



Melissa Foster, instructor at the Fitness and Wellness Center, administers EKG to Don Craig, director of Todd Library.

Career Day today 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

By MICHAEL TURNER
Staff Writer

There are 99 organizations who have made reservations for this year's Career Day which will make this year's event the largest ever, Martha Turner, director of placement and student employment said.

Career Day will be Tuesday, Sept. 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. along the track in Murphy Athletic Center.

Some of the organizations planning to be at Career Day are representatives of insurance companies, public services, food services, publishing companies, retailers, computer science companies and law enforcement. Other areas of interest that will be represented include accounting, manufacturing, government, the

military, the media, and 17 graduate and professional schools, Turner said.

The organizations will have displays set up and will talk to students about their organizations, the types of jobs they have available and the types of graduates they typically employ, Turner said.

They do not interview or make job offers on Career Day, she said.

"It's one of the best ways to meet representatives of various employers, inquire about careers, and get some basic information," Turner said.

Students can best take advantage of Career Day by attending for one or two hours, selecting a few organizations of interest that you may not have knowledge about, and talking with their representatives, Turner said.

Those students beginning their job search at Career Day may or may not find difficulty in actually finding a job.

"It all depends on the economy, the growth of companies and the optimism of employers," Turner said.

Areas of high demand last year included accounting, industrial management, chemistry, sales, nursing and a demand for secretaries, along with an increased demand for teachers, Turner said.

For the first year, demand for computer science/information systems graduates has declined, Turner said.

Pari-mutuel referendum up for vote by residents

By JERRY OSBORNE
News Editor

The Rutherford County Election Commission has called for a referendum on pari-mutuel betting to be held Nov. 17.

Representatives of the Rutherford County Election Commission are registering students to vote in front of Phillips Bookstore, Keathley University Center, today and tomorrow (Tuesday and Wednesday) from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day.

"Students who register will be eligible to vote on this referendum," Amy Williams, Rutherford County registrar said.

"Part of the students vote at the Central Middle School and part vote at Reeves Rogers," she said.

When the voting districts were drawn up, the Middle Tennessee State University campus was split into two parts. Part of the campus is in the 16th voting district, and the other is in the 17th voting district. (See the graph on page 2 for complete explanation)

Williams said she doesn't expect a large turnout for the election.

"But it just depends on how heated it gets between now and Nov. 17," she said.

Rutherford County Election Commission Chairman John Taylor, disagrees, "I think it'll be a close election."

Taylor is an alumnus of MTSU.

Taylor said he can't recall an issue that the students at MTSU affected. He mentioned the controversy that surrounded a local club last year [Spanky's], as an example.

"They didn't influence that," he said.

All students who have lived in the state of Tenn. for at least 20 days, citizens of the United States

"We hope that turns around this year," Turner said.

The average salary offered to graduates last year employed in business, industry or government was \$17,700. Nursing graduates averaged \$21,000, Turner said.

The placement office offers seminars to make students aware of how to conduct a job search and how to utilize their resources to assist in the hunt, Turner said.

Resume workshops will be held Oct. 20 and 21, and interviews will begin on campus after Career Day and run throughout the year, Turner said.

and have attained the age of 18 are eligible to register and vote, the registrar said.

"There are very few [students] living on campus who are registered to vote [in Rutherford County]," Williams said.

"Of course, they'd have to cancel out their registration in their home county," she said. [If the student decides to register here in order to vote on the referendum].

The election commission chairman said there haven't been any problems in the past two-and-a-half years (the time he's been on the board) with MTSU students being confused about where to vote

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New health center enrolling members

By ROSEMARY COLLINS
Assistant News Editor

The Middle Tennessee State University Fitness and Wellness Center is currently enrolling members, Guy Penny, health, physical education recreation and safety chairman, said.

The new equipment is scheduled to arrive Oct. 4, he said.

The Fitness and Wellness Center is available to all MTSU faculty, staff, spouses, students and retirees.

The Center consists of two basic components, service and education. Both are designed to help people enjoy a healthier lifestyle, Melissa Foster, Fitness and Wellness Center instructor, said.

"The Center already has approximately 20 members and can handle 200 or more, the more the better," Bart de Jourdan, Fitness and Wellness Center instructor, said.

"All of the exercise is monitored by instructors, and we will have 10 machines similar to and built on the same principle as Nautilus. The equipment is Magnum equipment from the Badger Fitness Equipment Company," Penny said.

There are two plans that members can sign up for. Plan 1 consists of a health-risk appraisal and members are entitled to use the exercise room, attend all aerobic classes and special seminars on health-related issues.

Special educational seminars on stress management, diet and weight control, smoking cessation, diet and blood lipids and low-back-pain management is part of the educational component available in both plans, as stated in the Fitness and Wellness pamphlet.

"A health-risk appraisal is taken

by filling out a computer questionnaire that asks about your eating habits, your drinking habits and amount of exercise you're getting," de Jourdan said.

Plan 1 costs \$135 for one year [Fall, Spring, and Summer semester], \$100 for one school year [Fall and Spring] and \$50 for one semester.

Members signing up for Plan 2 will receive a complete health-risk appraisal, a treadmill test, exercise prescription, recommendations to enhance health, the use of the exercise room, access to all aerobic classes and special seminars on health-related issues.

The cost for one year [fall, spring, and summer] of Plan 2 is \$180, for one school year [fall and spring] \$135 and \$70 for one semester.

"Neither plan can be substituted for any HPERS credit," Penny said.

"We are able to keep the cost so low because we don't have any overhead, and we didn't have to buy the equipment. But we do have to make our own money to pay our way which is why there is a fee."

"The initial money for the center was approved two years back by President Sam Ingram for the purchase of the equipment," Penny said.

He said that he did not think that the cost for enrolling would go up because Ingram wants students to be able to afford the program.

Those interested can enroll by filling out a registration form which is available in the Fitness and Wellness Center located in the Alumni Gym. Payroll deduction for the enrollment is available.

The center is open Mon., Wed., and Fri., from 7-11 a.m., 12-6 p.m., and Tues. and Thurs., from 7-10 a.m., 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Candidates debate

By KIM HARRIS
Assistant News Editor

Seven of the 18 candidates who have qualified for the Oct. 1 Associated Student Body senatorial election debated a total of 13 minutes at Monday's Speak Out held in the Grill at noon.

Allen East, senior candidate, said he believes his credentials as president of Kappa Sigma and two years as Interfraternity Council representative qualified him to serve.

"If you don't vote, you're not using your voice," East said.

Junior candidate Tod Allison, a transfer student who served as vice-president of his freshmen class, is the only candidate from his class.

"Someone needed to do it," Allison said, "I don't want to win your support, I want to earn it."

Jonathan Cook, a sophomore candidate, said sophomores need more representation since they are between the freshmen and upperclassmen.

"[Sophomores] do not have a strong enough voice," Cook said.

Although there are 13 freshmen candidates, only four appeared at the debate.

Brent Cotton, one of the four freshmen who did speak, said he wants to be elected "by the people, for the people."

Adrian Stitts, another freshmen candidate, said he had not been involved in politics, but wants to be given the chance. Stitts is a member of the Homecoming committee and vice-president of the Beta Theta Pi pledge class, he said.

Freshman candidate Cheryl Ace said she has served as student body president of her high school and chairman of Dry Dock.

"Put the ace in its place, and that's in the senate," Ace said.

Angie Fry, the last freshmen candidate to speak, said students should put their complaints and disappointments into suggestions.

"We can work together and make MTSU a better place for all of us," Fry said.



ASB senatorial candidates speak at Monday's debate. Pictured (l. to r.) Todd Allison (standing), Angie Fry, Brent Cotton, Doug Kinser, and Cherilyn Ace.

ASB sponsors contest

By JERRY OSBORNE
News Editor

Associated Student Body Homecoming Chairman Rob Marlin has announced the first Fine Arts, Photography and Essay contest as part of the 49th Annual Homecoming Celebration.

"We tried to find another way for people to get involved in homecoming," Marlin said.

The new contests are a black and white photography contest, a fine arts contest and an essay contest. All three are separate entities.

Winners of each category will win \$50.

Entry in any of the contests is

Developmental Studies program hires teachers, drops class sizes

By TANJA FORTE
Staff Writer

The developmental studies department has decreased class size and increased the number of full time teachers, Carol Bader, chairman said.

"Uniformity within the department, computers for the labs and a tenure track for the teachers within this department are several changes," Bader said.

"Tenn. is a forerunner in the developmental studies program nationwide," Bader said. "Continuing to excel is a major importance to this department."

Forty-one percent of incoming freshmen are in developmental studies. There are less than 2,000 students enrolled in the program, not 5,000 as previously reported, she said.

An in-depth evaluation will be done by the university after five or six years from when the program began. This evaluation is to see if students who were in the program continued their education and finished college.

"We will know the success [of the program] in two or three years," she said.

The teachers in this department have a masters degree in their area of study or are currently working on one, she said.

"The grading system for the English section is holistic," said Bader. Each other area in the department has a standard procedure for grading papers or tests in order to ensure fairness for the student.

"The teachers are trained in a set method and retrained each year in order to develop unity," Bader said.

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Crime Stoppers

In the early morning hours on Tuesday, Aug. 25 some person or persons took a backhoe, which was parked at the new Agriculture pavillion at Middle Tennessee State University and used it to turn over a parked Case tractor.

After leaving the Agriculture pavillion the vandals headed towards the MTSU driving track. There the culprit or culprits tore down and completely demolished a two-story control tower at the driving track.

Damages are estimated in excess of fifteen thousand dollars.

If you have any information about this crime, Crime Stoppers could pay you \$1,000, and up to \$1,000 for information on any other crime. You may call Crime Stoppers at 893-7867 and do not have to identify yourself. All calls are confidential. Call Crime Stoppers at 893-STOP. And remember, crime doesn't pay, but Crime Stoppers does!

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should be on the subject "What MTSU Means to Me," Marlin said.

Work in the Fine Arts Contest will be judged to conform to "A Halloween Homecoming" theme, he said.

Judging in the Essay Contest will be teachers from the English department. Professional photographers will judge the black and white photo contest, and the Fine Arts Contest will be judged from people off-campus--some from the Rutherford County School system and some possibly from Nashville, Marlin said.

For complete information, contest rules and entry forms contact the ASB, Room 304, Keathley University Center.

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For example in the writing course, teachers are given a standard list of objectives that each paper should contain. At the end of the semester, the student's final exam is graded by two separate teachers, she said.

In case of a split decision, the paper is graded by a third teacher. This ensures fairness toward the student, Bader said.

Former MTSU student works Pope's last stop

By DIANE FUSSELL
Staff Writer

Not many people have the distinction of being responsible for Pope John Paul II being heard by the masses, but that distinction went to a former Middle Tennessee State University student during the Pope's appearance in Detroit while on his American tour earlier this month.

Chip Lafferty is not a Roman Catholic church advocate or a first amendment defender. He's a sound engineer for Eighth Day Sound in Cleveland, Ohio, and he, along with his co-workers, operated sound at the pope's last American appearance in Detroit.

Lafferty, whose faded jeans and T-shirts resemble those worn by the Hell's Angels, is a former recording industry management student of MTSU.

After graduating last December he moved home to Cleveland where he renewed ties with Eighth Day Sound who gave him a chance

to utilize his engineering talents.

In March he found himself on the road with Kool and the Gang.

"I'm so sick of 'Celebration', it drives me crazy every time I hear it," Lafferty's blue eyes squint with irritation at the thought.

Finally, the tour was over, and Lafferty got the opportunity to work with several prominent talents, but none quite so prominent as the pope.

"It rained, and we got almost no sleep for four days before his Saturday gig," Lafferty said. "And that's exactly what it seemed like by Saturday--just another gig like all the rest."

"The crew got T-shirts saying J.P. and the Holy Rollers--God Tour '87, and I tried to find some Pope-on-a-Rope soap, but I couldn't," Lafferty, a Catholic, said.

"It was an interesting experience, but it was just another gig to me," Lafferty says.

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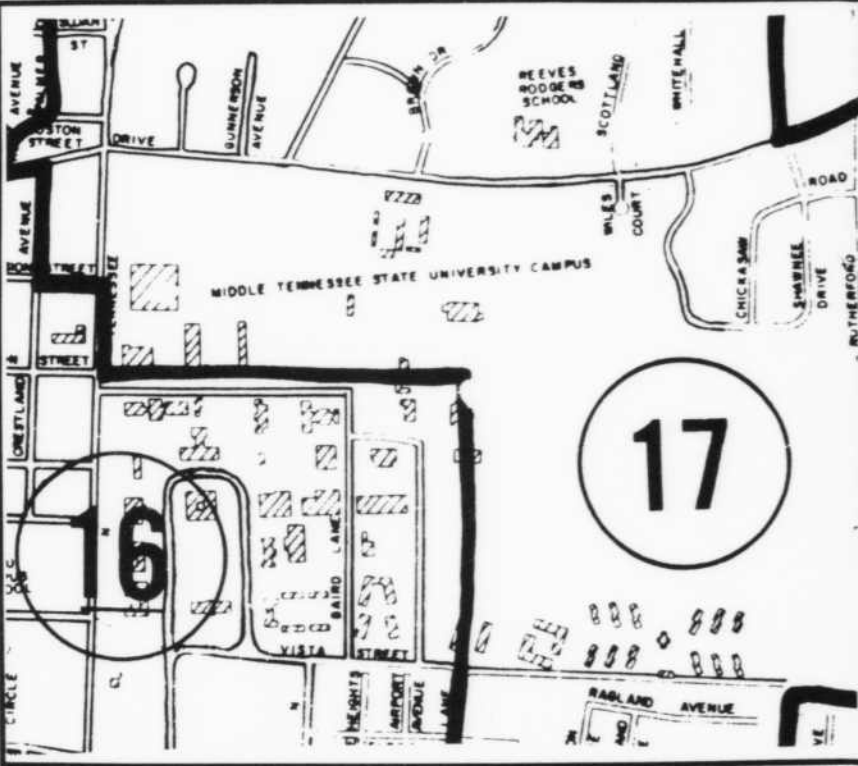
Referendum

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caused by the two different voting districts.

"MTSU students are pretty alert people, that hasn't been a problem as it has been with some of the older people," Taylor said.

Any student who meets the requirements will be able to register at Keathley University Center today. Another way to register is to call 898-7743 and a registration form can be sent by mail. The student can then register by mail.

Another alternative is to stop by the Rutherford County Courthouse and register in the Election Commission Office. The office will be open regular hours and until noon Oct. 17, a Saturday which is the last day to register for those wanting to vote on the pari-mutuel referendum.



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Campus Capsule

The Clerical Caucus will sponsor a Red Cross blood drive, Friday, Oct. 2, at 9-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-3:30 p.m. in the area behind the ROTC building — across from the post office.

The Pi Sigma Epsilon Business Fraternity will be holding an interest meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 30 in Room 322 Keathley University Center at 7 p.m., and on Thursday, Oct. 1 in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building at 7 p.m. Students of all majors and grade levels are welcome to attend.

The Middle Tennessee State University songwriters organization will have a meeting tonight at 7 p.m. in Room 311 Keathley University Center. Bob Mather, a Nashville publisher, will be the guest speaker. For more information contact Lynn Gann 895-6043.

The Society of Broadcast Students will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 30 at 5 p.m. in Studio A of the Learning Resources Center. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 895-5350 or 898-3106.

Campus Capsule Policy

Items which will be considered for inclusion in this space should be limited to official university announcements of interest to students, faculty and staff or notices of meetings, events and opportunities for university recognized groups. Publication of any announcement in this space is at the discretion of the editor.

Persons wishing to publish announcements of commercial ventures-including fundraisers — should contact Evelyn Dougherty, *Sidelines* advertising manager, extension 2533 for information regarding classified and display advertising rates.

If you need assurance of publication, place an advertisement in *Sidelines*.

Entries for Campus Capsule should be typed and delivered to the *Sidelines* office Room 310 James Union Building or mailed to the newspaper office through campus mail, P.O. Box 42.



Freshman Lynn Creek sits in front of the Science Building as she enjoys an afternoon in the sun.



Two convicted for murder

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two brothers-in-law convicted of first-degree murder in the slaying of a grocer have been sentenced to life in prison.

Steve Kryger, 31, and Rondol Hammer, 30, were convicted Sunday in the Nov. 14 killing and robbery of Wayne Robinson, owner of Frank's IGA Foodliner.

The two men will be sentenced next month on charges of armed robbery and felonious use of a vehicle.

Wayne Robinson, 55, was shot once in the chest at point-blank range as he returned to his store from and errand to the bank. Two masked men scuffled with Robinson, shot him, took a bag containing about \$9,500 and escaped in a stolen truck, according to witnesses who testified at the seven-day trial.

"My family and I feel relieved," Delores Robinson, the grocer's widow, said.

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Staff members and the Student Publications Coordinator will be present to answer your questions about the campus newspaper and share your ideas.



EDITORIAL

AIDS creates fear

One night a few weeks ago, I was watching the *Scene at Six* when a report of an uproar in Lake City, Tenn., was broadcasted. The residents there were upset because a 12-year-old boy, a hemophiliac infected with the acquired immune deficiency syndrome virus, but who does not have the disease itself, was enrolled in a local public school. Parents were withdrawing their children from school for fear they

Why are people in such a panic? One major factor can be attributed to the amount of ignorance there is about AIDS. Most people think only homosexuals, introverted drug users, and people who lead "immoral lifestyles" are the only ones at risk and are the only ones who spread AIDS. This, of course, is not true. A billboard in London recently stated, "AIDS Does Not Discriminate." Nowadays,

dren, there was no danger. The parents, however, acted in fear and ignorance. The school system was at fault as well. They should have taken steps to educate the parents about AIDS months ago when they first learned of the boy's plan to attend school. Both parties were to blame for the commotion, but the real victim was the boy. Not only is he the victim of a horrible disease, but he was also victimized by the hysteria and misunderstanding of many people.

Fortunately, things are looking up for the boy. He now has a home-bound teacher and children are volunteering to be his playmates. He did not win the battle against hysteria, but overcame it. The war against AIDS should be fought continuously, but we as human beings should give our sympathy to those who are struggling with the disease, not fighting them.

Compassion is one of the abilities that separates man from other creatures. These days AIDS can claim anyone as its victim. It is no longer a homosexual disease, or a junkie's disease, now it concerns everyone. Men, women and children — any age group — can, and have been diagnosed with AIDS. We should be battling the disease, not its victims. Ignorance, instead of innocence, should be the first casualty of this war.

To this end, I can promise the games will be significantly different than they have been in the past. There will be fireworks every game, tailgate parties, rock bands and hundreds of prizes worth literally thousands of dollars given out at the games. A big auto show featuring 1988 cars will take place inside the stadium before the first game. Cars such as the Cadillac Allante Convertible, Trans Am, Fiero and Mustang, as well as Hondas, Fords, Toyotas and Chryslers — over a half-million dollars worth of automobiles — will be on display. We've also been working on projects to improve the appearance of the stadium and enhance the sound. These tasks are more involved and will be implemented gradually.

So come out to the games. There will be lots of people there and lots of interesting, exciting things happening. And I assure you, challenging.



'Hoss' meets his fans

(This piece is pure satire on the Vanderbilt student who claimed she was gang-raped a couple of weeks ago, only to confess later that she lied just to spite her ex-boyfriend. Don't take any of this seriously, and don't try this at home.) "Officer Fudd. Call me Elmer. Stay calm and state your name, son."



"Cartwright. John 'Hoss' Cartwright." I paused to wipe my painful eyes. "Oh, Elmer, it was the worst experience of my life."

"Just the facts - what happened, son?" (A cop will always call you 'son', even if you're sure he's not your father.)

"I was walking back to my dorm from the library last night - I try to spend at least five hours there daily, like everybody else. I stopped to watch my idols skateboard in front of the Keathley University Center. After about 10 enjoyable minutes, I walked on, passing a bush which was giggling at me. I stopped to investigate. Knowing full well that only deciduous trees can giggle (all other plant life can only smirk, except for coniferous trees, which chuckle.)

"Yeah, yeah. Go on, son."

"All of a sudden, four or five girls jumped out of the bush and attacked me, tearing my 'library' tuxedo to shreds. Oh, god, it was horrifying."

"What did they want, son?"

"Oh, come on, Elmer - it's no secret why they really call me 'Hoss'."

"So they raped you. Could you identify them?"

"They must have been sorority girls, for they had greek letters tattooed on their heads and also on

swear not to tell someone I trusted, especially since they touched me in a way that made me feel icky."

"Then why are you telling me now, son?"

"Oh, well... I don't trust you."

"You can trust me, son. I'm a cop."

"Yeah, right - about as far as I can leave you out of this second-story window. And if you keep calling me 'son',..."

"O.K., I'm sorry. Have you told anyone else?"

"Only my doctor, but he just shook my hand and congratulated me. No one else, but I can't wait until my ex-girlfriend hears about this."

"Wait just a doggone minute! (Clever adjective, huh?) Your ex-? Son, I think you ought to tell ol' Elmer the truth now."

"O.K., it was just a story I made up to get revenge on my girlfriend, uh, — Morgan Fairchild."

"Good lord, son. Why?"

"Well, it all started when Mick Jagger went solo, and she acted like she didn't care... next was the 31 cents I loaned her on April 26 that I have yet to see... and at a family funeral, she purposely forgot the words to the theme song of 'Gilligan's Island', making me our favorite... then she slept through *Sing* solo movie 'Rambo II'... and the list just goes on and on."

"You knew snookums, uh, Hoss, you're cute when you're upset."



Lesley K. Key

may "catch" AIDS. The report showed the anger and hostility the mother of the boy met when she went to pick him up from school.

I was appalled and outraged when I heard the other parents hurl insults at the mother and son. A little later after that, the boy and his family were allegedly threatened with bodily harm, even death, if he tried to return to school. A boycott on the school from other parents was underway.

How could something like this happen in this day and age? The hysteria surrounding AIDS and ARC (AIDS-related complex) has risen to frightening proportions. Fear of the virus makes the McCarthy hearings look like child's play.

it is not just a problem for the aforementioned groups, but one everyone must face.

Perhaps the ignorance lies with the idea that one can "catch" AIDS, like the common cold. Yes, AIDS is very contagious, but the virus is transmitted primarily through blood. Casual contact, such as shaking hands, is not a way of getting AIDS. Nor is giving blood. AIDS is a hard disease to get under controlled circumstances.

The Lake City school system saw that the boy would pose no threat to other children by setting up special guidelines for him to follow. Since he did not show symptoms of the disease, and if he kept only casual contact with the other chil-

Football not just a game

I like sports. All my life I've been drawn to athletic contests, either as a participant or as a spectator. There are special feelings I get from pushing my physical limits that are very satisfying. I also enjoy the strategic aspects of games and the intellectual challenge I get from trying to improve myself as a player.

I enjoy competition. I am a competitive person. But there is more to it than that because I also enjoy activities where I am the only par-

ern, the defending national champion the last two years in I-AA football, has reported dramatic increases in enrollment lately.

The assignment is challenging because it is difficult, complex and the results can be visible. The possibility you can "fall flat on your face" or have no effect — believe me — increases the tension and the challenge. It also enables me to contribute something to the university and to put into practice the



Donald E. Parente
Mass Communications

ticipant. I must confess I am a pinball and video game addict; I've shot thousands of baskets by myself, and I would love to own my own pitching machine so I could take batting practice endlessly.

I think what I enjoy most about all these activities is the challenge involved in mastering one's abilities. Goal-oriented, competitive tasks enable me to evaluate the extent to which I succeed.

I also admire and am fascinated by viewing others who are involved in these same kinds of pursuits. This fall I have been given an official assignment to promote athletic events and stimulate attendance. The university would like sports to be more self-supporting and increased attendance is one way for that to happen. It is also undeniable that a strong, positive athletic program can reflect favorably on the overall image of a university. It's not surprising that Georgia South-

ideas and concepts I talk about in the classroom, where I teach advertising, promotion and marketing courses.

Ironically, the very essence of what I most enjoy about sports is not what I will be focusing on. One of the fundamental principles in marketing is to give people what they want. Aside from a winning team (which Coach Donnelly handles nicely), the reason most people go to a game is simple: they want to have a good time. Certainly, there are people who attend the games to support the team, and surely there are purists who simply enjoy the game of football. But these people are probably already coming to the games. To increase attendance you have to convince new people that they really will have a good time. Clever slogans, flowery words or big promises won't do the job. You have to be able to deliver.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Life needs a guide

Dear Editor,

I enjoyed your article on fear in *Sidelines* Tuesday, Sept. 22. I experienced a healthy dose of fear this past Saturday. Seventeen of us at the Presbyterian Student Fellowship paid \$23 a piece to go enjoy an afternoon of a certain brand of fear, "adventure." It's called whitewater rafting.

Letters Policy

Letters to the editor are encouraged and are considered on the basis of timeliness, interest and space.

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Since I had never been before, I had no idea of what to expect, now I have a new respect for rivers such as the Ocoee. There is such untamed, wild power there, an energy which seems out of control, able to sweep you away and easily destroy you.

Whether it was doing 360° turns through class four rapids, or the suspense of wondering what surprise awaited us around the next turn, or just the sheer joy of being out in God's creation, I felt like I had tasted life and had begun to truly live.

How tragic it is that some people never really start to live until they know they're going to die. There is something about living life out on the edge of adventure which breaks us out of boredom, self-pity, depression and self-centeredness. We all have our cozy little comfort zones

in which we live most of the time. There we are safe.

It's not safe out on the Ocoee. Because we trusted our guide, and followed his orders (paddle forward, paddle backward, drift) we didn't run into any serious problems. As a novice river-runner, it would have been foolish to attempt the Ocoee without a guide. He was worth every penny of the \$23.

Live is a lot like that afternoon on the river, full of twists and turns, surprises and dangerous rapids. It's a big adventure. It's not safe. It can scare you to death and can even kill you. How foolish it is to attempt to get thorough life without an expert guide who knows the river well. How stupid to jump in and go it alone, rather than stepping into the raft and traveling together with a group.

When we put our trust, the full

weight of our life, in God, it's like stepping into a well-built raft. A raft designed to carry us down the river. And we have an expert guide who knows this river very well, Jesus, God's only Son. Follow his commands, do what he says, stay close to the him and he'll lead you down the river, through each set of rapids, to the end.

The real tragedy is that most people would rather play it safe up on the bank, watching, talking about life, but not truly living. Jesus said, "I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full." When it comes to living life to the fullest, there's no better guide than the Author of Life himself. On with the Adventure!

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AFTER CLASS

No 'momentary lapse' in new Floyd album

By BILL STEBER
Staff Writer



Radio Kaos), it's strikingly evident that Pink Floyd's influence on the future of rock is not only warranted but also necessary.

The album opens with an instrumental that sets the tone and mood of the album. Gentle water sounds blend with synthesized organ to create a melancholy atmosphere culminating in a mixture of guitar harmonics and subtle synthesized tones. The guitar piece is reminiscent of the mid-70s work of YES and Emerson, Lake and Palmer.

This leads right into the strongest cut on the album, "Learning to Fly" (a Gilmour milestone comparable in impact to the classic "Comfortably Numb" of 1980). It is a song about the unyielding determination of the human spirit, an optimistic triumph of mortal will that rarely emerges in Floydian dogma. "Learning to Fly" could easily take its place as the third Pink Floyd single to break the top ten in their 21-year career.

Gilmour takes a drastic turn on the next cut, "Dogs of War," with an angry denouncement of the war machine that makes Waters' absence unnoticeable. From mechanized breathing sounds similar to the 1975 album *Wish You*

Were Here to the screeching sax work reminiscent of *Dark Side of the Moon*, this cut is deeply rooted in the Floyd vein. However, the lyrics lack the timeless ambiguity found on *Dark Side*, and like Waters' latest, Gilmour leaves no room for interpretation.

The next cuts, "One Slip" and "On the Turning Away," are stylistically some of the most personal songs by Gilmour on the album. It could be argued that *Momentary Lapse of Reason* is as one-sided toward Gilmour as *The Final Cut* was toward Waters, but the change is refreshing.

The freshest sounds on the album are found on side two in the instrumental "Terminal Frost." It seems that Gilmour has been keeping up with current musical trends, because this melodic instrumental is obviously influenced by the contemporary sounds of new-age jazz.

"Sorrow," the last song on the album, showcases the guitar style Gilmour has made famous, with a soulfully distorted guitar solo. Gilmour does some of the nicest work of his career on this album. In an age where "faster" seems to mean better, it's nice to hear a guitarist who uses notes to express instead

of titillate.

Floyd fans will find enough sound effects, background voices and mood music laced with melancholy to satisfy their appetites. Those of you who just own copies of *The Wall* or *Dark Side of the Moon* will also find the new sound accessible to your tastes.

Gilmour, who ironically once said that he didn't share Waters' bleak outlook on the world, has come up with a fairly cynical album.

The Pink Floyd name is a bit misleading on this album because Gilmour and drummer Nick Mason are the only two members pictured on the album's inner sleeve. Original

keyboardist Richard Wright also appears on the album, but as Waters put it in a recent interview: "He's on a wage" just to make the reunion "kosher." Also appearing on the album is Bob Ezrin (who contributed to *The Wall*), Tony Levin (of King Crimson fame), Carmen Appice and 13 other players.

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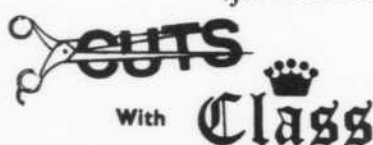
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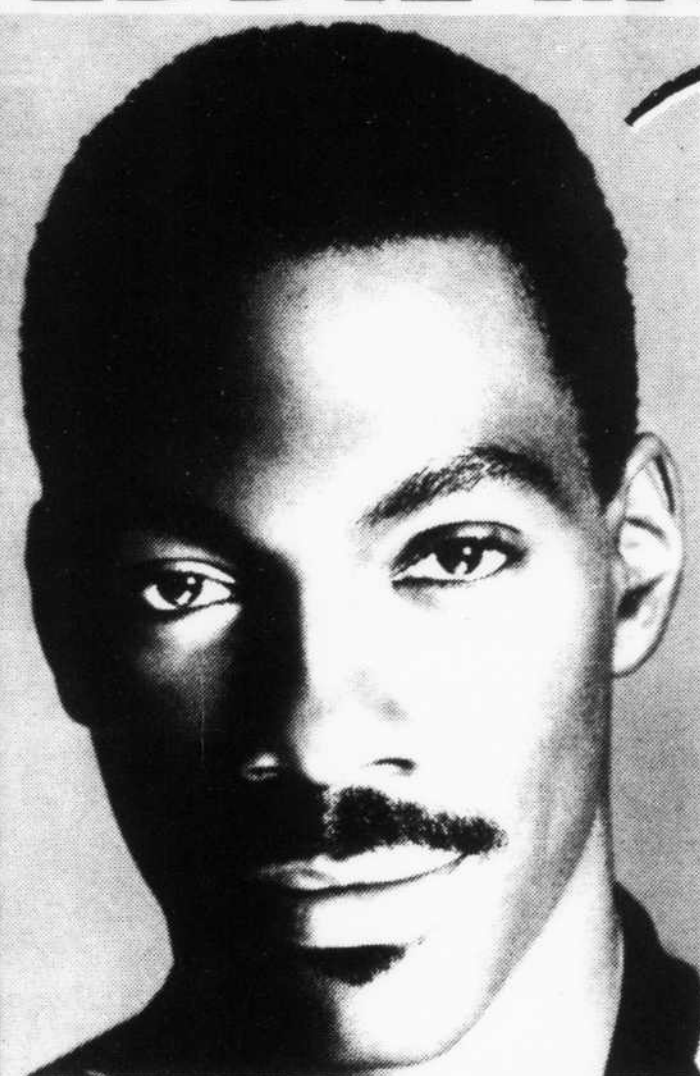
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By PAT WARNER

Niekro astounding in his last hurrah

I call it my "Snap, Crackle, Pop" morning.
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These are audible signs of a body's degree of misuse. I have let too much Italian food and grain by-products take control of my body shape.

With this in mind, I find Phil Niekro astounding. Sunday as he pitched his final major league baseball game, I realized how amazing he is.

He is 48 years old and can still pitch against major leaguers. I am less than half that age and couldn't pitch to little leaguers.

Down the road, I see myself in a steady job at the age of 48, not pitching against the San Francisco Giants.

It was good to see him in a Braves' uniform for his final appearance, after all he had spent his first 25 years with the club. He pitched for the club in two of its three cities — Milwaukee and Atlanta.

Sunday he pitched four innings and threw 50 pitches. Remarkable, considering he is twice as old as most of the batters he faced.

I wonder what keeps him going, not just vitamins. I believe he should write a book on health and fitness. I'd read it before I would something Jane Fonda would pen.

So, tomorrow when I get up and hear my familiar "Snap, Crackle, Pop," I'll think of Phil and wonder how his body is sounding that morning.

Other thoughts from the cheap seats:

●Is Tech for real? I'm beginning to wonder. Over the weekend, they put Austin Peay down 14-9 on their home field. Whether it was Peay faltering or just plain Eagle dominance, Tech has taken the early lead in the Ohio Valley Conference.

●This Saturday the Middle Tennessee State University Blue Raiders come to town. After three road games, it is time for a homecoming of sorts. On their road trips, they had ups and downs. Now it is conference time and time to get down to business.

Austin Peay will be fired up because Middle is their biggest rival. No matter how bad the Governors are, they seem to play four-feet above their head when they kick-off against Middle.

Several question will be answered on both sides of the ball: Will Peay break their 11-quarter dry streak and score a touchdown? Can Middle rebound after two disappointing losses?

For the answers to these and other questions, come to Horace Jones field and find out Saturday.

Correction

In the Tuesday, Sept. 22 edition of *Sidelines* the name of the fraternity Beta Theta Pi was incorrectly listed as Beta Omicron Pi. *Sidelines* regrets the error.

Error prone Raiders lose second straight

By M.A. BROWN
Sports Writer

BOWLING GREEN, KY. — Middle Tennessee State University got a lesson in the old adage "Football is played for 60 minutes" Saturday night as Western Kentucky University used a third quarter explosion to down the Blue Raiders 28-16.

A Smith Stadium crowd of 16,500 watched as the Hilltoppers took advantage of several MTSU mistakes to reel off 21 unanswered points in the second half to overcome a 16-7 halftime deficit.

To open the game the Blue Raider offense launched a 56-yard five play drive, capped by Gerald Anderson's 14-yard touchdown run to take an early 7-0 lead.

Western answered quickly, however, as they took the ensuing kickoff and marched 74-yards for a touchdown to tie the game at seven.

The teams traded punts until early in the second quarter MTSU quarterback Marvin Collier hooked up with wide receiver Mike Pittman on a 33-yard pass to begin a drive deep into Hilltopper territory.

With first-and-goal at Western's five yard line the Blue Raiders attempted three running plays for a gain of four yards.

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With fourth-and-goal from the one, MTSU Head Coach Boots Donnelly elected to try for the touchdown, but Collier was nailed by Western defensive end Xavier Jordan at the two to end the scoring threat.

Western drove from under their goalposts, but on first-and-ten at MTSU's 47, tailback Joe Arnold fumbled and Blue Raider cornerback Darrien Thomas recovered to set up a Joe Lisle 27-yard field goal to give MTSU a 10-7 edge.

The Raiders added an Anderson touchdown run with just over three minutes remaining in the half and headed into the locker room with what seemed to be a comfortable nine point advantage.

The Raiders couldn't hold their lead in the second half, however, as a string of errors allowed Western to take control of the game in the third quarter.

On MTSU's initial possession, the offense drove to the Western 37, but on third down Hilltopper tackle Allen King sacked Collier for a loss

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WAYNE CARTWRIGHT

Western Kentucky linebacker Scott Walker forces MTSU split end Robert Alford to fumble a punt late in the fourth quarter as end Jeff Griffith provides assistance.

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Experienced netters vie for OVC crown

By M.A. BROWN
Sports Writer

Tennis season has begun for the Middle Tennessee State University Blue Raiders, and new coach Dale Short has high hopes for his squad.

"I'm excited about this year's team. If we're going to win the OVC again, this should be the year," Short said.

That's tall talk considering MTSU hasn't won an OVC tennis title in 11 years, but Short feels he has good reasons for his optimism.

"Murray State, which has been the Cadillac of OVC tennis for the past seven or eight years, may be in for an off year," Short observed. "And we have great depth, which is very unusual for any tennis team."

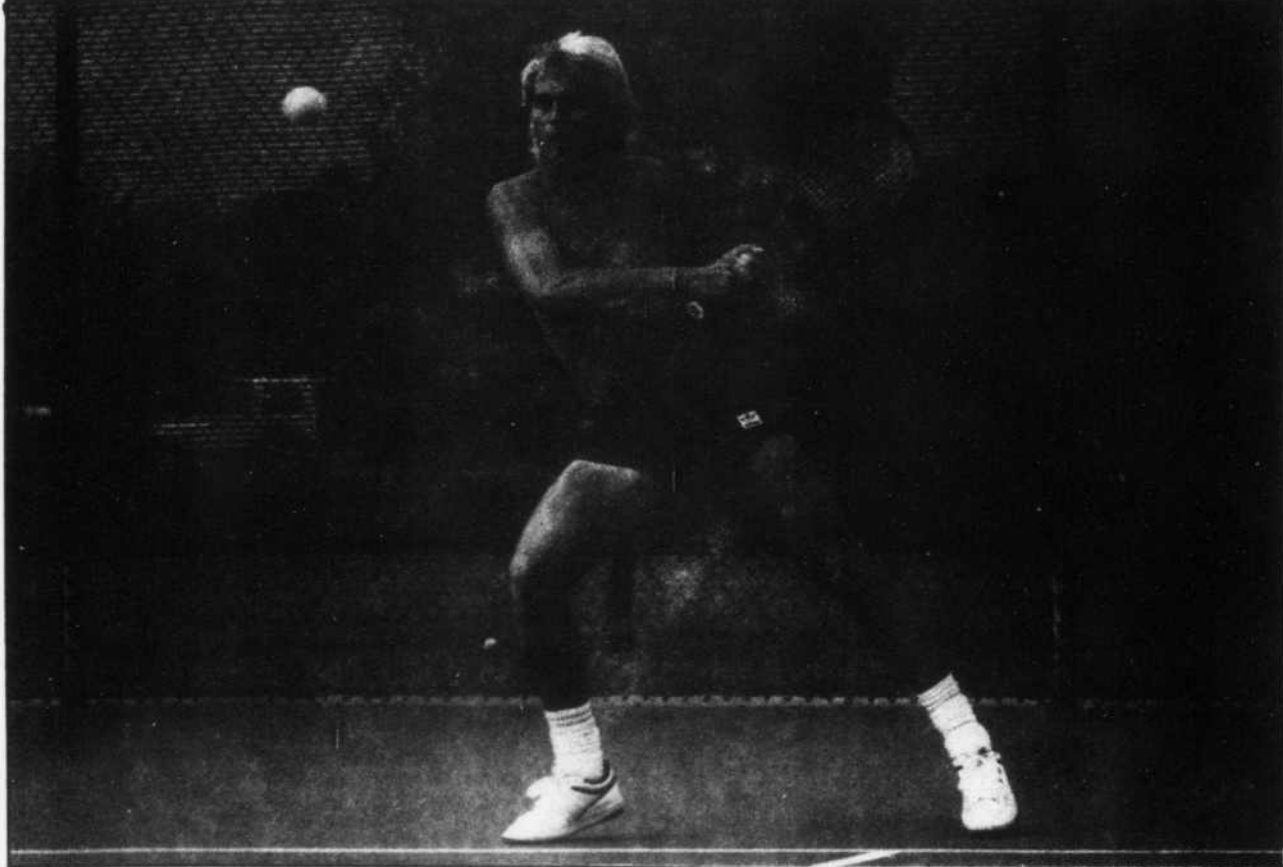
The Blue Raiders opened their season in smashing style on Friday, Sept. 18 with an 8-1 victory over David Lipscomb College.

"We all played well against Lipscomb," Short said. "Nick Shumack struggled a little bit in the number one slot, but that was a coaching mistake. I probably shouldn't have put him in that slot just yet."

Shumack, a newcomer to the squad, is a freshman transfer student from Albury, Australia.

"Nick is a fine young prospect. He's going to be one of our top players," Short commented.

Short also has another top player from down under in Ilmar Mutli.



Men's tennis co-captain Chris King works on his return during last week's practice.

Mutli, a senior from Sydney, Australia, was a finalist in last year's OVC tournament.

"It's going to take Ilmar a couple of weeks to get back in shape," Short noted. "He spent the summer teaching in New York and got a little off his game. He's a big server, and when he's on top of his game,

he has one of the best serves in the country."

Aside from Mutli, Short is expecting good play and leadership from the squad's other two seniors, John Gallaher and Chris King.

"We have seven guys who can beat each other on any given day," Short said.

Sports at a glance

Cross-Country completes busy weekend

Middle Tennessee State University's Cross-Country team's had a full slate of weekend action.

The women's team competed in the Vanderbilt Invitational, which included several teams from the SEC. They placed 10th overall.

The men's team placed seventh at UT-Chattanooga this weekend. Phil Snell was 20 overall with a time of 28:19. Jeff Hunter, Arabee Mateen, Carlos Cooper, III and Troy Cash also completed the meet for MTSU. Last week at Bryan College, MTSU finished fourth and defeated OVC rivals Tennessee Tech and Tennessee State.

Golf team places third in tournament

The MTSU Golf team finished third out of 14 teams this weekend at the University of North Alabama match. Jeff Cook shot a 146 to finish sixth overall, while Ron Graham fired a 145 to take fifth overall.

Baseball team splits double-header

The MTSU baseball team split a double-header with Chattanooga State Sunday afternoon at Reese L. Smith field. MTSU dropped the opener 10-8 and won the nightcap 12-2.

Campus Rec tennis titles determined

Students who turned out for the finals of the men's singles tennis tournament witnessed some exciting play at the Cummings Courts Monday night as Paul McCaughy defeated Adrian Stitts, 6-4, 6-3.

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Baseballers use long ball to slip past Martin College

By TRACY BOYD
Sports Writer

Middle Tennessee State University's baseball team defeated Martin Methodist College, 10-9, in fall baseball action Friday at MTSU's Reese L. Smith field.

The Blue Raiders were led by power-hitting and the combined pitching efforts of George Zimmerman, Larry Lever and Barry Cross.

Martin jumped out to a quick lead when third baseman Shawn Harper hit a two-run home run in the top of the first inning.

MTSU added a run of their own in the bottom half of the inning when shortstop Ed Pye singled off Martin's starting pitcher Terry Jackson and was then driven home by right fielder Mike Young's double.

MTSU took the lead in the second inning. First baseman Mike Messerly led off the inning with a double, catcher Jay Owens singled and then stole second base. Messerly came home on a fielder choice by Jeff Avery. Owens scored on a fielder choice by Darryl Steakley.

Martin took a 4-3 advantage after scoring two runs in the top of the third.

MTSU tied the score in the bottom half of the third when pitcher/designated hitter George Zimmer-

man doubled to deep right field and then scored on third baseman Chris Whitehead's triple off the center field wall.

Left fielder Jeff Avery led off the fourth inning with a double and scored when Pye belted a two-run home run to left field.

Martin added two runs in the fifth to tie the game, but the Blue Raider bats heated up again to regain the lead.

After Messerly drew a walk, Owens blasted a towering home run in the fifth. George Zimmerman added another two-run shot in the sixth to put MTSU on top, 10-6.

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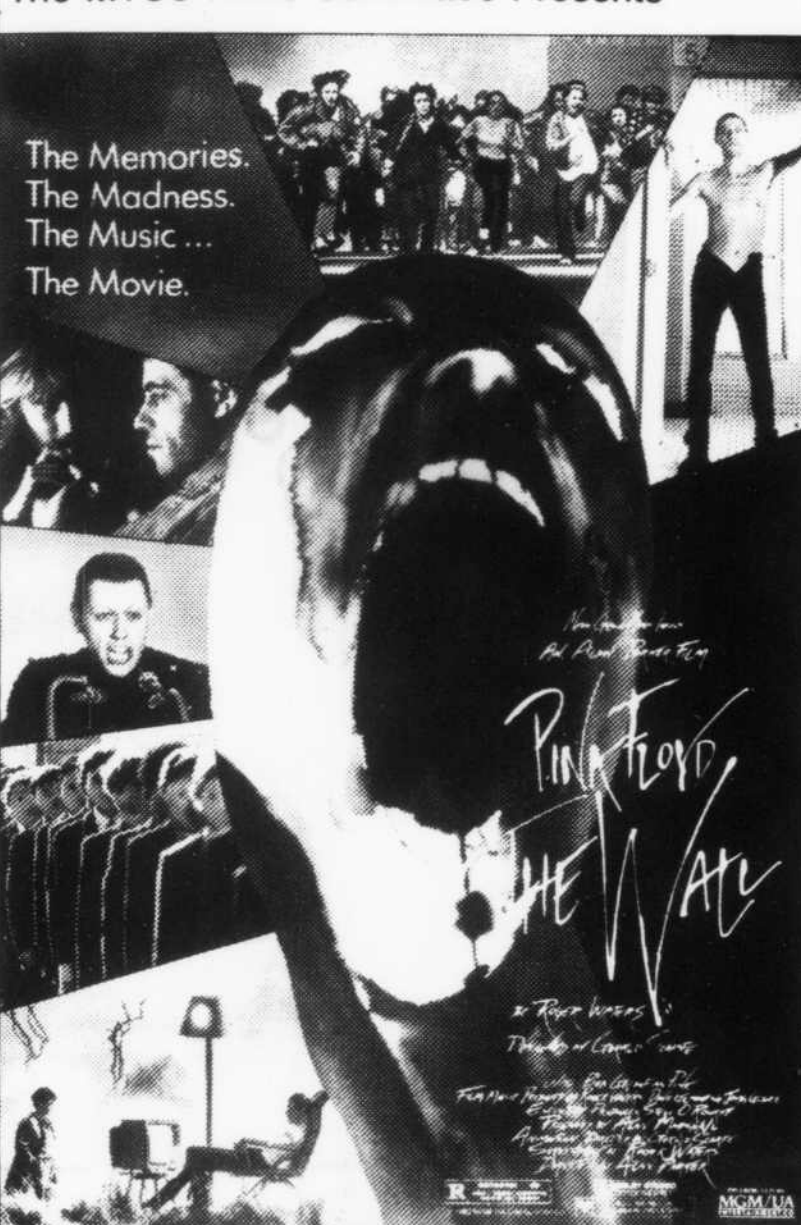
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Football

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of five yards to force a Raider punt.

From that point on the game was all Western's.

The Hilltoppers proceeded to march 80-yards on 10 plays for a touchdown to close the gap to two points.

On the drive, third string tailback Tony Brown carried the ball six straight times for 37-yards to set-up a two yard dive by fullback Pete Mangold for the score.

The comedy of errors continued on MTSU's next possession as Western's Walter Loving blocked a Chuck Daniels' punt to give the

Hilltoppers the ball at the Blue Raider 29.

On Western's first play following the block, quarterback Jeff Cesarone hit flanker Tommy Shakir with a 28-yard pass amidst a host of Raider defenders to give the Hilltoppers first-and-goal at the one.

Mangold added his second touchdown of the game on the next play to give Western its first lead at 21-16.

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