears strong because of the returning players," Moral said. "Unfortunately, last year's frontrunners Sally Cole and Ruby Arizmendez will not be returning to the women's singles and doubles so the women's team is currently recruiting for upcoming tournaments."

The open division is a higher level of tournament competition.

To win this tournament marks a class A player. Although members of the A&M team aren't favored to advance to the semi-finals, Pham is expected to reach the third or fourth round.

"It's difficult to advance in this higher level of competition," Pham said. "Because the best players on our team are of the

same caliber, we need to go against superior organizations in order for us to improve. I think we realize we will win these tournaments, just because of our experience of playing on a higher level than most makes it worthwhile."

The club welcomes all who exhibit an interest in badminton.

The introductory meeting is Friday, Sept. 7 from 7-10 p.m. at the G. Rollie White Coliseum in room 351. Regular practices will be the following Friday at the same time.

This year there is a difference between tournament and national members.

Tournament members are defined as those who are experienced players and will be participating in tournaments. Recreational members are players with little or no experience. They will not be participating in tournaments so their membership fee is less — \$5 per semester compared to \$10 dues of tournament players.

### Harold gets the call, White punts the ball

## Landry needs offensive help

United Press International

DALLAS — In a time of need the Dallas Cowboys turned to a former enemy Thursday and at the same time gave Danny White at least part of his old job back.

The Cowboys, who had 14 newcomers to their roster when they played the Los Angeles Rams last Monday night, added two more Thursday — wide receivers Harold Carmichael and Waddell Smith.

For 13 years the 6-foot-8 Carmichael plagued the Cowboys and the rest of the National Football League while becoming the most prolific receiver in the history of the Philadelphia Eagles.

Carmichael, 34, still holds the NFL record for most consecutive games with at least one reception — 127.

"It's going to be different being a Cowboy," said Carmichael. "But all I want is the opportunity to earn a liv-

ing and I'm happy to be here."

Smith played for eight years with the Edmonton Eskimos of the Canadian Football League, serving as the top receiver for Warren Moon. Smith was among the last cuts of the Los Angeles Raiders this season.

The Cowboys were in need of immediate wide receiver help since they were already thin at that position when the season began and because veteran Tony Hill separated his right shoulder in Dallas' 20-13 win over the Los Angeles Rams last Monday night.

Dallas had traded away receiver Butch Johnson during the offseason and had lost Drew Pearson to retirement. Following Hill's injury the Cowboys had only three wide receivers on the roster and just one who had played with the team last year.

The new Dallas receivers will join rookie Kirk Phillips as backups for starters Doug Donley and Mike

Renfro.

To make room for the two receivers the Cowboys placed Hill on the injured reserve list, which will prevent him from returning to the team for at least four weeks, and cut

punter Jim Miller.

The departure of Miller leaves the Dallas punting chores up to White, who for seven of his eight years with the Cowboys served as the team's punter.

White lost his starting quarterback job to Gary Hogeboom as the season started and Hogeboom promptly threw for 343 yards in his debut against the Rams.

"Punting won't take the place of quarterbacking," said White. "But I want to do anything I can to contribute. I don't plan to burn out my leg getting in shape."

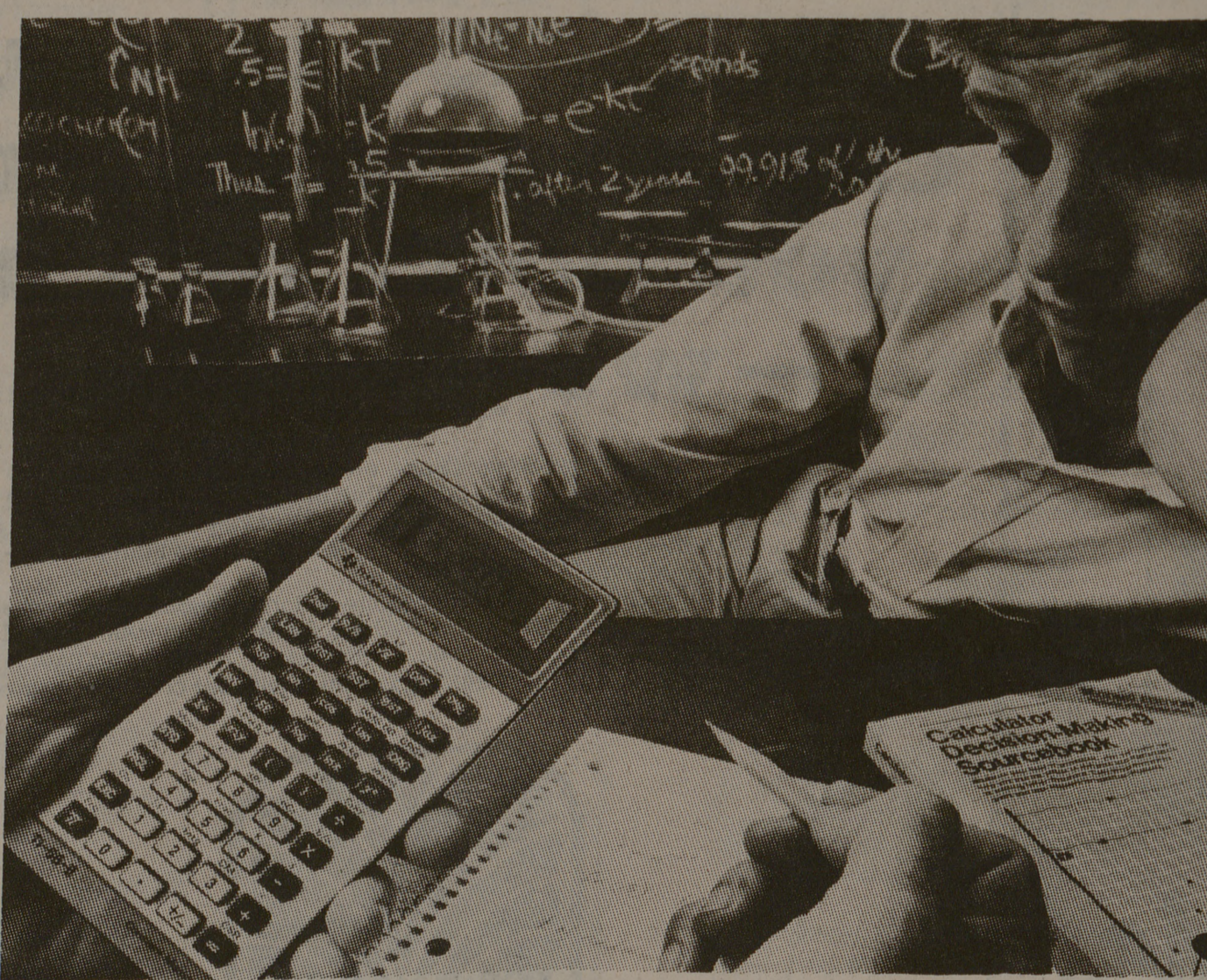
"Danny has kicked well in the past

and he will kick the ball well," said Dallas coach Tom Landry, making this move (cutting Miller) allows us to look at both of our receivers. If we had been doing better in the punting department, we might not have made this move.

Carmichael caught 589 passes for 8,989 yards and 79 touchdowns during his years in Philadelphia.

He made a habit of catching touchdown passes against the Cowboys, the longest of which was a 66-yarder in Philadelphia during the 1981 meeting of the two teams. He was waived by the Eagles close to the 1983 season but was signed, but later cut by the New York Jets.

Smith, 29, who played college ball at Kansas, caught 1,000 passes for 5,517 yards and 55 touchdowns during his Canadian



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