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"You know, so they had to release me. They couldn't put me on injured reserve, because I wasn't hurt seriously enough."

The next day, Bill Withers, a manager from the Miami Dolphins, asked Cherry to come to Miami to work out for him and do some agility drills.

But Cherry had injured an

ankle before he was cut. "It wasn't serious, but if I had gone down to Miami, I wouldn't have been 100 percent," Cherry says.

"I told him I couldn't come. I didn't want to leave a bad impression because the word might have gotten out into the league, and I wouldn't get a job anywhere."

Then Cherry received a call from a representative of the Buffalo Bills. The man also wanted to see his skills and told Cherry he would probably make the team and even play.

Soon after that, San Francisco called him. They wanted Cherry off the market. They offered him a new contract for the 1987 season and an \$8,000 signing bonus to hold him out financially until summer camp in July.

"So it came down to a choice of San Francisco, Buffalo and Miami. And with Buffalo and Miami, it was just a tryout, nothing guaranteed, but there

was a possibility of getting paid this year," Cherry says.

"But I know the talent level on the 49ers. I know the running backs. I'm not taking anything away from them; I think I can play with them. They're not that overwhelming in talent compared to me. And I didn't want to go somewhere and start all over again — get a new apartment, meet new people, new coaches...so I just stayed with San Francisco."

Cherry currently has a two-year contract. He will make \$72,500 his first year and \$90,000 his second year.

"That's why I'm here," he says. "I have no worries. I know where I'm going to be next year and where I'm going to get my paycheck."

Cherry has 22 credit hours to complete in order to attain his telecommunication and film degree with a minor in sociology.

"I don't plan on playing football for very long — maybe three or four years, just so I can get my pension," he said with a laugh. "Then I want to get into television or movies as an audio technician or engineer."

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MEETINGS

The Pacific Northwest Personnel Management Association is holding a meeting today at 5 p.m. in Room 333 Gilbert. Ted Lay, director of customized training at LCC. All welcome.

College Republicans will meet today at 5 p.m. in Room 111 EMU (across from the fountain in the Fountain Court Cafe). For more information call Doug Fountain at 342-7346.

Asklepiads meeting tonight at 7:30 at 1242 E. 19th Ave. New member orientation; pizza and beverages provided.

MISCELLANEOUS

Attention all former Gospel

Ensemble students: The University has reinstated the group. Please contact Mike Kennedy at x3360 for more information.

The Lane County Board of Commissioners is seeking applications from citizens interested in serving on the Traffic Safety Commission. The committee serves in an advisory capacity to the Board of Commissioners. Application deadline is Jan. 22. For additional information, call 687-4203.

Seniors who plan to enter graduate or professional schools in fall 1987 and who are members of Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society should get in touch with the faculty adviser, Roger Morris, in the Orientation Office, Room 364

Oregon Hall.

National Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society will award nine \$2,000 scholarships and 28 \$500 awards this year on the basis of the student's scholastic record, evidence of creative ability, potential for success in chosen field and character. Only members of Phi Eta Sigma are eligible for these gift scholarships. Applications are due to Mr. Morris by Friday, Feb. 13.

Deadline for submitting Et als to the Emerald front desk, 300 EMU, is noon the day before publication. Et als are run only once. Events with a donation or admission charge will not be considered. Events occurring nearest the publication date and campus events will be given priority.

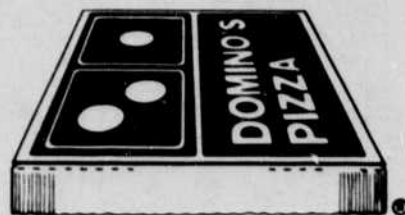
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