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## Bush stands firm on Reaganomics; protesters chant their disapproval

by Chris Bleacher

Despite obvious opposition, Vice-President George Bush delivered a speech in Lincoln Saturday, Nov. 7 commending President Reagan on his economic policies.

Protestors outside Pershing Auditorium, greeted Bush with chants of "No draft, No war; U.S. out of El Salvador" and waved picket signs on subjects ranging from his previous association with the CIA to abortion. The Vice-President countered the protester's chants during his speech by pointing out that "you negotiate from strength, not weakness." Bush

went on to explain to the crowd, estimated at over 1,000 that an increase in weaponry now would mean a "verifiable reduction" in nuclear arms between the U.S. and Soviet Union in the future.

Bush, bearing a small red N on his suit coat lapel, broke up the formalities of the speech with humor several times. This humor also showed itself in a press conference held at the Lincoln Hilton before the speech where Bush stated that even he "had to be in awe of this Big Red fever."

The question of lowering the

minimum wage was brought up at the press conference. Bush explained that the idea behind lowering the minimum wage was to encourage employers to hire more workers.

"Then you can have . . . more people being used," Bush said.

Bush told reporters that the national deficit is "not OK," saying that "nobody wants to accept a budget out of balance" but added that the Reagan Administration's plan for economic recovery had only begun as of Oct. 1. The Vice-President felt that this did not allow enough time for the plan to get fully underway.



Amid floods of critical signs, protesters voice their disapproval of certain Reagan administration actions. Vice pres. Bush is in Lincoln Saturday, Nov. 7, to deliver a speech concerning the Reagan Administration and to attend a press conference at the Lincoln Hilton Hotel. For feature on the press conference, turn to page 3.

## Hopp advises athletes to review NSAA eligibility regulations

Cliff Hopp, CHS activities director, would like all athletes to be informed of the Nebraska School Activities Association eligibility rules, and especially rule number 8. Anyone with questions regarding these rules should contact Mr. Hopp or a member of the coaching staff.

1. Student must be under-graduate.
2. Student must be enrolled in at least 15 hours per week and regular in attendance.
3. Students must be enrolled in some high school on before the 11th school day of the current semester.
4. Student is ineligible if 19 years of age before Sept. 1 of current school year.
5. After a student's initial enrollment in grade nine, he/she shall be ineligible after eight semesters of school attendance. After a student's initial enrollment in grade ten, he/she shall be ineligible after six semesters of school attendance.
6. Student must have been enrolled in school the immediate preceding semester.
7. Student must have received 15 semester hours of credit the immediate preceding semester.
8. Once the season of sports begins, a student shall compete only in athletic contests/meets in that sport which are scheduled by his/her school. Any other competition will render the student

ineligible for the remainder of the season in that sport. During 1981-82 school year the winter season begins Nov. 9 and the spring season begins March 1.

9. A student shall not participate in sports camps or clinics during the season of a sport in which he/she is involved, either as an individual or as a member of a team.

10. A student shall not participate on all-star team while a high school under-graduate.

11. A student shall be ineligible to represent a school in interscholastic competition at the varsity level if the school is located in a school district other than the district in which his/her parents maintain their residence. (Check with school administrator for an interpretation of rule if the school district where parents reside has no high school or if there are two or more high schools in a district.

12. A student is ineligible if his/her parents have changed their residence to another school district and the student has remained in former school which is in a different school district. (EXCEPTION: If parents have moved after school has started, the student will be eligible to compete for the remainder of the school year, or if parents have moved during the summer which immediately precedes the school year and the student is in grade twelve and has attended the high school for two or

more years, the students is eligible for that school year in the school district from which the parents moved.)

13. A student shall not participate in a contest under an assumed name.

14. A student must maintain his/her amateur status.



Noah (Nathan Smith) listens carefully to his sons as they explain their need for a rudder on the ark in the musical "Two by Two". The productions were Friday, Nov. 13, at the CHS auditorium and again on Saturday, Nov. 14, as a dinner theater at the Holiday Inn. Actors l-r Noah, Nathan Smith; Noah's son, Dennis Lauderville, Terry Krepel and Jay Augustin.

CHS goes video

## New arcade room brings game craze to Columbus

Columbus now has a new addition to the computer game craze. Planet Caravan, in the U.S. 30 Center, is the biggest game room Columbus has ever seen.

The game room consists of 31 games now, but 15 more are expected in shortly. Plans for remodeling the room are now being carried out. The glass doors are being taken out, which will leave a big walk-in entrance. A wall will also be knocked out to provide more space for the new games.

The owner of Planet Caravan, Shaffer Fox, said that he looked at over 200 towns, and picked Columbus because of its location and demand for video games. Fox said that 95 percent of the video games are new, and when asked how much each game cost, he said for a new one it cost between \$2,600 and \$3,500.

Planet Caravan is Fox's first game room, and so far it has been a huge success. Fox believes that the center will work because he has set it up so that young as well as old can enjoy an evening playing the games.

## Video game causes problems at CHS, page 2

"I just want to keep it a place where everyone can have fun," Fox said. Unlike many game rooms, Planet Caravan plans to rotate machines according to their popularity, therefore the most up-to-date games can be found there. During the interview, this reporter had a chance to play most of the games there and he discovered that Defender and Centipede are the most popular and the most challenging games found at Planet Caravan.

## CHS discovers grade from NCA evaluation

by Eric Peterson

The North Central Association External Visitation Team which visited CHS on Nov. 9-11 finished their visit with an informal report given to the staff and administration of CHS and other schools in the district on Nov. 11.

Dr. James Tangdall, Principle of Omaha Westside High School and the chairman of the visitation team, explained that the purpose of the visit was not to pass or fail the school, but to provide an external viewpoint to the self-study already prepared by the school district. Tangdall added that there were no major overriding concerns found by the team at CHS.

Various members of the Team then gave reports on various aspects of the school, voicing both concerns and commendations they had for the school.

Some of the concerns expressed were that members of the staff were too satisfied with the way things are now, and didn't want to move ahead, that there could be more required classes, particularly in

science and English, and that there wasn't enough positive school-related publicity throughout the community. Some suggestions made were that there could be more emphasis on computer science throughout the school, perhaps with a computer specialist for CHS, and that department head should be given more responsibility.

The overall impression received by the team was highly favorable and the members of the team were particularly impressed by the quality of both the staff and the student body.

Dr. Ward Sybouts, UN-L Department of Education and one of the program design team members said about the CHS staff:

"This quality of staff doesn't happen by chance, it happens by hard work and design."

Another commendation given by the team was for the building which was described as "a good building, well cared for."

In conclusion, Tangdall said, "Wherever we went, we found youngsters learning."

## Open campus: Parent Survey

During parent teacher's conferences, the parent's had a chance to fill out a questionnaire about open campus. The survey was taken to see how the parents felt about open campus. They looked at the advantages and disadvantages and were told what open campus would be.

The Discoverer staff plans to research the open campus issue further and survey the students.

This is the survey that was presented to parents attending parent teachers conferences Nov. 5-6.

1. Do you favor open campus for all high school students?  
37 yes 272 no
2. Do you favor open campus for

Seniors only?  
81 yes 199 no

3. Do you favor open campus for Juniors and Seniors only?  
14 yes 242 no

4. Do you favor the system we presently have (ie: second semester seniors are granted "open campus" privileges if they have made normal progress toward graduation and have parent permission.)  
247 yes 45 no

There is much debate within CHS concerning "Open Campus". By "Open Campus" we mean a system in which students would be free to leave school during their lunch period to go home, go out-to-lunch, run errands, visit friends, drive around or go anywhere else they

please. Listed below are some of the advantages and disadvantages of "Open Campus". In an effort to gain your opinion on this topic, we ask you to look through these and answer the questions below.

### ADVANTAGE:

1. Students could go home for lunch.
2. Student would have a larger selection of lunch alternatives.
3. Students could run personal errands.

### DISADVANTAGES:

1. There would be a greater

amount of traffic around the school.

2. There would be a much greater risk of injury by car to both high school and elementary students.

3. Absences and tardiness would increase during the period following lunch.

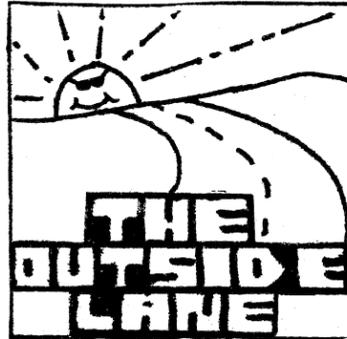
4. More high school lunch time supervision would be necessary.

5. Students would have and opportunity to smoke (and drink) while away from the school.

6. Junior high school would be the only school without "open campus" and it would be difficult to justify not giving it to them also.

## Things we'd like to see just once

If you hang around this school a while, you discover that once in a while, things get a little repetitious and go on and on with the same thing and it gets really dull, much like this sentence is, and you wish someone would try something to break the routine once



by Terry Krepel

in a while. So, I have created the Outside Lane No-Offense-Intended List of Things You'd Like To See

Happen Just Once, and it goes as follows:

Just once, wouldn't you like to see . . .

- . . . Mr. Bacon sing off-key?
- . . . Stu-Co get Styx for the prom?
- . . . Mr. Dixon screw up a chemistry project?
- . . . smoke detectors installed in the bathrooms?
- . . . the drummers clean up their part of the band room?
- . . . a student who is for the new attendance policy?
- . . . someone read the ads in this paper?
- . . . a CHS student who likes listening to FM 101?
- . . . a full house for a band or choir concert?
- . . . someone say *anything* about the swing choir?
- . . . the wrestling team lose once in a while?
- . . . me have done something better with this column than making up this dumb list?

## Moral Majority does it again at Louisville

Another entry in the Oh, Lord, What Did The New Right Do Now Department:

The Rev. Jerry Falwell, head of the infamous Moral Majority, held a religious rally (taped, of course, for his "Old-Time Gospel Hour" it will air Nov. 22) on the steps of the Faith Baptist Church in Louisville, Neb. Oct. 24.

Big deal, you say. With all that commotion about that church school there, it was bound to happen.

Well, the rally itself I don't object to. It's just a few things I noticed that I thought would be worth mentioning.

First off, remember that well-publicized padlock on the church doors? The county sheriff who put it on had removed it Oct. 4, according to the Omaha World-Herald. When Falwell and his entourage arrived, it was back on. And the county sheriff didn't do it. A Faith Baptist member said that someone in Falwell's group had put it on "for effect". And Falwell himself gave no indication that it was put there by anyone other than Nebraska officials.

Now, I think that's pretty (for lack of a better word) tacky. And I'm sure it must say something about deceit in the Bible.

At one point in his speech, Falwell mentioned that he is often jeered by Nazis, gay rights groups and Communists.

"If there's a kook in town, he'll come to my meeting," he said.

Is Falwell trying to tell us that anyone who doesn't like the Moral Majority is a kook? Or is he saying . . . no, I better not say it. At least, not if I want a libel suit.

Anyway, I must commend Falwell for his blinding patriotism. If the pictures I've seen are any indication, there were more American flags on his podium than I saw on Memorial Day. And his Sounds of Liberty singing group performed, among other patriotic and religious tunes, "My Country 'Tis of Thee", and a medley of the U.S. Armed Forces themes. There hasn't been that much patriotism in one place around here since the end of World War II.

Well, at least the Moral Majority has God and the flag going for them.

## Bleacher's Babble by Chris Bleacher

I know that when I tell you this you're not going to believe it. I mean, I find it hard to comprehend, myself. But now, wait . . . Are you ready for this? Are you sure? OK, here goes . . . I cleaned my bedroom the other day and the floor was actually *directly* beneath my shoes!! Incredible, isn't it?

But that's not the end of it. I also cleaned the rest of my bedroom, more or less, and I could actually see the walls. No I don't mean *floor*, I mean *walls*.

You see, I have developed my own system. when I go upstairs once a week to "clean" my bedroom, all the junk that collects in the center of my room gets pushed to the side, giving the illusion of cleanliness. When, in fact, the garbage laying along the edge of my floor is slowly creeping up along the walls and growing into them. By the time I cleaned my bedroom the roots of this mess had become seriously anchored into the

basic construction of our house.

When it came around to cleaning day, I, in all my inbred intelligence, suggested that we roll a bulldozer up to the house and worry about separating the good from the bad later. As you've probably guessed, that idea didn't go over too well.

So, I decided to chop the garbage off at the point of contact with my walls and than give everything a thorough scrubbing with a solution of one half nitroglycerin and one half ammonia. Needless to say, it actually worked!

Of course, Mom couldn't have cared much less. She wanted to know what I was going to do with the growing heap of stuff I'd left crawling around under my bed.

"One thing at a time, Mom. Don't rush me."

After all, it took 17 years to get my room in this state and it'll probably never happen again.

My Desk Now, that's another

mess I don't really want to go in to (literally). But I will anyway.

Let's get straight to the point and put it this way besides. If Alice (in Wonderland) was ever to venture up the stairs into my desk, she would not find there a mythical fantasy, but a horrible nightmare. Not only would she find the cat with the disappearing body and the unrelenting grin, but she would also discover approximately five decks of cards, not necessarily in decks, a pack-horse load of trinkets kept from various fairs (and from brothers with no money for birthday presents), and quite possibly an entire family of rabbits nesting there someplace. Alice would probably never find her way out. (Neither would I, which is why I never clean those drawers).

Consider yourself lucky, Alice. You are just fiction, whereas my bedroom is a walking, not to mention crawling, recurring realism.

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## Video Game Debate

by Terry Krepel

There is a video game in hiding somewhere in this building, patiently awaiting its fate, to be decided by the CHS Student Council.

Stu-Co obtained the game last week and was all set to put it in when, on the day before it was to be installed, several teachers approached Stu-Co to voice their opposition to it.

This action took Stu-Co by surprise, so advisor Chris Dixon invited the faculty to an "emergency" council meeting Nov. 13 to discuss the matter further.

Dixon told the Stu-Co members that they "need to come up with their perception of what (the lunchroom) study hall (where the lunchroom) should be." He added that the faculty and the public should come up with a definition as well.

Co-advisor Alan Griffith agreed, saying that should be decided whether 117 (the lunchroom) is a study hall, a student lounge, a combination of the two, or something completely different.

The teachers that attend the meeting had other views. Industrial arts teacher Jim Classen recalled that, over the past few years, the CHS students received privileges being able to play cards and drink pop in study hall, and having the commons carpeted and furnished. He complained that pop cans are found all over school and that the wood shop has a "full-time job" fixing broken furniture from the commons.

Business teacher Bill Jackson commented that "the commons sometimes looks like Omaha Beach (where the Normandy Invasion started during World War II)", but was mainly concerned about the image to the community the video game would give.

Art teacher Andy Malcolm wondered if there could be some sort of a compromise, such as a different location.

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# CHS students cover Bush press conference



ABOVE: TV cameras get ready to film the Vice-President. BELOW: Vice-President George Bush (at podium) talks to reporters, watched by (from left) Congresspersons Hal Daub, Doug Bereuter, and Virginia Smith. (Discoverer photos by Terry Krepel)

by Terry Krepel

Approaching the entrance to Room 203 of the Lincoln Hilton two Columbus High School Discoverer reporters were stopped by a man in a dark suit, a Secret Service pin on his lapel.

"We need to check out your camera and tape recorder," he said. "Sure," replied one of the reporters.

"Remove the lens, please." The reporter holding the Nikon camera twisted off the lens, revealing little else but dust.

"Let's have a look at that tape recorder."

The other reporter turned the tape player over and removed the battery cover. Inside were four Eveready Energizers.

"Remove the tape, please."

The eject button was pushed. No weapons or contraband were found.

"Okay. You can go in."

The reporter did as told, and thus began their excursion into big-league professional journalism, a vice-presidential press conference.

On one side of the well-lit room was a podium with the vice-presidential seal mounted on it, behind which was a blue curtain used for backdrop. Opposite the podium, on the other side of the room, was a bank of video cameras from all the local TV stations.

Between the two were a few rows of chairs for about 20 reporters. One reporter had brought along a radio to listen to the Nebraska-Oklahoma State game until the conference started.

About a quarter to twelve, Vice-President George Bush entered the room, well-protected by Secret Service agents. As he was greeted by Congresspersons Hal Daub,

Doug Bereuter, and Virginia Smith, video cameras rolled, reporters' pens started writing, and 35 mm cameras started clicking. The press conference was on.

After a brief introduction by Bush, it was question time. As soon as those words came out of the vice-president's mouth a reporter in the back of the room asked the first question. The rest of the conference went just as smoothly, as reporters struggled to get Bush's attention.

After the conference, the two young reporters walked back the way they came, through the hallway where Secret Service agents and policemen were standing.

They were excited about getting a taste of "real" journalism, and being a part of the conference, even though they weren't able to get a question to the vice-president.

Maybe next time.



## DECA starts planning future club activities

by Stephanie Weber

Distributive Education clubs of America (DECA) has a lot of activities planned for the future according to DECA sponsor Roberta Uhrig. DECA already had a pizza party and the members went to Fremont at the beginning of November. DECA also helps with the March of Dimes Walk-a-thon, and works in the concession stands for the football games.

There are 25 members in DECA, the officers are: Kathy Blank president, Bob Harding vice-president, Tereasa Tremaine treasurer, Mary Zastera secretary, and Stephanie Weber reporter.

Uhrig said she thinks the kids will take a lot of accomplishments.

"They are a great group of kids, they are willing to work hard," Uhrig said.

On Nov. 7, a workshop was held in Fremont for DECA clubs around Nebraska. Five schools attended this workshop including Fremont, Norfolk, Blair, South Sioux and seven Columbus students. The purpose of the workshop was to meet with other DECA clubs and explain what DECA is all about and help students learn about different occupations.

DECA discussed competition events to be held at the state conference in Lincoln March 18-20. They also discussed chapter projects, upcoming events, and fund raisers.

The workshop was very successful according to DECA adviser Roberta Uhrig.

"It was a very enlightening experience for me, as well as the kids," Uhrig said.

## Detlefsen teaches art excellence

Art courses at Columbus High are some of the most interesting classes offered. These classes can add a hobby or even a future career for students enrolled.

CHS drawing and painting teacher is Jean Detlefsen. Detlefsen has taught at CHS for seven years, and before that she has taught at Holdrege and Diller, Neb.

A UNL graduate, Detlefsen has done some private drawing and illustrating.

"I did illustrations and a couple of ads for the Columbus Telegram," Detlefsen said.

When asked about her interest in art, Detlefsen said she liked all aspects of art but she added "I like 2-D (two dimensional) and oil painting the most." She also added that she would like to do more and more art work, but time is what limits her.

Being good at art doesn't come easily. Detlefsen said that a student needs to work with the materials and get used to them before he can expect a good outcome.

There is a large selection of art classes offered and these include: Drawing 1 and 2, Lettering, Commercial Art, and Painting 1 and 2.



In a New York art class four years ago, Detlefsen was given the idea of a knight, and was told to draw it the way she thought it would appear.

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## On The Sidelines

by Scott Arnold  
Sports Editor

### Wrestling on the Horizon

Well, the big question among all CHS wrestling fans has to be . . . can they do it again? Can the CHS wrestling team, under the coaching of Charles Sherertz and assistant Dale Bonge, capture the title for a fourth consecutive time, and a fifth time overall? The grapplers began conditioning for a long hard season on Nov. 2 and started regular practice on Nov. 9. There's no question that they'll be tough this season. They did, however, lose six valuable senior wrestlers out of their starting lineup

through graduation. Compensating for that fact is an experienced group of seniors, juniors, and sophomores (who, by the way, took the conference wrestling title their freshman year).

Returning state qualifiers for the CHS matmen are seniors Jon Arlt, Tom Woodward, Todd Thalken, Rick Podraza, and junior Anthony Wilhelms. Columbus is looking to defend a four-year long unbeaten dual record of 33 straight wins and three consecutive State Championships.

### Gridders go to semi-finals

Much to the disappointment of Coach Dick Luebbe and his football team, the Discoverers suffered a 14-7 loss to the tough Omaha Northwest Huskies.

Northwest was hot early in semifinals play in the first quarter when tough Huskie back Gerald Kellogg outran the Discoverers for a quick 7-0 lead. The crowd was stunned as already the Huskies had scored more points against the Discoverers than any team had this season. The Huskies scored once more before the half and a solemn bunch of Discoverer gridgers left the field.

The Discoverers came back out and did not let the Huskies score at all in the second half. Finally, late in the fourth quarter, an Alt to Becher pass put the Discoverers on the board, but it was too late to win the game and the Huskies left Columbus with hopes for the championship against an undefeated Omaha Westside.

Football was a different word to Discoverer fans this year, this was the Discoverers first time in the playoffs, and they went all the way to the semi-finals. The players worked hard this year and went a long way because of it.



Sophomore Brad Scheidegger lunges for the ball in a home tennis meet just before state. Scheidegger placed second at state losing to sophomore Pat Carson of Lincoln Pius X. The Columbus team placed sixth.

### Alt Stuns Spartans at Seacrest

Tuesday night Nov. 2 at a muddy Lincoln Seacrest Field the Columbus fans watched the Discoverer's grid iron upset the Spartans of Lincoln East.

Tom Alt the Discoverer's versatile athlete showed his offensive and defensive ability by helping the Discoverers to their first state playoff victory since the playoff system was started.

Alt was credited with three interceptions and passed for one

touchdown and scrambled for the other. The Discoverer defensive unit, which has been awesome all year, kept its reputation alive by holding the second seeded team, the Spartans, to only 30 yards rushing and 92 yards passing. In fact, the Spartans were only in the Discoverer's territory twice during the game.

This reporter interviewed Senior Norm Svoboda, and asked him how

it felt to upset fourth-rated Lincoln East. Svoboda said that is was a feeling that had not been experienced before and the team would love to do it again.

Svoboda was also asked how they liked to play in the muddy Seacrest field. "I loved it although the mud didn't taste too good," Svoboda said. "And you have to concentrate on keeping your footing and keeping yourself under control."

### Band ends old season, starts new; concerts are planned for fall, winter

Some of you may be asking yourselves: "What does the band do after marching season is complete?"

The answer to this question: The concert season begins.

The Columbus High School band will perform at three concerts this year, all of which will be held in the CHS auditorium. The first concert is scheduled January 18 and the band is presently sight-reading music which could be played at this concert. The spring concert is scheduled for April 1 and this will be a Pops Concert.

According to CHS band director, Bill Bailey the transition from the

marching season to the indoor concert season requires a change in playing style. The main difference between outdoor and indoor playing is volume. Bailey said instruments have to be played more softly for a concert performance. Senior band member Pat Willman said that he has to play quieter so you can hear what is going on and so you can hear the different parts. Bailey said that all he has to do is tell them to be quiet.

Some instruments such as French Horns and oboes are not used during the marching season. Band member Beth Theilen, also a senior, has changed from instrument to

instrument she said.

"I like the challenge," Theilen said.

"I enjoy both marching and concert because of the variety," Bailey said. One example of this variety is that during marching season people are easier to get to know because you are always around them.

#### Video . . .

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Stu-Co members presented their side of the story. Clarey Castner said that other Nebraska high schools such as North Platte and Barr Junior High in Grand Island have similar games.

Susan Fendrick commented that if a student doesn't feel like studying, they won't, whether they have to or not.

Karin Bennett agreed, saying that if she had to study, she would, even if there was a video game there.

After deliberation from both sides, Stu-Co decided that some sort of survey should be taken, the type of which was to be decided at their regular meeting Nov. 18.

"This is great," Mr. Dixon said, commenting on the orderliness of the meeting. "This is true democracy in action."

### Sportsquiz

By Scott Arnold

**QUESTION:** How did a Halfback get credit for a 95-yard touchdown after having run only 53 yards?

**ANSWER:** During the Cotton Bowl game between Rice and Alabama on January 1, 1954, Rice halfback Dick Moegle orbited into what appeared to be a certain touchdown run. However, Moegle completed only 53 yards of his sprint when an Alabama player, Tommy Lewis, stunned the crowd by leaping off the bench to tackle the apparently home-free Moegle.

Referee Cliff Shaw conferred with lead linesman Jack Freeman. They decided to award the touchdown to Moegle in accordance with the rule

stating that: "The referee has the option to awarding a touchdown to a runner who is in the clear and is on his way to a reasonable assured touchdown and is tackled by anyone other than an official or a player on the field at the time."

Tommy Lewis' self-attributed spontaneous reaction "twelfth-man" tackle created one of the strangest plays in college football history.

Rice won the '54 Cotton Bowl, 28-6, with Dicky Moegle racking up 264 yards rushing on only 11 carries from scrimmage, an average of 24 yards per carry.

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