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bergh made his solo flight across the Atlantic in 1927," Chilton says.

"I did 12 years of test flying and then went back on active duty in the Korean War," he says.

Chilton says he always enjoyed the thrill of testing aircraft, but believes the most ex-

sea," he says.

But Chilton's quest for excitement did not begin at Rockwell. During his four years at the University, Chilton exhibited much of the daring that would come to exemplify his character in future endeavors.

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reported that a fire dive was going to take place from the tower and students' mothers got concerned, Chilton says. "Eventually we had to put on a preview for the dean of men and the dean of women because of their concern about my safety," he says. "But we didn't put much gas on and not much fire...they figured it was OK since I came out all right."

"The next time we did it, for the Canoe Fete, when the match was lit I exploded like a bomb," Chilton says.

Chilton returned to the University to see if there were any appropriate activities for him. "In 1983 I started taking classes. I started with a physical conditioning class. Then I took weight training and aerobic fitness," he says.

Janice Lettunich, Chilton's aerobics instructor, says she had never met him before he showed up in her class on the first day and didn't quite know what to expect from a 73-year old man. "Aerobics is a pretty aggressive workout and he just keeps up...it's amazing," she says.

"You have to really plan things and make exercise a normal part of your life's activity," Chilton says in support of staying in shape. "Keeping your health and bodily strength is important and now I'm finding that out."

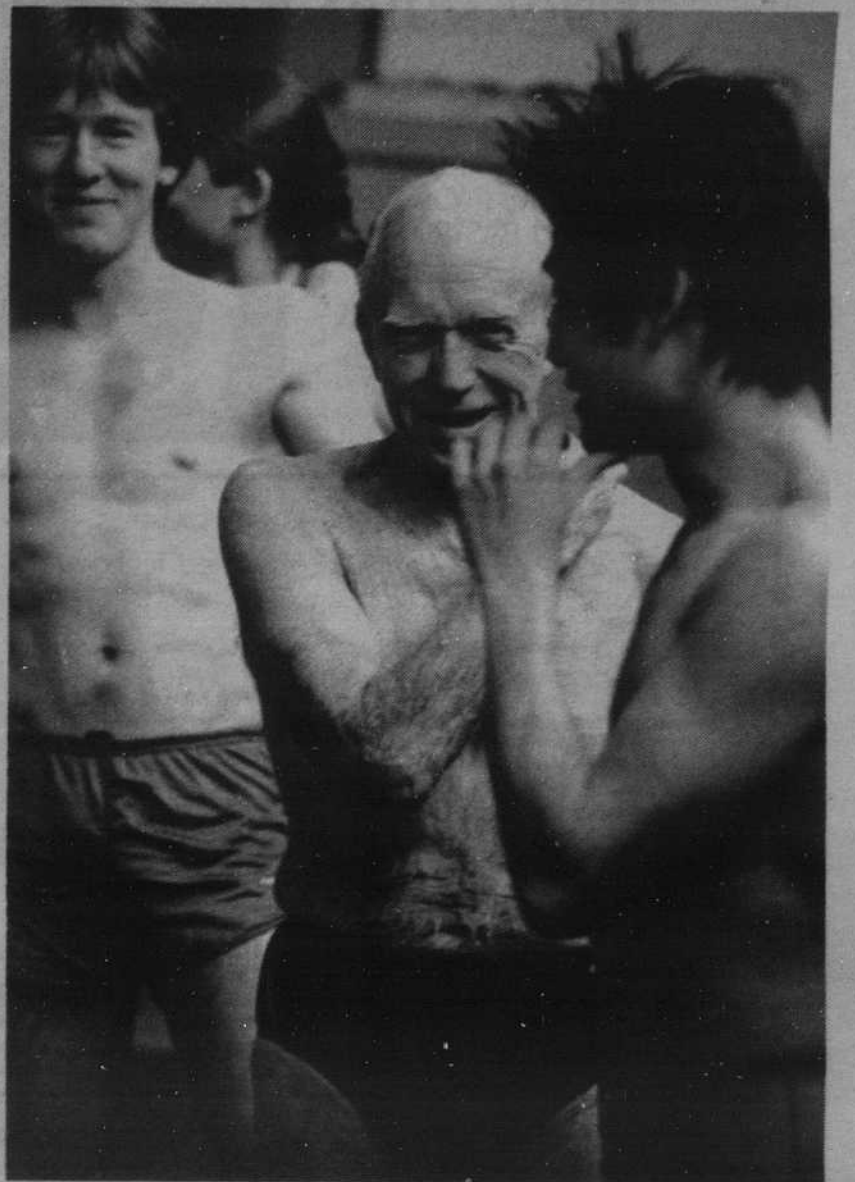


Photo by Michael Clapp
The years between Chilton and his younger classmates are spanned by their common love of water sports and desire for physical fitness.

'The confidence he has in himself, you can tell he's a man of action... He did that back dive off the high board... afterward he told me he hadn't done one since 1955'

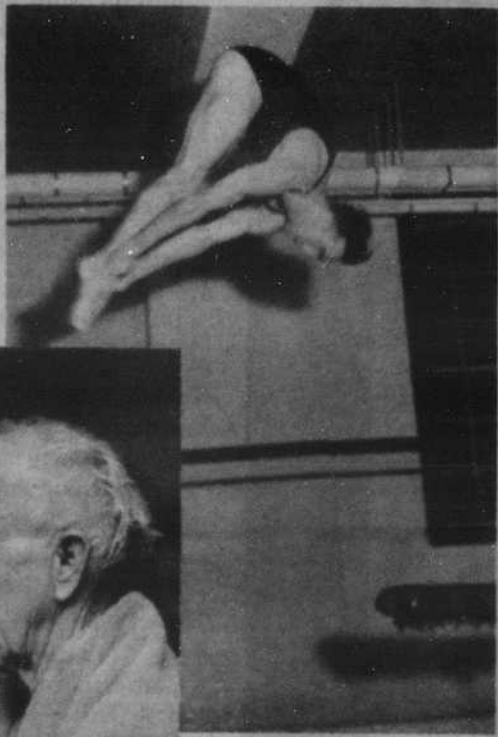
— Lani Loken-Dahle

citing part was taking up a new model for the first time. "First flights were kind of a special thing...an occasion," he says. Only once in his career, in 1943, did Chilton have to bail out of an experimental bomber. "The airplane came apart and there was no way out but to get out. I ended up ten miles out to

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With almost 50 years of experience, Chilton's expertise in judging is well-appreciated at this University intramural swim meet Feb. 25.



The jackknife was one of Chilton's many championship diving forms that lead to him being hailed as one of the finest springboard men on the coast in 1937.

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