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## Concern grows over intramural football injuries

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The recent increase in the number and severity of intramural football injuries has caused growing concern within the Student Health Center, Director Dr. Isao Hirata Jr. said Friday.

"At this point, we are having many more injuries this year than in the past in intramural football," Hirata said. The injuries included broken jaws, broken noses, separated shoulders, various knee injuries, broken fingers, dislocated fingers and the usual amount of sprained ankles and muscle pulls.

"IF YOU are going to play intramural football, the small injuries are a risk that go along with the game," Hirata said. "But the recent severity of the injuries indicates there is something wrong in the program."

According to Robert C. Dalrymple, USC director of Intramurals, meetings will be held today, with team managers, and referees. In these meetings, Dalrymple will discuss the increase in the rate of injuries and also how the possibility of tighter officiating will help alleviate this problem.

"I have a concern like Dr. Hirata, but I don't know what to do about it," Dalrymple said. "It is not our fault if the contestant breaks his jaw falling or banging into someone's shoulder. On the other hand, if it is done with an elbow, it's the referee's fault. We just can't tell how it is happening."

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Before Saturday's football game, the Baylor University mascot entertained the Carolina crowd. Among his specialties was the downing of a bottle of Dr. Pepper. Here he is shown begging to his trainer, one of Baylor's cheerleaders. Perhaps begging for a victory?

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## Students blow chances in bubble competition

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The old American competitive spirit shone brightly at the Russell House patio Wednesday afternoon. Said one contestant, "This is undoubtedly the most grueling competition I've ever entered in."

This time, the University Union's Special Programs Committee's production was called simply a "Bubble Gum Chewing Contest." They obviously weren't too chewsy about the name, for that would all come later.

**THE RULES** were simple. With two pieces of Bazooka bubble gum given to each contestant, the aspiring glory hogs were allotted several free chews and then one minute in which to blow the biggest bubble. The finalists would be determined by four heats.

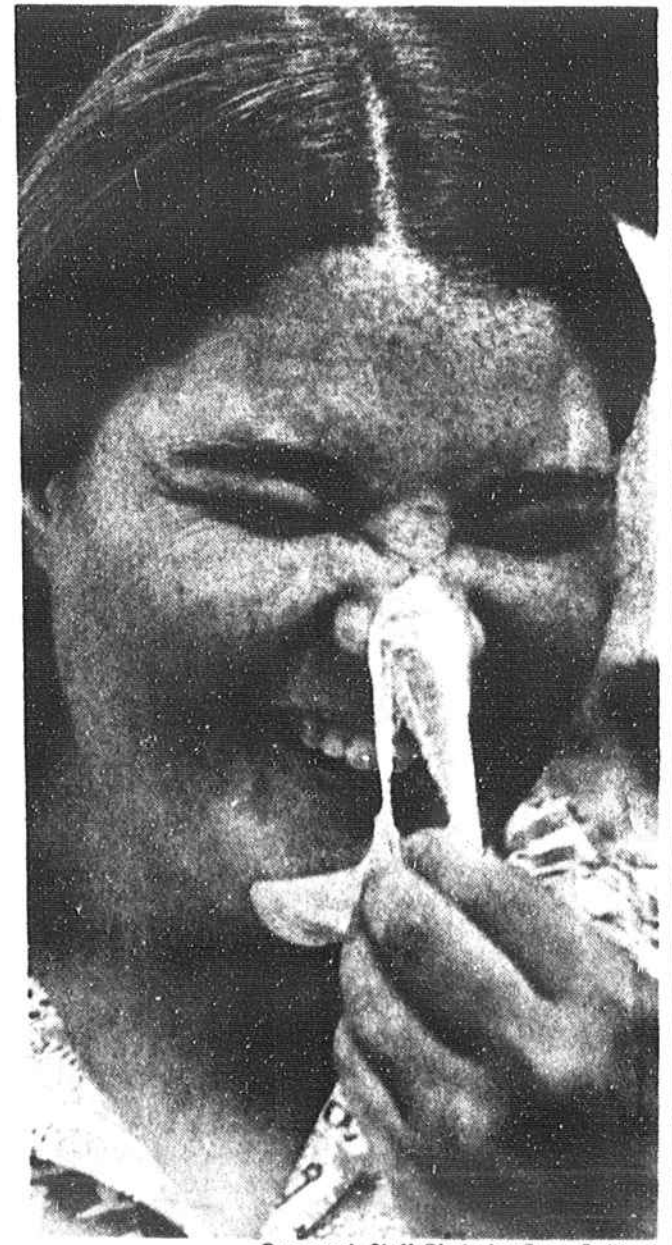
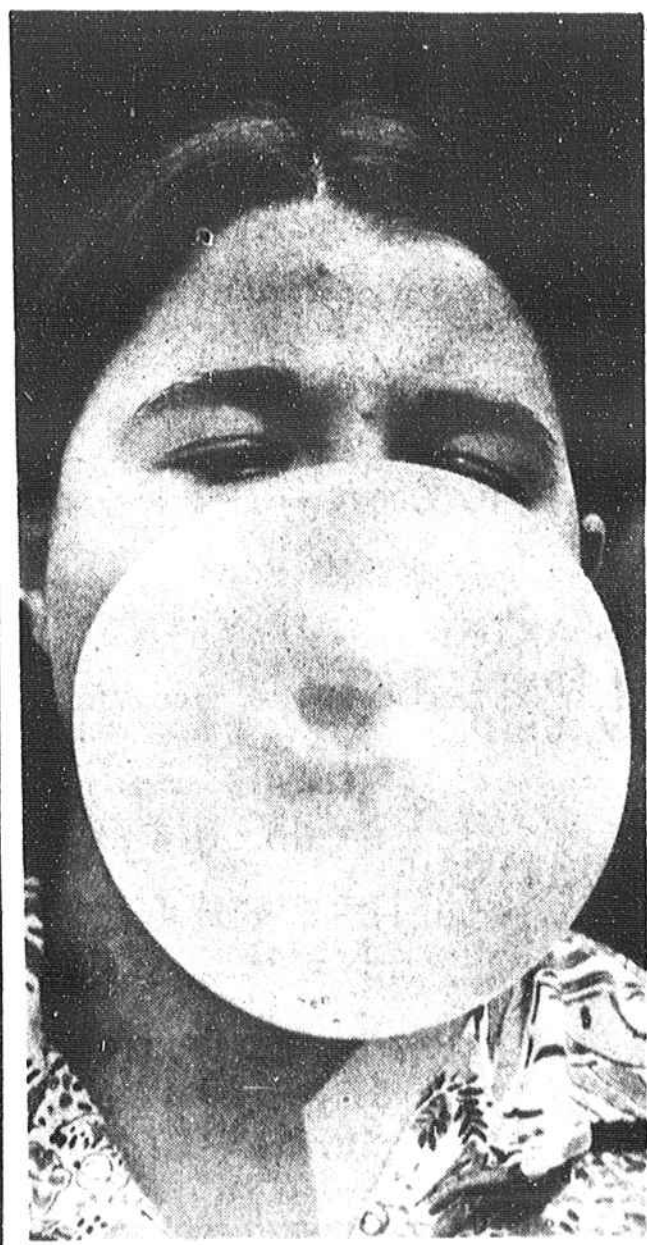
While it sounded like a relatively easy procedure, the pressure was to take its toll. "I'm so nervous I don't know if I can win," remarked one of the hopefuls before the first heat. Then the go was given. Faces took on grotesque contortions as the gum was masticated into strategic positions about the interior of the mouth. The four contestants started giggling as fatigue set in, thereby diminishing their chances for success.

As the officials began counting down the final seconds, everyone began cracking up. Jack Lewkowicz took out his mediocre bubble and held it limply in the air. He was proclaimed the winner, as the others lacked the wind to blow.

The victory of the second heat was Pete Peterson, who turned in the healthiest bubble at that point. "I can't believe it!" he gasped in exhilaration. "I can't believe I made it!" He was beside himself.

"I'M ONLY doing it for the comics," said a member of the third-heat squad. Maybe so, but as the countdown drew near, everyone had that hungry gleam in their eyes. Sandy Rogow emerged on the top of the deck this time with a sensational bubble that exploded all

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