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Raiders Win

The Blue Raiders defeat Murry State 44-28 for first win.

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No wind beneath these wings

By Becky Pickering and Sarah Johnson
Staff Writers

The Federal Aviation Administration has grounded MTSU planes, but no one is talking about the situation.

Apparently, the planes are experiencing mechanical problems.

As of Thursday, MTSU planes have not been allowed to lift off.

With the planes grounded, numerous MTSU aviation students are having to put their scheduled flights on hold until the situation is resolved. Instructors, who usually are paid for their flight time while instructing students, have also been left in limbo.

FAA officials weren't available to comment on the situation. Stephen



Photo by Becky Pickering | Staff Photographer
MTSU planes sit anchored to the ground until granted clearance by the FAA.

Gossett of MTSU's aviation program, wasn't available for comment as of press time. The head of maintenance at the student division of the

Murfreesboro Airport said he could not comment at this time.

Look for the complete story in Wednesday's *Sidelines*. ♦

Students start movement against paid parking

By Erin Edgemon
Staff Writer

"We must stand up and demand our money back." That is the motto of one of MTSU's newest student organizations, Students Against Paid Parking.

This organization formed to tell MTSU executives that "money does not grow on trees." Students have many other things to pay for besides a parking permit they do not need. Why do students that walk, bike, use wheelchairs or park off campus have to pay for a parking permit to park a vehicle that they may not have? Many students have families and are struggling to make ends meet.

The president of SAPP, Ron



Photo by Jenny Cordle | Staff Photographer
Ron Bronson solicits support from Sophomore Brad Walker.

Bronson, says that "parking fees included in tuition is only a conve-

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Speaker threatens possible senate impeachments

By Mary Anna Brown
SGA Beat Reporter

The Student Government Association Senate meeting commenced at 5:33 p.m. Wednesday with only 17 out of the 30 Senate representatives in attendance. Senate meetings may only proceed if there is quorum, one more than half the entire Senate body.

"If Senate members don't start attending meetings, we are going to have some of them facing impeachment."

Speaker of the Senate Josh Pounders said, "We have to have senators who are going to take these meetings seriously."

Senators may be eligible for impeachment if they have missed two consecutive meetings or three meetings throughout the semester.

The meeting began with Interim Senate Secretary Jennifer Jones reading the minutes from the last meeting.

Old business was discussed first, primarily concerning Constituency Day, a tentative school-wide spirit day.

"Although Constituency Day was scheduled for this month, it will be bumped back," Pounders said. "A more preferable date will be set either right before or right after Homecoming."

New business was then discussed, with the approval of the election commission led by Election Commissioner Julia Graves.

"The following people have been nominated for appointment to the Election Commission: Junior Julie Shew, Junior Bryan Graves, Senior Lance Brooks, Senior Erin Phelan and alternate Michelle Carter," Graves said.

A motion was made and seconded from the Senate floor appointing the nominees to the Election Commission. The next order of business was opening the floor to nominations for speaker pro tempore, a subsequent position to

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First Raider Rally draws over 500 faithful

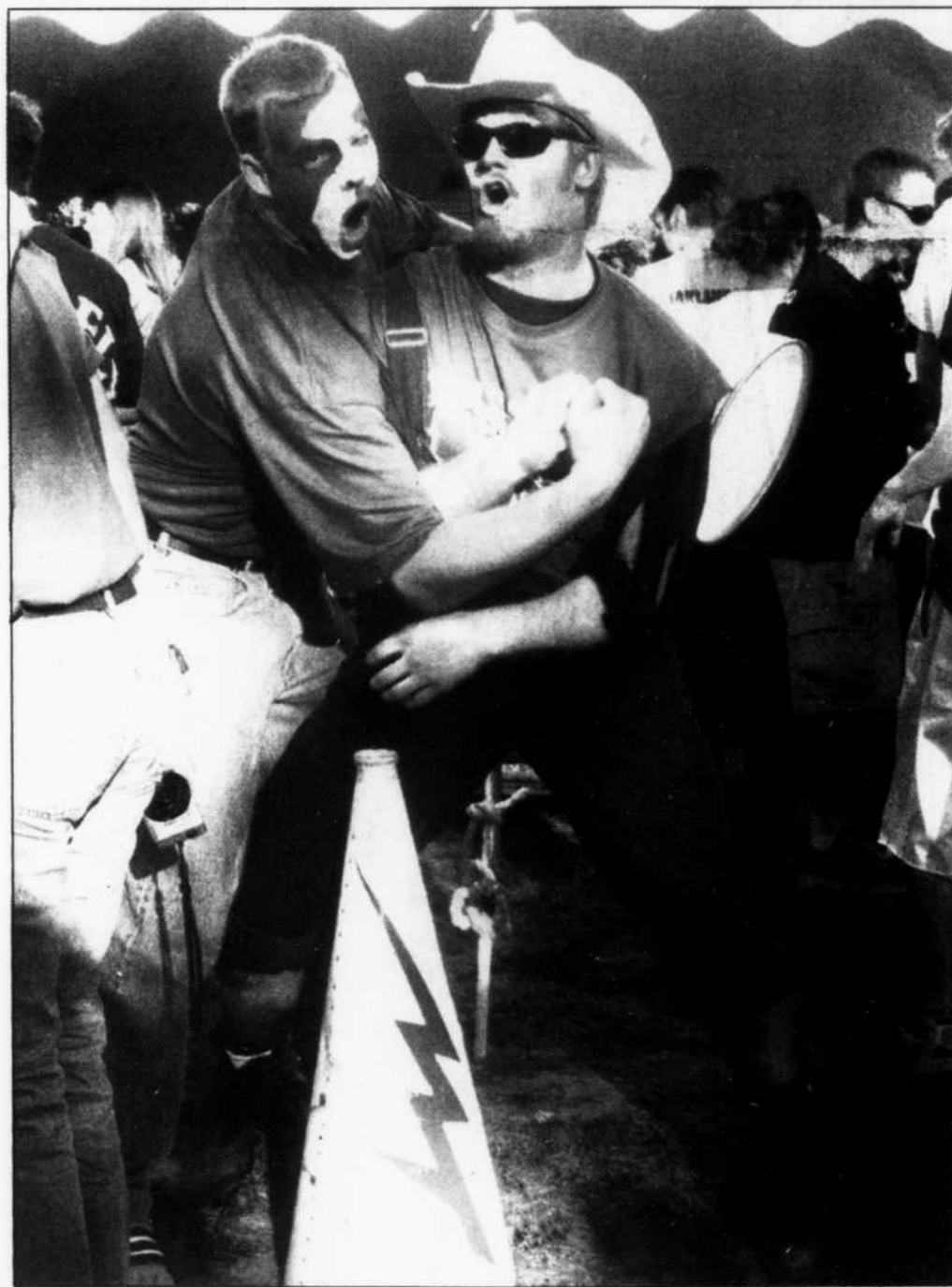


Photo by Jenny Cordle | Staff Photographer
Members of the Rowdy Raiders, a spirit-oriented group of students, get pumped for Saturday's game against Murray State.

by Mary Anna Brown
SGA Beat Reporter

Friday's first ever Raider Rally will be one for the history books, with a turnout of approximately 550 MTSU students, faculty and staff.

The Rally began promptly at 5:30 p.m. with the bass of rapper Nelly's hit song "Country Grammar" echoing throughout the knoll, drawing students to its presence.

The buzz about the free food seemed to encourage the carefree attitude for the evening.

"This is my first college pep rally," Freshman Mandy Lufkin said. "I'm all about the free food, but hopefully, students will start coming out for more than just the food."

By 5:45, the line for the free food, provided and served by Aramark was winding well out of the tent as students were eyeing the 8x9 foot iced football adorned cake just yards from the hamburgers.

"They asked me 'can you make a cake?' and I asked how big they wanted it," Aramark's Executive Pastries Chef Duane "Batman" Schmelhaus said. "Some of the fraternities, sororities and the Lady Raiders helped set up the equipment and make the cake accessible for serving at the pep rally."

To the right of the massive pastry, a group of blue-clad students with painted faces congregated, plotting their role during the rally.

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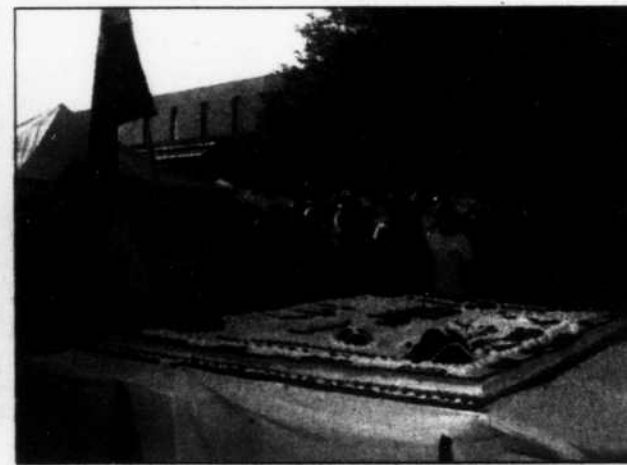


Photo by Becky Pickering | Staff Photographer
Greek members await the cutting of the cake at Friday's Raider Rally.

MTSU sponsors Heart Walk for eighth year

By Jenny Cordle
Staff Writer

MTSU celebrated its eight-year sponsorship of the American Heart Walk Sunday as hundreds of Rutherford County residents, primarily MTSU students and faculty, crowded the campus streets in dedication to their loved ones who survived heart disease and to those whose lives were taken.

This year the American Heart Association named three Red Cap honorees who have battled with America's number one killer: Larry Brandon II, son of MTSU assistant professor of accounting Larry Brandon I; Rhonda Smith of Cavalry Bank; and former Murfreesboro Mayor Joe B. Jackson.

As the largest fund-raiser in Rutherford County, this year's goal set at \$110,000 can be reached and surpassed, said Jan Berry, regional director of AHA. Participants warmed up for the hour-long walk with the help of graduate assistant Keri Loyed before they marched off the intramural field to the beat of Ricky Martin's "Livin' La Vida Loca."

Disc jockey Jammin' Jimmy Sica, of More Music Machine DJ Services, said he regularly DJs at these functions as a dedication to his 65-year-old mother, who is a survivor of two open heart surgeries.

"I go and DJ and I never charge them a dime," he said. "I do it for my mom who's got a great heart already, but they just made it better."

At the start of the walk, Chi Omega members were hustling to get last minute participants registered.

"This is how we show our support — through volunteering," said sophomore Jenny Clements of Chi Omega.

By 2 p.m. hundreds of participants were stopping traffic on East Main Street in front of Tennessee Boulevard.

Kids in strollers, on bikes, scooters and in wagons also joined the walk. Even a few dogs participated.

By 3 p.m. the walkers were gathered under the two tents set up on the intramural field where they rested and enjoyed refreshments provided by Middle Tennessee Medical Center.

Ann Nored, secretary of the

Chemistry department, walked in memory of her grandfather, Lytle Boone Shelton.

After the walk she said she felt, "not bad." "At first my legs were a little Jell-o-ie, but they're fine now," she said.

"It's all about the survivors," said Sica, as the last few participants ended their walk.

"It's about those who can survive because of your efforts today."

Tom Tozer, president of the Rutherford County AHA Board and director of Media Relations for the university, said the exact figures from the total amount of funds received at the Heart Walk will start to "dribble in this coming week or so since it takes a while" to calculate the funds. ♦



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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Compiled By Turner Hutchens - Assistant News Editor

Martins make a gift

Paul and Lee Martin have made a matching gift of \$2 million to the university's Honors College, which will be earmarked for a new Honors College facility. An invitation-only reception for the Martins was held Sept. 14, in the south lobby of the Business/Aerospace Building. Paul Martin was the first honors graduate from MTSU, graduating in two and a half years in 1975.

MTSU's Honors College is the only one of its kind at a public university in Tennessee. "We've graduated over 130 superstars who have gone out and opened doors for the ones who have followed them," says John Paul Montgomery, Honors College dean. "We've grown 550 percent." ♦



Photo by Wesley Bush | Copy Chief

Freshman Chris Deberry shades his eyes from the setting sun while rehearsing for MTSU's Raider Rally.

Retirement planning

Tuesday, Sept. 19, from 2 until 4 p.m., there will be a reception for MTSU President James E. Walker and his wife, Gwenn, open to students, faculty, staff and the general public. It will take place under the tent between the Cope Administration Building and Peck Hall. The MTSU band will perform, and light refreshments will be served. Visitors are encouraged to park in the Tennessee Livestock Center lot on Greenland Drive and ride the shuttle to the celebration site. In case of rain, the event will be held in the TLC pavilion. Members of the media are welcome. ♦

Recycling needs help

MTSU's recycling program, created by Patrick Doyle needs volunteers. Anyone who is willing to help the recycling effort any number of hours per week is asked to call the department of Biology at 898-2847. ♦

Greeks honor professors

During Greek Week, the fraternities and sororities presented the Golden Apple Award to a faculty member in each college. The awards were based on excellence in the classroom and a willingness to help students outside of the classroom. Faculty recipients include Adonijah Bakari (Liberal Arts), Ginger Corley (Basic and Applied Sciences), Boyd Evans (Business), Dawn Shelar (Education) and Cathy Hendon (Mass Communication). ♦

Careers being shaped

Students are invited to attend Career Day. Approximately 150 employers and graduate schools will send representatives to the campus to provide career information for students.

Career Day will be held on the track area of the Murphy Center on Tuesday Sept. 19, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. ♦

Lets talk about sex



Sidelines Online asked students last week what safe-sex methods they regularly use.

Almost half (47%) said they used condoms or contraceptives.

One in five (20%) reported using no methods of birth control or disease prevention.

Seven percent said they used both condoms and contraceptives while 25 percent said they had never had sex.

Total votes 55

This weeks Question:

How much did you participate during the Raiders' opening weeked?

Graphic By Raymond Hutzler | Design Editor

In the spirit of support for women at MTSU the **June Anderson Women's Center** offers this information:

Wednesday and Thursday, the "Genocide Awareness Project" sponsored by the Baptist Student Union, will be in the KUC Courtyard. The project juxtaposes 15 - 20 foot high graphic displays of aborted fetuses with images of Jews killed during the Holocaust, Blacks being lynched, and Cambodian and Kosovar killing fields. Their purpose is to demonstrate their view that similarities exist between abortion and genocide. Their accompanying personnel have a strong anti-abortion and religious message and are trained to engage passersby in conversation and/or debate on their views.

While we support responsible free speech, we feel that many of these images may be painful to members of the African-American, Cambodian, Jewish, and Laotian campus communities, as well as to women who may still feel the residual effects of a miscarriage or the difficult choice to have an abortion.

If you are disturbed or distressed by the exhibit, stop by the Women's Center table in the KUC Courtyard. Trained staff and volunteers will be available to talk with you. Counselors are also available in KUC 329 at the Counseling and Testing Center.

We encourage campus members not give the group the negative attention they seek, but conduct ourselves in a respectful and non-engaging manner.

If you wish to volunteer at our table, call 898-2193. We will conduct a training workshop Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in how to deal with people in distress, and how to manage confrontation and anger.

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Rally: Faithful cheer for Raiders at rally

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The group calls themselves the Rowdy Raiders and they are petitioning the right to lead the football team out onto the field at home games.

"We are all about having fun whether we win or lose,"

Freshman Sarah Anderson said. "Our main goal is to pump up school spirit."

At 6:00, all attention was turned to the grassy knoll sprinkled with grinning cheerleaders and a roof-raising "Lightning."

"I'm excited to see such an enthusiastic group of students who came out and I think this will be a dynamic first step in increasing school spirit,"

Sophomore Cheerleader Jeremiah Lawson said. "As a cheerleader, this makes my job a lot easier."

A pause between the cheerleaders' chants yielded a swarm of Rowdy Raiders onto the knoll to lead the student body in their version of N'Sync's "Bye Bye Bye."

The Rowdy Raiders finished off their appearance with an icing fight and an ever growing human train weaving its way around the courtyard.

The crowd shifted to the side of the KUC when the band, led by the dance team, rounded the corner armed with sonorous, brassy instruments.

After the band pumped up the crowd, the football team with heads held high, burrowed through the crowd as

Head Coach Andy McCollum manned the microphone.

"We have come a long way and we are proud of the what these guys are doing," McCollum said. "We need our student body now more than ever in the history of our school."

The band's vigorous "Fight Song," coupled with the crowd's clapping and yelling, created an aura of pride and spirit throughout the heart of campus ending the pep rally.

Raider Rallies came about through a partnership between Student Affairs and the Student Government Association.

"I'm not surprised at all at the turnout of the Rally," Vice President of Student Affairs, Robert K. Glenn said. "I always believed that if we gave the student body a good reason to attend school-sponsored events, they would come."

Glenn's belief is that spirit will gain momentum as the Raider Rallies continue to be successful.

Speaker of the Senate Josh Pounders was impressed and pleased with the turnout at the rally.

"There's no telling how big this will be the second time around," Pounders said. "We've started a new tradition that will last for a long time."

Students that attended the rally offered positive comments about the festivities.

"I'm here in support of all of MTSU athletics as a whole, including football, basketball and track and field," Junior Taurece Riley said. "I just want to chill with my fellow students, have a good time and eat free food."

Freshman Kate Lamaster voiced her excitement about the number of students who stayed up for the rally instead of going home for the weekend.

"Before long, blue fever is going to be running rapid through the MTSU campus and the student body," Junior Laurie Cook said. "It's not going to happen unless we have every single student's support."

In aiding in the attempt to bolster school spirit, the athletic department is sponsoring a point-based fan rewards program, Raider Rewards, designed to thank loyal Blue Raider fans for attending athletic home games.

Students and MTSU fans may sign up for a Raider Rewards card. Each time they attend a home game, they can swipe their card and earn points toward discounts and free prizes throughout the athletic season.

Fans can earn up to 390 points by attending every home football, men's and women's basketball and volleyball games. The more games the fan attends, the more points the fan acquires.

Fans can swipe their Raider Rewards cards at designated stations which reward kiosks throughout the Murphy Center and Floyd Stadium.

Some of the prizes offered include free concessions, MTSU team merchandise, tickets and electronics.

Students were able to sign up for Raider Rewards at a booth on top of the knoll during the Raider Rally.

For more information about Raider Rewards, contact Athletic Department Events Coordinator Michael Jordan at 898-5322.

The next Raider Rally is scheduled for Oct. 6. ♦

Senate: Impeachment possibility

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the speaker of the Senate. External Affairs Committee Chair Jaime Burns was nominated and voted the speaker pro tempore.

The floor was then opened for announcements, the first being the introduction of the "Lightning Rod" at the upcoming Raider Rally. Burns then announced the tentative plans for the

External Affairs Committee for the fall.

"We are going to focus on raising money for a philanthropy in Rutherford County," Burns said. "Other activities we have planned for the semester are Miles of Dimes, Bingo Night at the National Healthcare Center and a youth basketball tournament, all for which details will be provided nearing the time of the event."

The Senate meeting concluded at 5:50 p.m. ♦

Parking: Students fight parking policy

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nience for those students who actually park on campus, for all others it is theft. The decision...to charge all students including those without cars borders on the illegal."

Other students such as Sean Flannery, that do park on campus, think that the students should have had a say in the decision. He called it, "a fleecing of the student body."

Several students have gotten together to protest the acts of MTSU executives. The group has handed out flyers to inform the students about what they think is an "unjust action." A petition was started on Wednesday, Sept. 13, and it will continue until they have 2000 signatures. If the petition does not create some action, then the group will take their measures further by contacting other forms of media.

John Everett, a petition signer, says "MTSU executives are making everyone pay for parking to allow the university to pay for other programs and to just hike tuition."

What some of these students may not realize is that the parking fees go to a lot more than just

parking spaces. Parking Services has many responsibilities and operating costs.

Connie Hagberg, manager of Parking Services, provided the following information on their costs. Parking is responsible for the constructing, paving and lighting needs of new parking lots, including sidewalks. They take care of the costs of resurfacing and restriping the new parking lots, and they pay for all parking signs.

They are also responsible for the Raider Express shuttle bus system. That includes the purchase of new buses, maintenance, fuel, new bus shelters and bus driver salaries and benefits. In addition, they have to pay the employees of parking services, and they have other office expenses.

Many students, on the contrary, think that the price of a parking permit included in the cost of tuition is very convenient. Students like Angie Gleason and Cindy Householder were surprised when they went to purchase their parking passes and found out they had already paid. However, even Householder feels that the new policy is unfair to non-driving students. ♦

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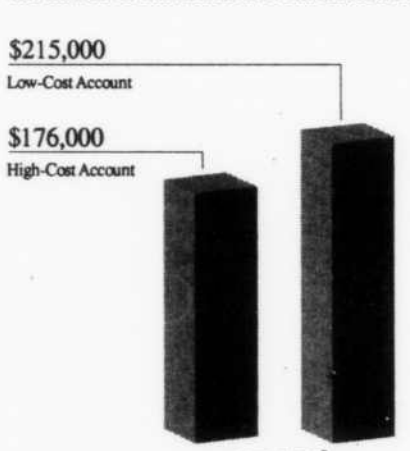
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Campaigns search out, then woo, undecided voters

By Nancy Benac
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — A personals ad from this year's presidential candidates might look something like this: In search of politically independent female from small town; no college education necessary.

She's a typical undecided voter, part of a shrinking pool of Americans yet to tilt toward either Al Gore or George W. Bush.

Only about 10 percent of Americans remain truly undecided, polls show, although that rises when those who are leaning but not committed are included. That has number crunchers for both campaigns slicing and dicing poll results to learn more about just who's left to get.

They're likely to find people like Tracey Jones, a 33-year-old cosmetics saleswoman. She's a registered Democrat but willing to give Bush a chance.

"I'm going to vote," Jones said as she shuttles among customers in a D.C. store. "I just have a lot more homework to do."

Surveys show the undecideds are disproportionately female and politically independent, with a high school education or less. Some polls show they're most likely to be young, though a recent survey found them older. Nearly two-thirds are from small towns or rural areas. Many are from working-class families. They have moderate views on the issues and generally favorable impressions of both Gore and Bush.

"They're probably just tuning in," said GOP pollster Linda Divall. "They're truly up for grabs."

And the uncertainty in this year's race extends well beyond the undecideds to an even larger bloc of voters who have picked a candidate but aren't solidly committed. One in four registered voters said there was a chance they might switch before Election Day, according to a recent survey by the Pew

Research Center for the People and the Press.

That includes people like Kenny Smith, a 29-year-old construction worker from Orlando, Fla.

"I'm not really undecided, but I can be swayed," said Smith, a Democrat who describes himself as for "Al Gore — as of now."

"I'm waiting on the debates," he said.

Likewise, 23-year-old Molly Lorton, a technical writer from Centerville, Va., says she's leaning toward Bush but far from committed.

"I just have an overall better feeling about Bush, but it's really not that strong," said Lorton, who doesn't identify herself with any party. "I'm going to vote, but it's probably going to come down to a last-minute decision."

Independents, who make up more than 40 percent of the undecideds, have been splitting about evenly between Gore and Bush when they do weigh in. But Gore has the edge among women, lower-income and lower-educated voters, groups that are prominent among the undecided. Bush has the edge among others in the group: small town and rural voters.

The Gore campaign lumps together truly undecided voters with soft Bush supporters and sees a "persuadable voting bloc" of about 15 percent of the electorate.

Gore strategist Tad Devine sees encouraging signs for the Democrats in this group. Many have favorable impressions of Gore, already support a Democrat for Congress and tend to lean Gore's way on major issues, he says.

"This segment of the population is very available to Al Gore," Devine said.

Republicans see opportunity as well in those who have yet to make up their minds. GOP strategists say Bush's challenge is to excite the undecided voters who tuned out

after growing weary of partisanship during the Clinton years.

"That's why we have to keep a constant drumbeat about Republican initiatives," says party spokesman Mark Pfeifle. The party is working hard to woo specific population groups such as Hispanics and active Catholics.

A flood of Hispanics defected from Gore to the undecided column immediately after the GOP convention, but have since gone back, polls show. Among religiously active Catholics, the GOP believes about half are "persuadable," even though Catholics overall tend to vote Democratic.

Pollsters caution that campaigns mustn't neglect their broader message as they try to home in on promising segments of the population.

"You've got an entire campaign here, with 100 million people to vote," Divall said. "You can't focus on just 10 million."

Likewise, Democratic pollster Mark Mellman says the campaigns must be careful not to go too far in chasing small relative differences among voting blocs. For example, while about 60 percent of undecided voters are women, that doesn't mean campaigns can ignore the 40 percent who are men, he said.

The key, Mellman said, is to keep pushing broad themes while "looking for special opportunities to reach those people who are most undecided."

Gore, for example, this week appeared on Oprah Winfrey's TV talk show — a good place to reach women — but spent plenty of time promoting his education plans to a broader audience.

Likewise, while Bush was stumping in the key battleground state of Florida, Latino singer Jon Secada was in East Los Angeles seeking support for the Republican ticket among Hispanics. ♦

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From the staff

More justified parking system needed

The new organization - Students Against Paid Parking - is trying to convince MTSU officials that the new method of charging students for parking on campus is unjust.

We agree.

Under the new system, every full-time student is charged \$23 in the General Access Fee per semester for parking. On the surface, this new way of charging students seems more convenient. That's just an illusion.

Students are actually getting charged a total of \$46 per year to park, and that's not even counting the summer semester. Previously, students paid \$45 for the entire year.

It also seems easier that students don't have to write a separate check to Parking Services. Really it's not. Students still have to go to the Parking Services building and

fill out the registration forms before they can get their passes. The only step missing is the writing of a check.

The SAPP wants Parking Services and the university to find others ways of making the parking system more convenient, without inflicting the entire student body.

Our suggestion is that the university take the \$23 out of the General Access Fee, and make students who need a pass pay their money at the Parking Services building. It's one extra step, but it doesn't harm non-parkers.

Our suggestion to students is to support the SAPP and sign the petition the organization has started to end the new parking system. Without the support of the student body, the organization will fail and students who don't park will suffer.



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Persecuting 'Greeks' is wrong

OFF THE RECORD

By James Evans
Editor in Chief

When I was younger, I remember reading a fable about a man who had a mule that he loved. His wife, on the other hand, wanted him to sell the mule. So to make her happy, the man and his son took the mule to town to sell.

On the way to town, the man let his son ride on the mule. They passed a traveler, and the traveler made a comment about how lazy and inconsiderate the son was to make his father walk. So the boy dismounted and let his father ride.

The next traveler they passed made a comment about the father and how he was lazy and inconsiderate for making the son walk. So the father took his son, and they both rode the mule.

The next traveler they passed made a comment about how both the father and the son were being inconsiderate and inhumane to the mule for making the animal carry both of them. So the father and son dismounted, tied a large pole to the mule's feet and together they carried the mule.

When they got to town, no one would buy the mule because they complained that it must be worthless if it had to be carried. So, the father and son returned home with the mule, and the wife was displeased.

The moral of the story is that it is impossible to make everyone happy and that no matter what action you take, someone is always going to criticize those actions.

As a journalist and as editor of this newspaper, situations that aren't black and white are as common as breathing. And sometimes, no matter what action I take, someone is critical. The most recent being the uproar that has erupted between

"Greeks" and "Non-Greeks."

Now I know that members of sororities and fraternities sometimes hate the negative connotations that are sometimes associated with the word "Greek."

For the purposes of this column, I only use the word to describe the fraternity and sorority community. Nothing more, nothing less.

The job of the staff is to cover newsworthy events. In the past and more recently, the staff has been accused of only publishing the negative actions of a few while ignoring the positive actions of the many. To an extent, this is true. But that's changing.

It all comes down to responsibility.

In the past, this newspaper has written negative articles about Greeks when one or more member had been caught doing something illegal. Usually, the headlines on those stories used the word "Greek" in them, which made it look as though the entire Greek community was to blame for what had happened. That was irresponsible, and I apologize for those staff members of the past who were responsible for that stereotype.

This newspaper as an institution is not "anti-Greek." I've tried to talk to some of the staff about dropping those stereotypes on our end, and I've been talking to some of the Greek leaders to get them to work with us as well. Some of the staff have prejudices, and I can't make them change their mind.

That's their right as individuals, and no matter what rule or regulations I make, I can't legislate how people think.

But it's not just our staff. Some Greek members have been working with me to make the situation better. Others have done nothing but complain and write letters without trying to fix the situation. This is frustrating and unfortunate for both sides.

It occurs to me that this situation is a lot like racist arguments. Would we be having this problem if the subject matter were about African- or Jewish-American students?

The answer is no. Racist comments in a newspaper or by groups are considered taboo.

The Greek community is not bad, and an individual that simply joins a sorority or fraternity shouldn't be labeled or stereotyped. Those organizations are as diverse as the general population. Not everyone agrees with me, and they think those who are Greek are shallow, materialistic people whose only mission in life is to defile themselves with alcohol or drugs. I have friends who are Greek, so I know this is not true.

I can't make people concede to this idea, but there are things I can do.

For one, I'm assigning a reporter to cover the "Greek beat," as it is called. This reporter's job will be to cover everything about the Greek community — both negative and positive. I believe the Greek community as a whole does more positive things than negative. If I'm right, then I think that the campus will be seeing many more positive stories about Greek groups.

However, I'll say up front that I know there will be times when a fraternity or a sorority or members of a fraternity or sorority will get caught in something illegal. When that happens, there will be an article about those events. That's our job.

But, it's also our job to tell both sides of the story and be fair to the parties involved, especially when the overall tone of an article is negative.

I've also hired the president of Kappa Alpha as a weekly columnist. I didn't place any restrictions on what he should talk about in his column, so long as it's related to the Greek community or issues surrounding the Greek community. I don't consider this columnist as a way of getting a "token" Greek member on the staff. Instead, I see it as a way to get the Greek perspective into the paper on a regular basis.

I know that some of you will read this and still want to write letters to me about how you hate what I'm saying. That's reality and should be expected.

But I hope that Greek leaders will read this and decide to put down their prejudices and open a dialogue so that we can fix the problem...together. We can't make everyone happy, but maybe we can reach the majority. ♦

Letters to the Editor

Greeks hide the truth behind their 'philanthropy'

Yes, I am afraid to admit that I was once a pink-bow wearing, walking symbol of Greek letters.

I, a journalism major and political science minor, went racing into the chapter room on bid day (fall 1999) of last year.

Let me just shed a little light on some of the arguments that I have heard.

Yes, I was Greek. And exactly what does it mean to be Greek? Honestly, the Greeks don't even know. Or at least I didn't - nor did any of my "sis-

ters." I use the word extremely lightly, for the fact was that I never was treated like a relative should be treated by any of these women.

Greek life is all secrets. Do you remember when you were a child, and you had a secret clubhouse with a handshake and your very own "special" lunch box?

Well, welcome to sorority existence. Except the lunchbox is now a tiny pin which can only be worn during "sacred" meetings.

I joined this Greek organization for philanthropy purposes. What I soon discovered was that the philanthropy aspect is pretty much for publicity purposes only.

Out of 64 women, usually seven to nine showed up at fundraising activi-

ties, athletic events or philanthropic meetings.

In response to the article, "Wake up Greeks - no one cares," all I can say is the Greeks don't care either.

Sure, I went to the "best" parties (full of intoxicated, slobbering men who funneled their way into the pants of the new pledges). I participated in Homecoming (which consisted of scandal, giving gifts to strange guys and receiving Jack Daniels and our most wonderful Jim Bean).

And maybe the idea of sitting in an overly-decorated chapter room filled with stuffy girls listening to the "executive board" members lecture about being a proper lady and wearing your neck-scarves the right way is appealing to some.

Why? No one knows.

I remember one meeting when a candidate for SGA president came and spoke to my sorority. He spoke of a fairly-operated campus.

He left the room, and the vice president announced that we were not allowed to vote for him.

He was not Greek, and we could not have someone unworthy running our (the Greeks') campus. We were to vote Greek.

The Greek system is a controlling beauty contest for insecure and needy children.

You see them, clad in their letters all over campus. And they think they are better than others.

Why? Because they take a group of 300 women and scrutinize them,

selecting a choice few to sing songs with in a dark room, chanting "We love our sorority."

The word "cult" comes to mind.

Sincerely,
A Truth-Teller

Sidelines is now instituting a policy of only running letters signed by the writer's real name. They must also include contact information such as a phone number or e-mail address, which will be withheld from publication at request.

Mail your comments to Box 42, drop them off at JUB 310 or e-mail them to stupubs@mtsu.edu. Letters may be edited for length, grammar or content.

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Monday, September 18, 2000

Murfreesboro, TN

Diggin' up dirt

A statewide celebration for archaeology: September 16-24

By April Jacobs
Staff Writer

Ah, Tennessee...known for its rolling hills, wandering rivers and stifling humid summers, the average Joe may not think about what lies beneath the surface...that is, the ground's surface.

Over 12,000 years of civilization has been documented in Tennessee, thanks to those people who get down and dirty in the trenches of Earth. In efforts to heighten public awareness of our heritage, protect archaeological sites from urban growth and recognize those who work in this field, the annual Tennessee Archaeology Awareness Week will be running from September 15-24.

While most of us know about the traditional museums that hold archives from our past (such as the Tennessee State Museum, adjacent to the Tennessee Performing Arts Center in Nashville), a wealth of information can be found across the state, providing a foundation of rich history for us laymen.

Over the weekend, the 18th annual Archeofest was held at Pinson Mounds State Archaeology Park, located in Pinson. A key participant in TAAW, the park held craft demonstrations for flute making and Dreamcatcher weavings and also had pottery, turquoise jewelry, crystal and stones on display. In addition, activities such as Native American dance performances, hay wagon tours, weapon demonstrations, face painting and films highlighting Native American culture and history filled the weekend's agenda.

But don't be worried if you missed it. There are plenty of...and they're not all alike. Astronomy and archaeology collide when Pinson Mounds holds the Equinox Sunrise on Friday at 6 a.m. While watching the sun rise from Sauls Mound, learn about how Native Americans built Mound 29 to mark the equinox sunrise. And if you're the typical student who normally doesn't see the sun until high

noon, you can attend the sunset version. Learn about how the Native Americans placed several mounds in one area as markers for the solar calendar. Bring your binoculars and telescopes to learn about the night sky, celestial bodies, their movements and the myths and legends about them.

If you're into biology, you may want to check out the slide lecture at Radnor Lake State Natural Area. Linn Ann Welch will discuss various species of plants and the edible and medicinal contributions of them.

While the majority of the festivities are concentrated around Native Americans, there are a few alternatives. In Memphis, the Institute of Egyptian Art and Archaeology's collection ranges from the Predynastic Period (4000-3100 B.C.E.) to the Roman Period (30 B.C.E.-642 C.E.). Mummies, shawabti, pottery and jewelry (all from tombs) are exhibited. Another alternative is The Hermitage. Artifacts excavated from the home of President Andrew Jackson and the slave houses are on display. The admission is a whopping \$9.50, but you can check out the entire house as well as the beautifully manicured garden.

If you don't feel like road trippin', some local hot spots for history and archaeology are the Stones River National Battlefield (here in the 'Boro), Historic Carnton Plantation (in Franklin), the Parthenon Museum and the Tennessee State Museum (both located in Nashville). Some have small admission fees, some are free, all are worth it. Professor Doug Heffington will discuss above-ground archaeology on Civil War sites at Stones River National Battlefield.

If you only have time for one place, I strongly recommend the Pinson Mounds State Archaeological Park. Over 400 acres full of exhibit areas, an archaeological library, a theater and a museum that even replicates an Indian mound. Also, many libraries are showcasing books on archaeology and related topics. For more information, email Dr. Kevin Smith at kessmith@mtsu.edu. ♦

To find out about other events and related information, check out Tennessee Archaeology Net at <http://www.mtsu.edu/~kessmith/TNARCHNET/archpage.html>



Photo by Sarah Anderson | Staff Photographer

Comedian Tommy Davidson performed to a full house Friday night. The show was offered to all students for free as part of the home game weekend kick-off activities.

Archaeology awareness week calendar of events

Monday, September 18

UNIVERSITY LECTURE-University of the South, Sewanee
The Southern Appalachian Ecosystem and Land-Use Patterns from 8000 BC to AD 1900i, presented by Forest Service Archaeologist Quentin R. Bass II.
Time: 4:30 p.m. Cost: None For more information, call 931.598.1833

Tuesday, September 19

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM-Radnor Lake State Natural Area, Nashville
Prehistoric Native American culture and technology will be discussed.
Time: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Cost: None* For more information, call 373.3467

Friday, September 22

EQUINOX SUNRISE-Pinson Mounds, Pinson
Archaeo-astronomy of Pinson Mounds, will watch the sun rise from Sauls Mound and discuss the significance of the Native American mound built for the sunrise.

Time: 6 a.m. Cost: None For more information, call 901.988.5533

Saturday, September 23

SITE TOUR-Mound Bottom Archaeological Site, Burns
Wade or canoe across Harpeth River to visit Mound Bottom, one of the largest prehistoric mound sites in eastern North America.
Time: 10 a.m. Cost: None* For more information, call 797.4428

ARCHAEO-ASTRONOMY NIGHT-Pinson Mounds, Pinson
Watch the sun set from Sauls Mound and learn about early astronomy.

Time: 7:15 p.m. Cost: None For more information, call 901.988.5533

ABOVE GROUND ARCHAEOLOGY: The Hazen Monument - Stones River National Battlefield, Murfreesboro
Professor Doug Heffington will discuss above-ground archaeology on civil war sites. Activities will be held at the Hazen Brigade Monument.

Time: 2 p.m. Cost: None For more information, call 893.9501

ARCHAEOLOGY DAY-Chucalissa Museum, Memphis

New exhibition of artifacts from recent digs at Chucalissa.

Time: 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Cost: \$5.00 For more information, call 901.785.3160

Sunday, September 24

SLIDE LECTURE-Radnor Lake State Natural Area, Nashville
60+ species to be discussed, with an emphasis on medicinal and edible properties, accompanied by a slideshow.

Time: 5:30- 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 373.3467

ARCHAEOLOGICAL DAY-Franklin H. McClung Museum, Knoxville
Grand Opening of a new exhibit called iArchaeology and the Native Peoples of Tennessee. Also, artifact identification, children's craft activities and flintknapping demonstrations.

Time: 1 p.m.- 5 p.m. Cost: None For more information, call 423.974.2144

*Reservations required

DVD brings 'Jaws' back with bite

By Phillip Duncan
Staff Writer

On July 11th, one of favorite films was finally released on DVD. Jaws was originally released in the theaters on June 20, 1975. It became one of the highest grossing films of all time (\$260 million) and has been accused of starting the summer blockbuster mentality that Hollywood has today.

What it can be accredited with is causing everyone but the bravest soul to think twice before entering the water. It did for the ocean what Psycho did for the shower.

For the unlucky few who have not seen the film I will provide a brief summary. Roy Scheider plays Amity Police Chief Martin Brody. As the Fourth of July holiday approaches, the town is dealing with a series of violent attacks made by a large Great White shark.

Richard Dreyfus is marine biologist Matt Hooper, called in by Brody to help find the shark. Called in to help the two novices with the extraordinarily large shark is Quint, played by Robert Shaw.

The DVD version only reinvestigates that fear. After watching the movie hundreds of times on cable and video, the DVD version looks like a different film.

The video quality, despite being 25 years old, is wonderful. There was a lot of work done on this print to ensure that the video looked as good as possible. TO preserve the original format the video is an anamorphic

"What we are dealing with here is a perfect engine, uh... an eating machine. It's really a miracle of evolution. All this machine does is swim and eat and make little sharks and that's all."

- Matt Hooper

2.35:1 presentation.

The majority of the film is set at, or around, the ocean. Therefore the color palate of the film is mostly blue. From the blue-black depths of the ocean to the bright blue of the sky, each color is separated and reproduced exceptionally well.

Such reproduction is obvious in the opening shot as a silhouetted swimmer meets her demise under a night-time sky in the inky water off the coast.

The sound has also been beautifully remastered. This is appropriate because this film relies as heavily on sound as it does visuals.

Because of the unreliable mechanical shark used during filming, Spielberg used sound to cue the appearance of the shark.

Every time John Williams' slow, men-

acing score fades in you know an appearance of the shark cannot be far behind. Even when the shark attacks, very little is shown.

The victim thrashes about and the water turns red, but the shark is left to the imagination. This reflects the town's fear of the unknown as well as their physical fear of the shark.

The updated 5.1 Dolby Digital soundtrack being selectable, but who would want it with the quality of the new mix.

The included extras are great. There is a wonderful documentary that interviews all the major players and reveals a few interesting behind-the-scenes tricks. For instance, in one scene, to make the shark look bigger a midjet double was used in place of actor

Richard Dreyfus.

There are also the standard deleted scenes and outtakes included and they are the most disappointing aspect of the disc. When compared to the excellent documentary and film, they just do not hold up as well.

The outtakes are somewhat funny, but the deleted scenes were deleted for a reason. They are interesting, but they must be watched inconveniently in order. There should be a way to select the individual scene. Having to watch all of them for the few good scenes is unnecessary.

The original trailers for the film are included, but this has become pretty standard fare. Also included are a trivia game, production photos, and storyboards. There are a few extras available if your PC has a DVD-ROM drive. Using it you can access special screen savers for your computer.

Overall these are outstanding features, but given the status of the film, it seems like there should have been more. It's nice to finally see Steven Spielberg putting his best films out on DVD, but keep adding the extras.

First off, I need to correct a mistake I made last week. I asked for input and feedback for this column. Feedback is hard to obtain when I posted the wrong URL.

To get in touch with me visit my website at <http://personal.bna.bell-south.net/~pjduncan>. There you will find more reviews, searchable list of my DVD's, and my e-mail address. ♦

ON CAMPUS

Compiled By Courtney Huckabay - Features Editor

To submit an On Campus announcement, come by the James Union Building, Room 308. Due to limited space, some announcements with later dates may be held.

Sept. 19

The Murfreesboro branch of the American Association of University Women and the Office of Multicultural Affairs hosts a Voter Registration table in the lobby just outside the KUC Grille from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information contact Melinda Johnson-Lickiss at 898-2536 or mlickiss@mtsu.edu.

Sept. 20

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Learn to kayak with Campus Recreation so you too can enjoy the great outdoors. Contact Mitch or Charla for more information at 898-2104. Lessons are from 7-9:30 p.m. at the Rec. Center pool.

The University Rules Committee for the 2000-2001 academic year will meet at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20 in KUC Room 210. Contact Dr. David Hays at 898-2440 for more information.

Sept. 21

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The Green Party meets at 4 p.m. in KUC Room 313. Contact Katie Sellers at 907-9692 for more information.

The University of Tennessee, Memphis Health Science Center will be on the MTSU Campus from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. in KUC Rooms 324, 322A, 322B, 322C, 314 to answer questions and talk with students about programs in the health sciences.

The Division of Continuing Studies and Public Service are offering several technical training and certification classes this fall. One course, AutoCAD, will be held on Thursdays from Sept. 21 through Dec. 7. It is

worth three CEUs and costs \$325. Contact Saeed D. Foroudastan in the department of engineering technology and industrial studies for more information.

Sept. 23

Raft, kayak, or funyak the scenic Hiwassee River with Campus Recreation. The cost is \$12 for students and \$15 for guests. Contact Jenny or Mitch for more information at 898-2104.

Sept. 24

Campus Recreation is going rock climbing on the scenic Cumberland Plateau. Spend the day in beautiful Tennessee countryside. Contact Mitch or Charla for more information at 898-2104.

Sept. 25

The June Anderson Women's Center is offering a Math Anxiety Workshop from 3-4 p.m. in JUB Room 204. Eliminate math anxiety, in one session! Call 898-2193 to register.

Sept. 26

The Division of Continuing Studies and Public Service for MTSU offers the course "A+ Certification Training Program." The course is held on Tuesdays from Sept. 26-Nov. 28, from 6-9 p.m. and is worth three CEUs. Tim Beckett teaches the course in Mod F, Rooms 101 and 102. The cost is \$449 for the course.

Come learn to rock climb and belay the right way with Campus Rec. at 6 p.m. Call Jenny or Mitch at 898-2104 for more information.

Sept. 27

The June Anderson Women's Center is holding a Test Anxiety Workshop from 3-4 p.m. in JUB Room 204. End test anxiety in one session! Call 898-2193 to register.

Sept. 28

Captain's meeting for intramural volleyball at 5 p.m. in the Campus Recreation office. Call Chris or Warren at 898-2104 for more information.

Ongoing

Want to travel to places like California, Kansas, Florida and Illinois? Want to speak your mind and learn about interesting issues? Want to miss class on Fridays and have an excuse? Join the MTSU Debate Team! The Debate Team meets every Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the BDA Room 220. Contact Drew or Ben at 898-2273 for more

information.

Ever wonder what your dreams mean? Curious about how they can help you be happier and live a more fulfilling life? Learn to use art, drama and discussion for personal guidance and growth in The Dream Group sponsored by the June Anderson Women's Center. The Dream Group meets every Monday at 10 a.m. in the BAS SunTrust Room. It is open to all women students. Contact Mary Glantz at 898-5725 for more information.

The June Anderson Women's Center is sponsoring an Eating Disorders Support Group for women students struggling with over-eating, body image, anorexia, or bulimia every Tuesday at 3 p.m. in CKNB 124. Contact Mary Glantz for more information at 898-5725. All contacts are confidential.

June Anderson Women's Center is holding a Survivors of Sexual Abuse Support Group for women students who are survivors of sexual abuse every Thursday at 3 p.m. in CKNB 124. Contact Mary Glantz at 898-5725 for more information. All contacts are confidential.

Campus Crusade for Christ, an interdenominational campus ministry, invite all to attend their weekly meeting every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. in the LRC Room 221. For more information contact Mike at 848-6741 or Eric at 896-2039.

The works of Phil Vanderweg will be displayed in the Art Barn Gallery through Sept. 27 during regular gallery hours.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes welcomes all students to come for fellowship on Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. in the Football Game Day Room located between the stadium and athletic weight room, across from Murphy Center. There will be great speakers, Bible studies, activities and friendship. Contact Rhonda Neitzel at 893-6109 for more information.

The Presbyterian Student Fellowship welcomes everyone on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. to a fellowship of study, singing, friends and fun. For more information call Rich at 893-1787 or Mary at 867-7370.

The Victory Church and Raider Victory Ministries invite everyone to attend their service on Sundays in the KUC Theater at 10 a.m.

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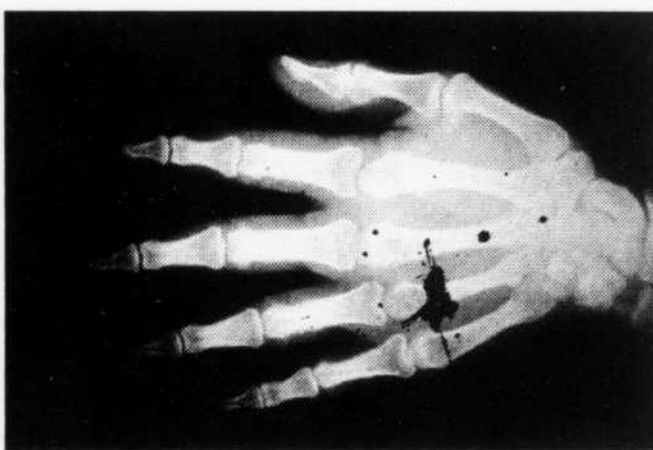


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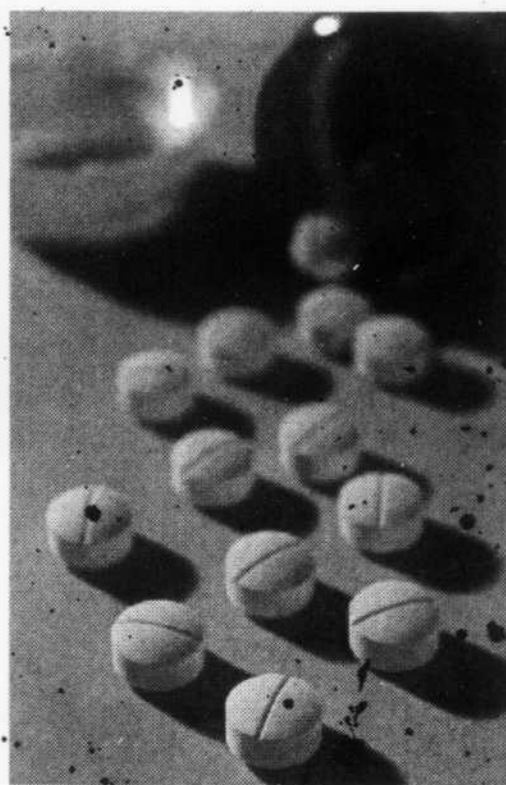
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Definition 1 art, poetry, essay, graphics, metalwork, sculpture, clay, painting, drawing, etching, short story, features, play, charcoal, mixed media, photography, etc.



Definition 3 to intend for a specific goal or purpose. Example a program designed to educate the public.

earmark (1), intend (2), target
Crossref. Syn. calculate
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Definition 2 the act of destroying.
ruin (1), devastation, wreckage (2)
Crossref. Syn. abolition, kill, demolition
Similar Words decimation {decimate},
desolation, annihilation {annihilate},
demolition, obliteration {obliterate}

Definition 2 the state of being destroyed; ruin.
devastation, havoc (1), wreckage (2),
ruin (1,2), waste (1)

Crossref. Syn. abolition, wreck, demolition, ravage, decay, death, end, harm, desolation, damage

Definition 3 the cause of ruin.



Blue Raiders celebrate after scoring a touchdown against Murray State.

Photo by Jessica Norton | Photo Editor

When lightning strikes

Blue Raiders race past Murray State for first win

By J.P. Plant
Sports Writer

The Blue Raiders got their first win of the season, yet it might not have been the convincing win fans and coaches were hoping for.

While the Blue Raider offense piled up more than 500 yards, the defense gave up nearly 300.

However, head coach Andy McCollum was just happy to get a win.

"We were 0-2, we got a win, now we're 1-2," said McCollum. "We needed a win, we got a win, yet we've got some things we need to do to get corrected."

McCollum says they have some players not making plays that they

need them to. Despite the less than stellar defensive performance and a couple of turnovers, MTSU was able to get their first win of the season as well as a give a proper send off for soon-to-be late President James Walker and soon-to-be late Athletic Director Lee Fowler, for this was their last home game as they are scheduled to move on at the beginning of next month.

After shaky beginnings for both teams, MTSU put together a 13-play, 55-yard drive that was capped off with a 31-yard field goal from place kicker Brian Kelly with 2:59 left to go in the first quarter. Kelly, up to that point, had scored all nine points for the Blue Raiders this season.

But, that would quickly change as

the work horse Dwone Hicks, with 19 carries in the first half alone, ran it in from nine yards out to put MTSU up 10-0 early in the second quarter. Hicks would punch it in later in the quarter, this time a one-yard touchdown run giving the Blue Raiders a 17-0 advantage.

Hicks, who picked up his third career 100-yard game at the 9:54 mark in the second quarter, gave credit to his offensive line, "They made plenty of holes for me. They did a good job of opening them up."

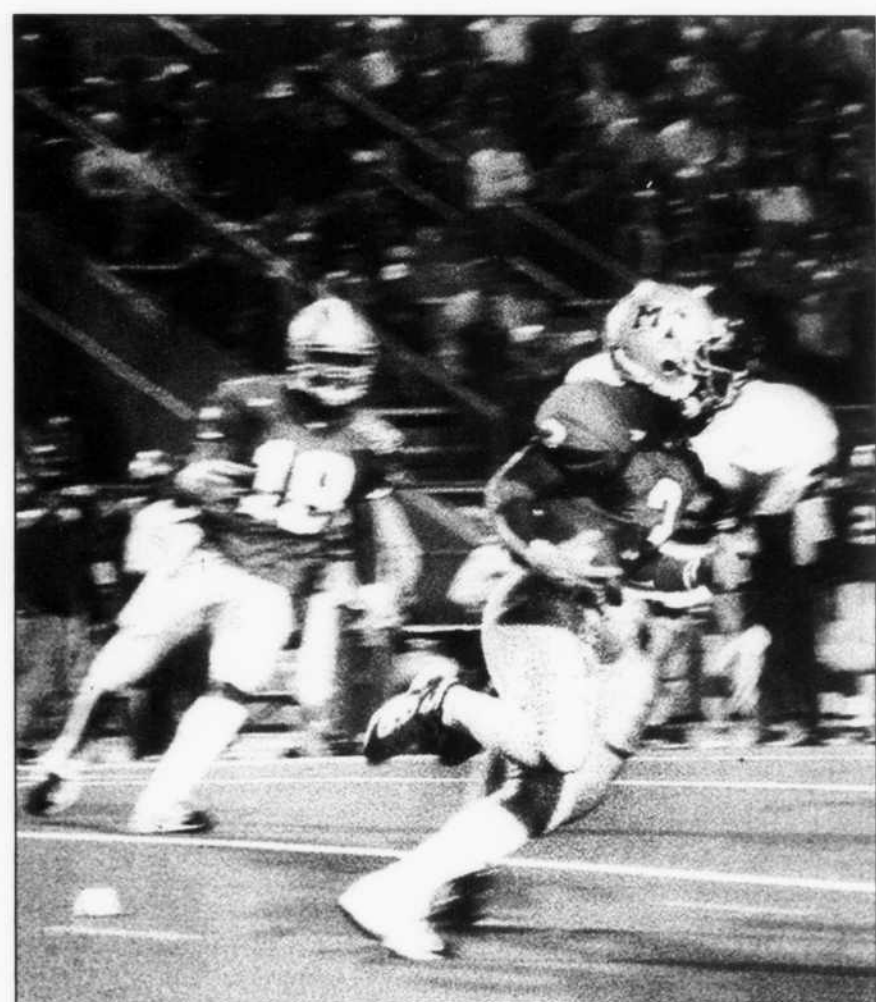
Murray State got on the board with just over a minute to go in the first half as Mario Riley ran it in from eleven yards to cut the Blue Raider lead to ten. The Blue Raiders, however, would

strike right back as they went 65 yards in five plays, in only forty-four seconds. The key to the drive was a 50-yard pass from Wes Counts to Tyrone Calico, putting them on the Racer 15-yard line.

Don Calloway put it in four plays later from one yard out and Middle Tennessee would take a 24-7 lead heading into the locker room.

That lead would quickly diminish after Hicks fumbled on the second play of the second half. Racer quarterback Stewart Childress hooked up with tight end Mike Valenti on an 18-yard touchdown pass on their second play of the third quarter.

See Lightning, 9



Hansford Johnson returns a kick-off for the Blue Raiders.

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Former coach named interim athletic director

MT Media Relations

Former Middle Tennessee head football coach James "Boots" Donnelly has been appointed interim athletic director effective October 1. Donnelly, who is taking over for Lee Fowler, will handle the athletic director's position until a full-time replacement is named at a future date.

"Boots Donnelly has been a leader in the athletic department for many years and I can't think of anyone who wants to see Blue Raider athletics excel anymore than him," said President James Walker. "Boots has proven his loyalty through his work and dedication and has taken Blue Raider athletics a long way, including the threshold of I-A football. I am very confident in his ability to lead the athletic department during this time."

Donnelly, who coached the Blue Raider football team from 1979 to 1998, compiled an overall mark of 140-87-1 at Middle Tennessee, while having a 22-year coaching record of 154-94-1. In his 20 years as head coach, Donnelly won four OVC championships, had 10 National Top 25 finishes, made seven 1-AA playoff appearances, sent 11 players to the NFL, had eight First Team All-Americans and 12 OVC Players of the Year, while garnering three OVC Coach of the Year awards.

See Donnelly, 9



Boots Donnelly

Volleyball wins Mercer Classic

MT Media Relations

Middle Tennessee captured the tournament title at the Mercer University Classic in Macon, GA after defeating UNC-Asheville 3-2 (15-8, 15-7, 11-15, 10-15, 15-8) on Saturday afternoon.

Katie Thiesen was named Tournament MVP, while teammates Lindsay Pritchard and Alicia Scott earned a place on the All-Tournament Team.

Thiesen elevated her play for the final match of the tournament, posting

24 kills against UNC-Asheville. She hit .391 (24-6-46) for the match to go along with nine digs. She finished the weekend with 53 kills and 25 digs.

Pritchard had 19 kills to hit .536 (19-4-28) against the Bulldogs. She hit .567 (46-8-67) with 14 blocks for the tournament.

Scott finished the day with 14 kills, nine digs and two block assists. She tallied 30 kills for the tournament with 15 digs.

Kelly Quinn once again handled a majority of the setter duties. She notched 38 assists against UNC-

Asheville, one shy of her season-high 39 set yesterday against Wofford. Goldie Bilyeu-Sears added 20 assists and nine digs.

Erin Hillstrom led the team in digs with 11 and added 11 kills to the winning effort. Hillstrom had 39 kills, 27 digs and five service aces for the weekend, but missed out on All-Tournament honors.

Middle Tennessee, now 4-6 for the season, returns to Murfreesboro for a home match against Tennessee-Chattanooga on September 19 at 6:00 p.m. ♦



Thiesen named Tournament MVP

Raiders need more tradition

As much as I am a supporter of MTSU athletics and, especially the Blue Raider football team, I hate to say this weekend's game against the Murray State Racers was not the biggest game of the weekend.

That honor would have to go to the game between the

Florida Gators and the Tennessee Volunteers. Both of these teams are hated rivals of one another and year in and year out they are two of the nations most elite programs.

The two teams are always battling for the top spot in the incredibly tough Southeastern Conference's eastern division. This weekend's match-up proved to be another nail-biter as the Gators scored the game winning touchdown with less than 30 seconds to go. The touchdown catch was somewhat of a controversial call.

Well, anyways, that's another story.

Why is it that this game is so important every year? How come there is so much excitement centered around this one game each season?

One of the reasons why, is the tradition and pageantry that surrounds these two teams. They both have been extremely successful programs and have tremendous support from their alumni and fans.

These teams have no problem filling their large stadiums each and every Saturday. Fans are covered in both orange and blue to show support. Tailgating is an all day affair at each and every home game. Fans travel from miles around to see them play. When each team is on the road they will follow them, sometimes even outnumbering the home teams fans.

The athletes on each of these campuses are like heroes. They are like superstars of their respective campuses. Their bands "The Pride Of the Southland" (Tennessee) and "The Pride of the Sunshine" (Florida) are full of spirit and excitement each time they play in front of the home crowd.

The question is, how can Middle Tennessee State University become a school rich in tradition as well?

Many detractors will say that MTSU will never become extremely successful because we have no tradition and they only way to get tradition is to win ball games. MTSU is in only its second season of division I-A football and is still in its infancy.

The school did a wonderful job this past Friday night in putting on the pep rally. I thought it was very successful and I hope they have plans to do it for every home game. But, I do not think that is enough to begin forming a great tradition at this school. We need to go out in the community and get them to show their support. We need to have signs, banners and flags all over the Murfreesboro area showing support for our Blue Raiders. They should extend their efforts beyond campus.

Tailgating is a must at all major universities. MTSU needs to find a way to increase the amount of tailgating and other pregame activities. One idea I have is to line both sides of Faulking Berry lane with fans, cheerleaders and the band and have the football team walk from Tucker Theater to the Stadium. This will let the team know they have tons of support behind them.

I would like to be the first to thank those members of the student body who showed up for Saturday's game. I was impressed with the number that showed up and I am also sure the team was as well. I hope to see the number to continue to grow as the season progresses.

I think that now is as good of a time as any as to start building tradition.

The coaches, players and the rest of the athletic department are doing their part to make the team successful. Lets do ours and support them. ♦

In The Zone



Michael Barrett

Sports Editor

Cross country teams struggle at WKU

MT Media Relations

The Blue Raider and Lady Raider cross country teams competed in their second meet of the season with freshman Levi Sybert and Sabrina Smith collecting the top finishes for their respective teams.

The mens team was 1-3 in dual meet action with their lone win coming over Austin Peay 24 to 31. In other dual scores, Eastern Kentucky defeated Middle Tennessee 16 to 39, Morehead State won 21-38, and Murray State took a 17-45 edge over the Raiders.

Sybert led the way for the

Raiders with a 21st place finish. Thomas McGary was 32nd and Anthony McGary ended in 35th to round out the Blue Raiders top finishers. Usual front man Geoffrey Lagat was unable to compete due to illness.

On the womens side, the Lady Raiders were outpaced by Eastern Kentucky, Murray State, Morehead State, and Austin Peay.

Smiths time of 21:59 was good for a 36th place finish while Tori Blander and Heather Smith placed 39th and 52nd, respectively for the Lady Raiders top finishers. ♦

Lightning: Raiders beat Racers

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Three minutes later, McCullum called for a little trickery as Hansford Johnson took a reverse 52 yards for a touchdown and the Blue Raiders then led 31-14.

Murray State, not to be outdone, continued the back-and-forth match, by gaining 64 yards on eleven plays on their insuing drive, ending with a 21-yard touchdown pass from Childress to Michael Slater.

And, once again, the lead was cut to ten.

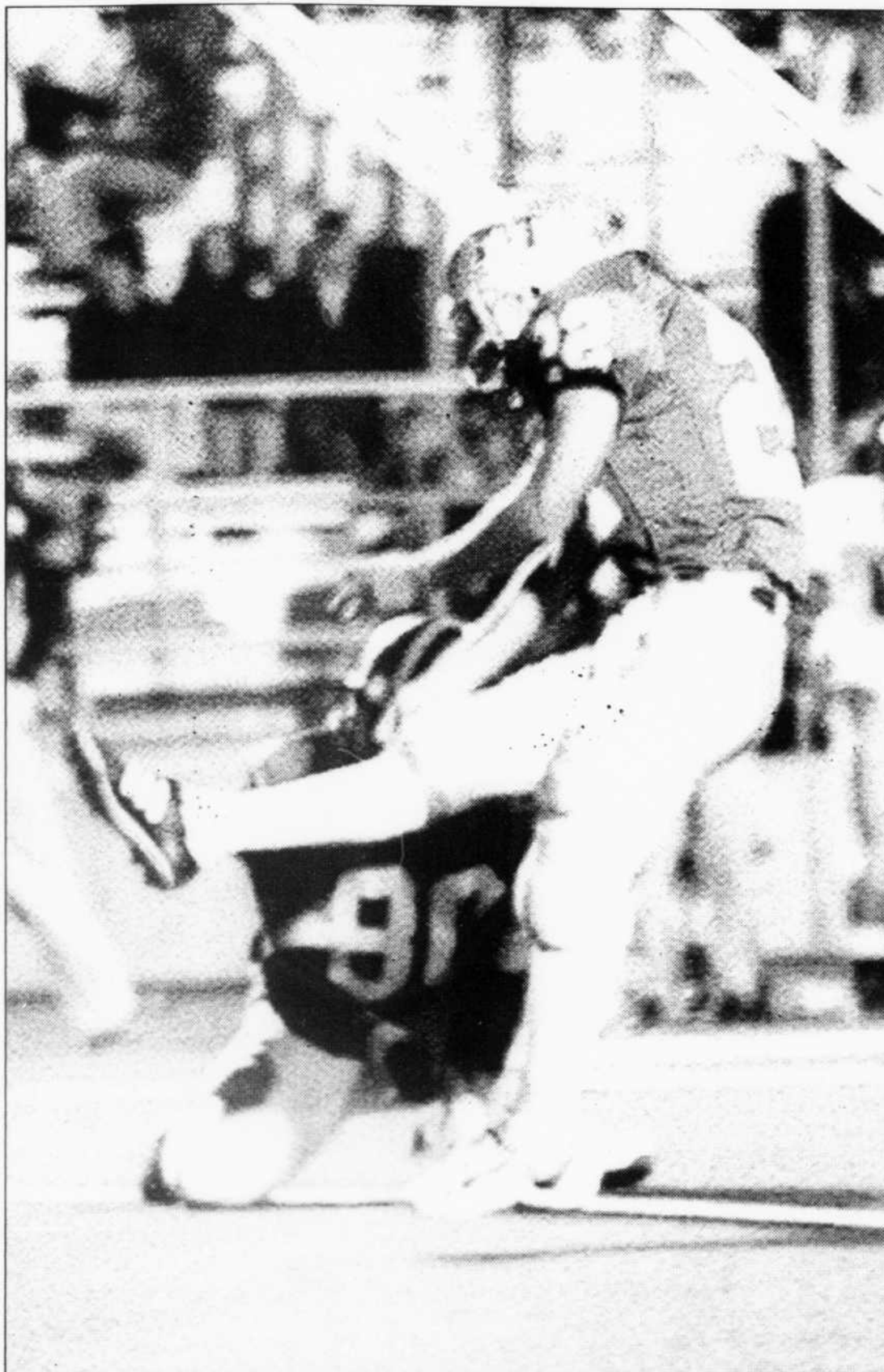
The Blue Raiders again followed with a 65 yard drive in ten plays, capped by a one-yard touchdown run from Calloway with just under three minutes to go in the third quarter.

The Blue Raiders started to put it away as Kelly continued his perfect season connecting from a lengthy 46 yards early in the fourth quarter for his fourth field goal of the year in as many attempts. The lead had ballooned to 20 at 41-21.

Kelly would go on to add another 40-plus-yard field goal as the Blue Raiders defeated the Racers 44-28 in front of more than twelve-thousand fans at Floyd Stadium.

MTSU, now 1-2 on the young season, heads to Maryland this Saturday to face a struggling Terrapin team.

"Any time you line up you've got a chance to win," said McCullum, regarding his team's chance at winning their first 1-A game of the season. ♦



Brian Kelly kicks one of three field goals against the Racers.

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Donnelly: Former head coach fills AD position

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The Nashville, TN native played for the Blue Raiders in the early 1960s, was named head football coach in December of 1978, then became an administrator in the department following the 1998 season.

"This is certainly going to be a monstrous task trying to replace Lee Fowler and the incredible job he has done for this athletic department the past six years," said Donnelly. "We have a challenge ahead of us, but with the gifted people in the administration and our coaches that Lee has put in place, we should continue to move forward."

"On a personal note, I want to add how appreciative I am to have worked with Dr. Walker the past 10 years. There are no words to describe what he has meant to this University and our athletic department."

Donnelly, and his wife, Carole, have three daughters, Bunny, Helen and Lauren, and two grandsons.

"The athletic department will move ahead as normal," Fowler said. "With the leadership already in place and top administrators like Johnny Moore, Larry Counts, Ty Coppinger, Diane Turnham and Mark Owens, the department should still prosper. Boots has an excellent support staff under him and with his loyalty and leadership abilities Blue Raider athletics will continue to make strides in becoming one of the best all-around programs in the country." ♦

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Florida Atlantic shut out Lady Raiders

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Middle Tennessee ended a two-game swing through Florida on Sunday with a disappointing 5-0 loss at the hands of Florida Atlantic.

The Lady Raiders fall to 3-4 on the year with the loss after being outscored 9-0 on the trip. Florida Atlantic improves to 5-2. The shutout marked the

fourth time that the Lady Raiders have been held scoreless this season. Middle Tennessee has failed to score in each game that it has dropped this season.

The Lady Raider offense again failed to pick up steam against FAU, firing only five shots against 17 for the home team. FAU netted two goals in the first frame with the second coming on a penalty kick from

Lauren Manfress. The second half was a flurry for Florida Atlantic as the team seemed to score about every 13 minutes.

The Lady Raiders return home for a pair of important Sun Belt Conference contests. North Texas visits Lady Raider field on Thursday afternoon for a 4 PM game and South Alabama will conclude the week with a 1 PM game on Sunday. ♦

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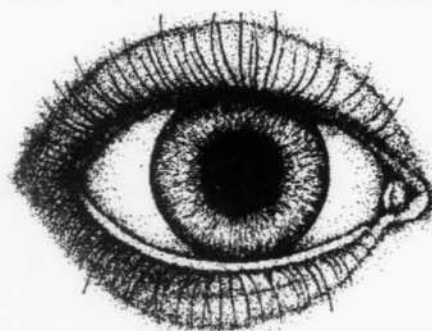
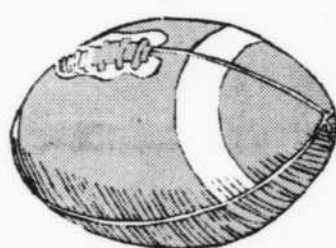
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