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 An organizational meeting to form a special student committee on athletics at Texas A&M will be held:
 Tuesday, Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m.
 Letterman's Lounge of G. Rollie White Coliseum
 ALL INTERESTED STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!
 This meeting is being jointly-sponsored by the Texas A&M Athletic Department and Texas A&M Student Government
 Associate Athletic Director John David Crow and Lynn Hickey, Assistant Athletic Director for women, will be present.
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Flutie, Byars: Heisman hopefuls

United Press International
 NEW YORK — The run for the 50th Heisman Trophy is shaping into a match race between an oversized tailback and an undersized quarterback.

The tailback is Ohio State's 6-foot-2, 230-pound junior Keith Byars, who leads the nation in rushing and scoring. The quarterback is Boston College senior Doug Flutie, who stands just 5-9, 176, but has led the Eagles to a 4-0 record and a No. 4 national ranking.

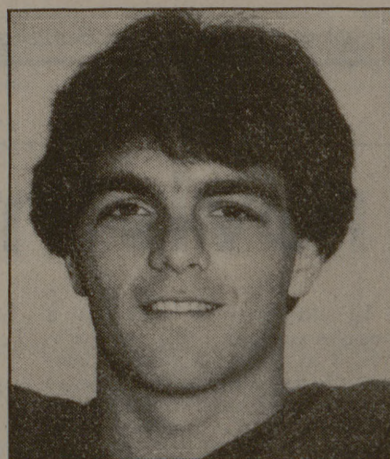
Byars has tradition on his side since a running back has won the Heisman every year since 1971 — the year Auburn quarterback Pat Sullivan was honored as college football's best player.

Injuries to several top running backs has observers feeling this might be the Year of the Quarterback.

All-America Bo Jackson of Auburn and Navy's Napoleon McCallum were among the pre-season Heisman favorites, but both went down with injuries early in the season. Nebraska's Jeff Smith, who got off to a better start than Heisman winner Mike Rozier did last year for the Cornhuskers, has also been slowed by injuries.

Flutie has several advantages over the bulldozing tailback from Ohio State.

The Eagles passer is the most exciting player in the nation and was better known going into the '84 season than Byars. Flutie is also a senior and plays in the media-laden Northeast.



B.C.'s Doug Flutie

While his size has pro scouts wondering his worth in the next college draft, Flutie has convinced everyone who has seen him that he is a great college competitor.

"There's just no way to defense him," Alabama Coach Ray Perkins said after Flutie passed for 254 yards and two TDs against the Crimson Tide.

"Doug always comes through," Boston College Coach Jack Bicknell said. "He does some amazing things. He's just an exciting player."

Flutie, who finished third in last year's Heisman balloting behind Rozier and Brigham Young quarterback Steve Young, tries not to let talk of post-season awards sidetrack him.

"If it happens, then fine," Flutie

said of the Heisman. "But I'm just worried about winning. The awards will take care of themselves."

Flutie was second in the nation in total offense with 314.7 yards per game and third in passing efficiency going into Saturday's game against West Virginia. He had completed 86 of 140 passes for 1,195 yards, 16 TDs and just four interceptions.

Both Flutie and Byars were second-team All-America selections last year but Byars didn't gain major national attention until he started ripping through opposing defenses at an alarming rate this season.

Byars had gained 1,076 yards on 180 attempts and 16 TDs for 96 points before Saturday's game against Michigan State. He also led the nation in all-purpose running with 243.5 yards per game including receiving and kick returns.

Byars' best game came against Illinois Oct. 13 when he galloped for a Buckeye record 274 yards on 39 carries and scored five touchdowns. He broke two-time Heisman winner Archie Griffin's record of 246 yards set in 1973.

"Byars did it all," Illinois Coach Mike White marveled. "He is so sudden, so versatile and has everything a good running back needs. He is equal to any college back I've ever been around."

"I think the whole team broke the record," Byars said, who also has thrown a TD pass this year. "I was just the guy carrying the ball. They block for me and I'll run for them."

Another top pre-season candidate, Pittsburgh offensive tackle Bill

Fralic, has dropped out of the running because his Panthers are struggling at 1-5. Despite a massive campaign by the Pitt Sports Information Department, Fralic was a longshot anyway since no interior lineman ever won the award.

Other leading candidates are Miami quarterback Bernie Kosar and Brigham Young passer Rich Bosco. Kosar, a sophomore, has passed for 2,151 yards and 15 TDs in seven games for the defending national champions. Bosco, a junior, led the country in total yards with 318 per game after five games and was second in passing efficiency.

Longshots for the award are Tennessee running back Johnnie Johnson and Iowa quarterback Chuck Long. The State wide receiver Tracy Henderson and Texas safety Jerry Gray.

Some feel Henderson and Gray are among the all-time greats at their position but wide receivers and offensive players aren't taken seriously by Heisman voters.

"If you want to see the best wide receiver in the country, you just have to come and see Tracy Henderson — he's unbelievable," Texas A&M Coach Jackie Sherrill said of Henderson, who caught 47 passes for 700 yards and six TDs in his first two games.

Texas Coach Fred Akers names Gray for the Heisman.

"If they give it to the best player in the country at his position, they have to look at Jerry Gray," Akers said.

Padres look for Mr. Right-hander

By MILTON RICHMAN
 UPI Sports Editor

NEW YORK — The Boston Red Sox finally have picked their man. It's John McNamara, that same fellow you've been hearing about, and the announcement he's the new manager will be coming up very soon now.

Not too long after that, you can expect a second announcement. By the San Francisco Giants.

More than likely, they'll be letting everyone know that Jim Davenport, who played for the Giants 13 years and served them diligently and loyally as a coach for many years after that, is their new manager.

That means the Red Sox have gotten the man they want and so have the Giants.

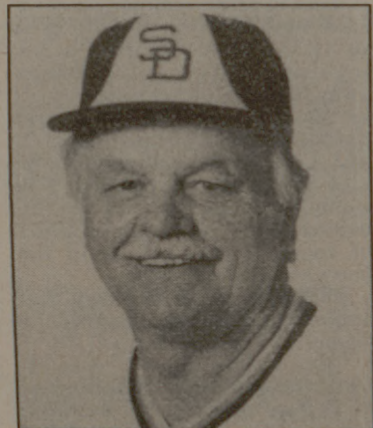
The San Diego Padres are still looking for the man they want.

Now, don't go getting all excited. They're staying with Dick Williams as their manager and he's staying with them, at least until his contract runs out at the end of 1986.

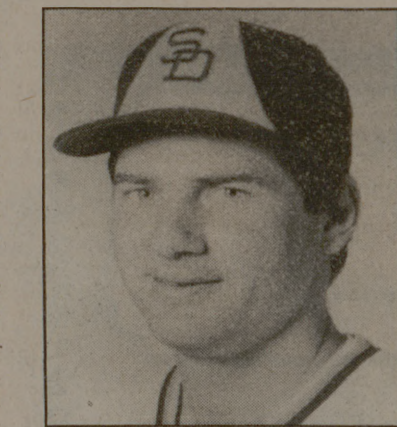
Specifically, the man the Padres are looking for is a top Grade A right-handed pitcher who can take his turn in their starting rotation along with right-handers Eric Show and Ed Whitson and left-handers Tim Lollar and Mark Thurmond.

The job of finding precisely the pitcher the Padres want and then getting him, falls to Jack McKeon. McKeon goes by the fancy title of Vice President of Baseball Operations, but really is one of those old fashioned "meat-and-potatoes" general managers who usually lays the framework for every deal he makes months in advance.

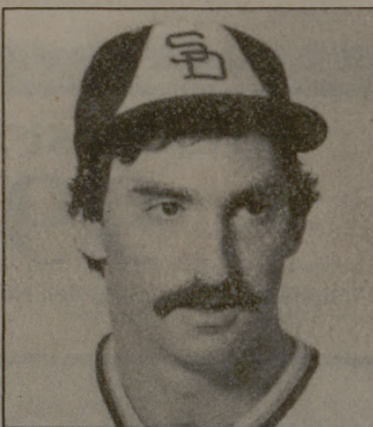
McKeon knows that obtaining the pitcher he's looking for won't be easy. He's used to that. He may have to work with not only one, but two clubs to make the deal he wants like he worked with both the Expos and Cubs when he got left-hander Craig Lefferts and outfielder Carmelo Martinez at the baseball meetings in Nashville last December. That



Manager Dick Williams



Pitcher Mark Thurmond



Pitcher Eric Show

doesn't faze him. He's done it before. He's not waiting for the annual winter meetings, which will be held in Houston the first week in December. He's going to the general managers' meetings in Austin next week and he'll be trying to do something there.

McKeon was even trying during

the World Series. Naturally, he was hoping the Padres beat the Tigers, but whether they did or not, he wanted to get that pitcher he was looking for.

Whenever McKeon is working on a deal, he loses all track of time. Hours mean nothing to him.

One night during the Series, he was in the hospitality room in Detroit talking to Bill Giles and Hal Alexander of the Phillies when his wife, Carol, came over to talk to him for a moment. She has been married to him 30 years, so she knows him pretty well.

"Once you get hooked up with these fellows, I know you're gonna be here awhile," she said to him. "I'm going back to the hotel."

"OK," McKeon answered. "I'll go on back. I'm gonna be awhile." Two hours later, a little after 11 o'clock in the morning, McKeon was back to his hotel.

The man seems to be able to do by with hardly any sleep. He returned to San Diego with the rest of the team after the Tigers' victory Detroit Sunday night and was surprised and moved as anyone in the party by the outpouring of more than 10,000 fans who greeted the defeated Padres.

McKeon got to bed about 4:30 Monday morning but was up at 6:30 and on the phone at his home working because he was aware it was three hours later back east. By 8 a.m., he was in his office talking other ballclubs.

That same evening, he remained at the ballpark for the gala wedding home put on for the players by the Greater San Diego Sports Association.

There was a tribute on the scoreboard screen to Ray Krohn, late owner of the Padres who died last February at age 81, with scenes from his life being shown to the 40,000 fans who came to the park and were in the stands.

There were no untoward incidents such as followed the Tigers' victory Sunday night in Detroit.

The Padres had lost but the home made them feel as if they won.

"I've been through a lot of celebrations in New York," Goose Gossage, "but nothing touch this."

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