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Schroeder improving steadily

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. — On the second anniversary of the first permanent artificial heart implant, Bill Schroeder continued to progress "way ahead of schedule" as he began his second week with a plastic and metal heart.

On Dec. 2, 1982, Barney Clark made medical history when doctors at the University of Utah removed his diseased heart and implanted the Jarvik-7 heart into the Seattle dentist. He died 112 days after the historic operation.

Allan Lansing, director of the Humana Heart Institute, Sunday said doctors remain enthusiastic about the progress of Schroeder, the second patient to undergo the permanent artificial implant.

"He looks absolutely great this morning; he's been out of bed; he watched television last evening," Lansing said on CBS's Face the Nation. "He watched the (Kentucky-Purdue) basketball game and read the newspaper."

Lansing said Schroeder, 52, who was only hours from death Nov. 25 when he was wheeled into the operating room for the implant surgery, could leave the hospital within two months, earlier than had originally been expected.

"He seems to be way ahead of schedule at this present time," Lansing said, adding that chief surgeon William DeVries thinks Schroeder could leave the intensive care unit within a week.

"His spirit of the 'blahs' he had a couple of days ago seems to be gone," Lansing said.

Schroeder spent a restful Saturday night at Humana Hospital Audubon, but doctors said the former munitions inspector from Jasper, Ind. was still tired after his week-long ordeal.

"He has a good appetite, and is now eating soft, solid foods," a mid-morning medical bulletin said. "He is still tired, but is resting comfortably."

"Mr. Schroeder continues to make satisfactory progress. He had a good night and his vital signs are normal. The artificial heart is functioning well."

"His temperature remained normal for a second consecutive day, a sign that his body was free from infection."

Schroeder is particularly susceptible to infection because he is a diabetic, doctors said. The high level of sugar in the blood of diabetics impairs the body's ability to fight infection.

No further tests were scheduled Sunday with the portable Heimlich drive unit, a pump that can be worn over the shoulder like a camera bag and will enable Schroeder greater mobility as he continues his recovery.

Clark was never healthy enough to try the 11.4-pound Heimlich unit and instead was confined to the 323-pound, shopping-cart-sized Utah-drive unit.

Schroeder was successfully hooked up to the portable unit twice Friday and one more time Saturday. The test Saturday lasted three hours, the longest period permitted.



Last hurrah

Photo by DONN FRIEDMAN

Reveille appeared at her final game at the University of Texas — Texas A&M football

game Saturday night. Cadets in Company E-2 escorted the First Lady of Aggieland.

Controversy simmering at A&M

Core curriculum studied

Editor's note: This is the first article in a two part series on core curriculum at Texas A&M.

By BARBARA BROWN
Reporter

A potential controversy over a core curriculum at Texas A&M is simmering in the individual colleges, which are waiting for the Faculty Senate core curriculum committee to make its proposal.

Last year, A&M President Frank Vandiver asked the Senate to study the general education requirements for baccalaureate degree programs.

The Senate appointed the core curriculum committee in February. It has 20 members, with representation from each college. The committee is studying the desirability and feasibility of a core curriculum for all undergraduates.

At present, the only courses common to all baccalaureate degrees are a state-mandated requirement of six hours in American history and six hours in political science, and a University requirement of four hours in physical education.

The committee is considering several proposals for a set of distributive requirements in categories such as math competence/computer awareness, logic/argumentation, natural science, speech and writing

skills, cultural heritage, and civic awareness.

The chairman of the committee, Dr. Samuel Black of the College of Medicine, says all students need background in many different areas to be well-educated.

"It is the view of the committee that it would be nice to give an array of courses that would be possibilities in each of those categories," Black says, "and simply require a certain number of hours with the courses to be determined by the student within that category."

This would give the students flexibility in meeting the requirements, a flexibility that has diminished, Black says.

But it's not the students who are pushing flexibility. It's the individual colleges.

Black says the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools requires a minimum of 25 percent of the undergraduate degree programs to be liberal arts or general education. So if the University is going to continue to be accredited, it's going to have to meet this requirement.

The question seems not to be if the University needs this core curriculum change, but how it will be done and whether a compromise will be reached that will please everyone.

Just how many hours will be required is the committee's current debate. Once the committee reaches a compromise, it will present a proposal to its parent committee, the Academic Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate, sometime in December.

Then the Faculty Senate plans to hold hearings to allow students and the public to discuss the issue before any changes are made.

Although there are no decisions yet, there are plenty of opinions stirring around the colleges.

The dean of the College of Agriculture, Dr. H.O. Kunkel, says the college cannot add hours and remain a competitive program: "Our biggest biting point is that a degree is four years. Period. We simply can't find room for somebody else's ideas unless they can fit within the quality requirements of the Texas Education Agency or our own college."

Kunkel is concerned about the way the committee will choose the courses.

"I am not negative to general education courses," he says. "I would not want to see any student coming out of the College of Agriculture any less educated than any other Texas A&M student. Unfortunately, most

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Solidarity says activist killed, priests tortured

United Press International

WARSAW, Poland — The underground Solidarity movement Sunday said a union activist had been abducted, beaten and murdered and two pro-Solidarity priests were tortured by unidentified assailants in southeastern Poland.

The report came a month after the beaten body of a pro-Solidarity priest, the Rev. Jerzy Popieluszko, was pulled from a reservoir in northern Poland.

Three secret police officers confessed to Popieluszko's Oct. 19 abduction and murder. A police colonel has been charged with instigating the crime, a state-run newspaper said Friday.

A statement issued by the underground Solidarity leadership, the trade union banned by the communist government in October 1982, said Solidarity activist Stanislaw Chac died in the hospital two days after being abducted, beaten and tortured on Oct. 19.

The union said Chac, 42, a Solidarity leader in a Lublin automobile plant, was found unconscious on a street Oct. 20 by ambulance workers who had responded to a police call notifying them of his condition and whereabouts.

Solidarity said an autopsy showed Chac suffered severe blows to his head and that needles had been driven under his fingernails.

The statement also said two pro-Solidarity Catholic priests in the southeastern Polish city, the Rev. Eugeniusz Kosciolko and the Rev. Zenon Ziomek, had been abducted

and tortured. They were later released.

"On Nov. 19 the Rev. Kosciolko was stabbed with a metal bayonet-like object and burned on the genitals," the statement said. "The Rev. Ziomek was also tortured in the same way a few weeks ago."

"He is still in a state of shock and has not returned to his parish."

Solidarity did not name the perpetrators but Kosciolko, contacted by telephone, confirmed that he had been abducted and tortured. He said he had lodged a complaint with a state prosecutor.

The body of Popieluszko, a popular Warsaw cleric known for his fiery anti-state sermons in support of Solidarity, showed marks of a severe beating, Solidarity sources said after the body was found Oct. 31. The state news agency PAP said Saturday an autopsy showed he had been beaten unconscious with a blunt instrument and suffocated.

The killing set off a sharp confrontation between the state and the Catholic Church at a time when the Polish government was seeking improved relations with the church.

The government has indicated it believes the murder was part of a conspiracy by hardline elements to undermine the regime of Premier Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, whom they consider too moderate in his action against Solidarity and in his willingness to hold a dialogue with the church.

Ags celebrate football victory

By KIRSTEN DIETZ
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Texas A&M students who didn't get to Austin's 6th Street still managed to celebrate the Aggies' football win over the University of Texas Saturday night with lots of beer, yell practices, swims in the Fish Pond, firecrackers and flying toilet paper.

Most of the celebration centered at Northgate, which at one point was barricaded off and traffic was directed around the area. College Station Police Sgt. John Campbell, who was not on duty Saturday night, said the area probably was blocked off because it is easier to reroute traffic than to send everyone home.

Juniors Anne Bernhard and Chris McDade, residents of Hobby Hall, helped lead yell practice from the roof of Charlie's Grocery. Bernhard said they started leading yells from the top of a friend's car in the middle of University Drive, but climbed on the roof after police asked them to move the car.

"It was great; it was absolutely great," Bernhard said.

Junior Jeannie Buzzard, a Mc-

Fadden Hall resident, said, "It was the ultimate party."

Buzzard went to Northgate after going to yell practice at the Fish Pond.

"I've never seen a bigger disaster area in my life," she said.

Buzzard said she and her friends went to Cain Hall around midnight because a rumor was circulating that the football team would be returning at 1 a.m. One bus with some of the coaches and a couple of players arrived about that time.

"There were as many people at Cain Hall as there was across the street at the Chicken," she said.

Skip Krieger, a bartender, said Duddley's Draw had a standing room only crowd to watch the football game on television, and more people started arriving about 20 minutes before the game was over.

Because of the crowd, Krieger said it was hard to keep track of the customers and \$300 worth of glassware, mostly beer pitchers, was stolen.

Despite all the celebrating, Lt. Russell Kline of the University Police said no violations were reported.