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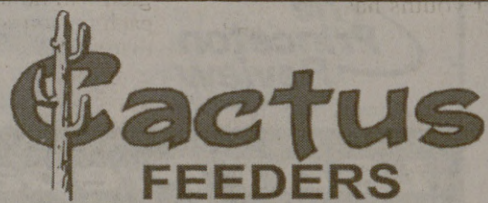
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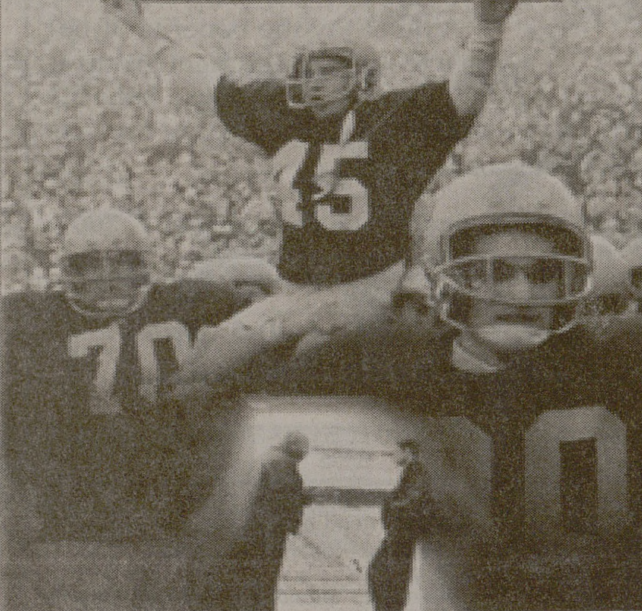
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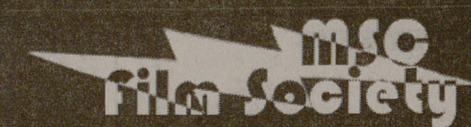
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News

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THE BATTALION

Friday, September 28, 2001

Mechanical heart implant a first in Texas

HOUSTON (AP) — A surgical team has implanted a self-contained, mechanical heart in a patient during a six-hour procedure.

The procedure on Wednesday was the first such operation in Texas and the third in the world.

"It couldn't have gone better," said Dr. O.H. Frazier, who spent more than a decade helping develop the AbioCor replacement heart at the Texas Heart Institute and St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, where the surgery was performed. "Everything looks stable now. He's not having any problems. We have some hope for him."

The completely internal pump, made of plastic and titanium and weighing less than 2 pounds, is powered through the skin by an external battery pack.

Frazier, who called the AbioCor heart a rescue device for patients who have no hope, told the *Houston Chronicle* that the patient had been "desperately ill for a long time" with heart failure and was not a candidate for a heart transplant because of complications involving his lungs.

The hospital did not identify the patient by name or give his age. Officials said a news briefing will be held Friday.

University of Louisville surgeons implanted the first AbioCor hearts on July 2 and Sept. 13 at Jewish Hospital in Kentucky, one of five hospitals approved to implant the pump.

The first patient, Bob Tools, is now in his 87th day. He is gaining weight and making excursions outside the hospital. Doctors said his kidneys,

liver and lungs are functioning normally.

Tom Christerson, just 14 days after surgery, is still in the early stages of recovery, but doctors said his condition is improving.

Wednesday's operation in Houston was the culmination of years of research and preparation.

Many thought the first person to receive an AbioCor heart would be operated on in Houston because Frazier had so much experience with the device.

However, Houston fell behind when Tropical Storm Allison washed away animals about to be implanted with the device.

The Food and Drug Administration requires three practice operations on lab animals designed to give the operating room staff experience.

The AbioCor heart, made by Massachusetts-based Abiomed Inc., is intended for patients with end-stage heart failure who have more than a 70 percent chance of dying within a month.

Candidates for the experimental pump are people who are ineligible for transplants with donor hearts and those who cannot be helped by other available therapies.

The goal of the study is for the pump to remain in the patient for 60 days, Frazier said. If the patient's lung condition improves, then the recipient may be reassessed for a heart transplant.

Frazier said his ultimate hope is that the AbioCor heart will be a permanent replacement.

ROAD

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"They don't particularly like Aggies, and it is a very, very small field."

Last season, the Aggies posted a 3-0 win over the Raiders at the Aggie Soccer Complex.

This season, Tech is 2-5 and has been outscored 15-9. Tech lost to Tulsa, which A&M beat 11-0 in exhibition play.

Colorado has also struggled this season. The Buffaloes are 4 and have not scored more than two goals in any game.

A&M beat Colorado in last season, once in the regular season and once in the first round of the Big 12 tournament by a combined score of 9-0. A&M holds a 6-0 all-time record against the Buffaloes.

The Aggies have been led by freshman Linsey Johnson this season. Johnson has scored a goal in all five of the Aggie games and either leads the team or is tied for the lead in all major offensive categories. She was named the Big 12 newcomer of the week for her performance in the Husky-Nike Invitational, where she scored the winning goal against Washington.

After the Aggies return from Boulder this weekend, they will have four consecutive games at the Aggie Soccer Complex, starting with non-conference opponent Houston Oct. 5, and ending with No. 4 Nebraska on Oct. 12.

AGGIES

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doubles, and mixed doubles. One point is awarded for each set won, and the team with the most points will advance to the next round of competition.

"This is one of our three national championship competitions and the only one that is co-ed," said A&M men's tennis coach Tim Cass. "It's a real event that we won two years ago, so we're really putting the pressure on the players, having not won it last year, to bring the trophy back this weekend."

The women's first scheduled competition was to be held September 14-16 in Fayetteville, Ark., but was canceled by the University of Arkansas after the declaration by President Bush of a National Day of Prayer following the tragedies in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania. They will compete next in Los Angeles, Calif., from October 6-14 at the ITA American Championships.

The men's team was also scheduled to participate in the Texas Intercollegiate being held by Baylor University this weekend in Waco, but the Aggies withdrew earlier in the week. Their next competition will be in San Antonio where they participate in the UTSA Fall Classic October 5-7.

Hawks invade valley

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — Thousands of hawks migrating south for the winter have descended on the Rio Grande Valley.

More than 15,000 broad-winged hawks soared over the Rio Grande Valley on Wednesday morning and were expected to remain in area skies through Sunday, said Mike Carlo, a park ranger at the Santa Ana Wildlife Refuge.

Early autumn is the peak of the season, he said, with the birds reaching very large numbers in their migration by the time they reach South Texas.

The broad-winged hawk is a small crow-sized bird of prey that breeds in the eastern United States and Canada.

The birds start their migration in small groups in mid-August and form much larger flocks by the time they reach the Valley. The hawks then cross into Mexico for the last leg of their flight to South America, which they typically reach by late October, Carlo said.

The birds fly about 300 miles a day, and they fly only with good weather, he said. To save energy on their long journey, the birds glide on thermal swells, hot currents of air rising from the earth to avoid flapping their wings.

AUBURN

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Hartman will use the Auburn Invitational as a chance to scout the competition prepare the team for qualifying at the Big 12 Championship in Norman, Okla., on Oct. 27.

The FinishLynx NCAA Cross Country poll ranked the A&M's women team as No. 18 nationally. The men's team was not ranked as of yet, but

Hartman expects a strong performance from this year's squad to be the highest ranked men's team in A&M school history.

The men's and women's teams redshirted several veteran runners, who have the experience to propel them to top finishes and championships.

"We redshirted two of our better runners (for the men's team)," Hartman said. "We are going to redshirt a couple of our girls, so it's going to be a young squad but it's going to be a capable squad."

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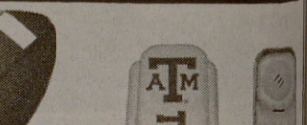
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