

# Hughes had heart attack, autopsy shows

DETROIT (AP)—A heart attack was responsible for the death of Chuck Hughes, a 28-year-old wide receiver for the Detroit Lions, an autopsy revealed Monday.

The autopsy, conducted by Dr. Thaja Tworek of the Wayne County Medical Examiner's staff, indicated Hughes died from a heart attack due to clogging of his heart artery by clots.

A spokesman for the medical examiner's office described Hughes' attack, which occurred just over a minute remaining in Sunday's game between the Lions and the Chicago Bears, as "the same thing an 87-year-old person could have died from."

The spokesman said tests of tissue samples were taken to determine whether Hughes consumed any type of drugs before the

attack. He said results of the tests are incomplete.

However, he said if the heart attack was due to drugs, the medical examiner's report would not have been released so quickly. He said the report's release indicates the medical examiner is certain Hughes' death didn't stem from drugs.

The official cause of death listed in the autopsy report was "arteriosclerotic coronary artery disease with acute coronary thrombotic occlusion."

A medical doctor explained to The Associated Press the examiner's finding meant, in effect, that Hughes had a hardening of the main artery supplying the heart, possibly caused by calcium and fibrosis, and that a clot had formed in this artery, shutting

off the flow of blood.

He suggested the so-called hardening of an artery was something like a water pipe in which calcium deposits keep building up until they virtually shut off the flow, adding "then it takes only a pebble to shut off the water."

Dr. Richard A. Thompson, the Lions' team doctor, said Hughes, who died on the turf of Tiger Stadium before 54,478 spectators, was "unresponsive from the moment we got out there except for trying to get a breath."

Three plays before he toppled over, Hughes had caught a pass and been tackled by two Chicago Bears, who went on to win the National Football League game, 28-23. But if he had suffered an injury his teammates weren't aware of it.

A high funeral mass will be sung Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Detroit's St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church, after which the body will be flown to San Antonio, Texas, for funeral services and burial Wednesday.

The 6-foot, 180-pound wide receiver from El Paso, Texas, had suffered an injury Sept. 4 in a preseason game against the Buffalo Bills and was hospitalized.

A few days later he was back in uniform, but was held out of the final preseason exhibition and first regular season games. He played briefly in the Sept. 26th game against the New England Patriots, but told a reporter before hand:

"I don't know what's wrong. I have had sharp pains in my stom-

ach and my chest and they've made all sorts of tests, but nobody seems to be able to figure them out. I want to play, though, and they aren't that bad.

"They thought I broke a rib or two, but that's not it. I guess I'll be all right."

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# OU closer to Nebraska in college poll

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Explosive Oklahoma sliced 14 more points off top ranked Nebraska's lead Monday in The Associated Press college football poll following a 75-28 mangling of Kansas State.

Nebraska's defending national champions trounced Oklahoma 41-13 and received 31 first-place votes and 1,044 points from a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters. A week ago the Cornhuskers had 35 top votes and 1,046 points.

Oklahoma piled up 21 first-place votes and 1,020 points compared to 18 and 1,008 last week.

There was no change among the top five teams, with Michigan, Alabama and Auburn each getting one of the remaining three first-place ballots.

Michigan whipped Minnesota 35-7 and received 883 points, Alabama downed Houston 34-20 and got 788 while Auburn trimmed Clemson 35-13 and totaled 637 points.

Notre Dame, a 28-14 loser to Southern California, fell from sixth to 12th while Penn State, Georgia and Arkansas each took advantage of the slip and moved up one notch apiece to sixth, seventh and eighth, respectively.

Penn State clobbered Texas Christian 66-14, Georgia blanked Kentucky 34-0 and Arkansas drubbed North Texas State 60-21.

Stanford also dropped out of the Top Ten on the heels of a 24-23 upset by Washington State. The Indians skidded to 17th as Colorado jumped from 11th to ninth and Ohio State from 12th to 10th. Colorado turned back Mis-

souri 27-7 and the Buckeyes crushed Wisconsin 31-6.

Louisiana State was idle but rose from 13th to 11th, heading the Second Ten. Then came Notre Dame, Arizona State, Texas, Toledo, Tennessee, Stanford, Air Force, Florida State and Southern Cal.

Purdue and Duke disappeared from the Second Ten after losing to Illinois and Navy by respective scores of 21-7 and 15-14. Florida State and Southern Cal were the newcomers, the Seminoles routing South Carolina 49-18 and the Trojans toppling Notre Dame.

Last week's Second Ten consisted of Colorado, Ohio State, LSU, Arizona State and Toledo tied for 14th, Texas, Purdue, Tennessee, Duke and Air Force.

The Top Twenty teams, with season records:

1. Nebraska, 7-0
2. Oklahoma, 6-0
3. Michigan, 7-0
4. Alabama, 7-0
5. Auburn, 6-0
6. Penn St., 6-0
7. Georgia, 7-0
8. Arkansas, 6-1
9. Colorado, 6-1
10. Ohio St., 5-1
11. LSU, 5-1
12. Notre Dame, 5-1
13. Arizona St., 5-1
14. Texas, 4-2
15. Toledo, 7-0
16. Tennessee, 4-2
17. Stanford, 5-2
18. Air Force, 5-1
19. Florida St., 6-1
20. So. Calif., 3-4


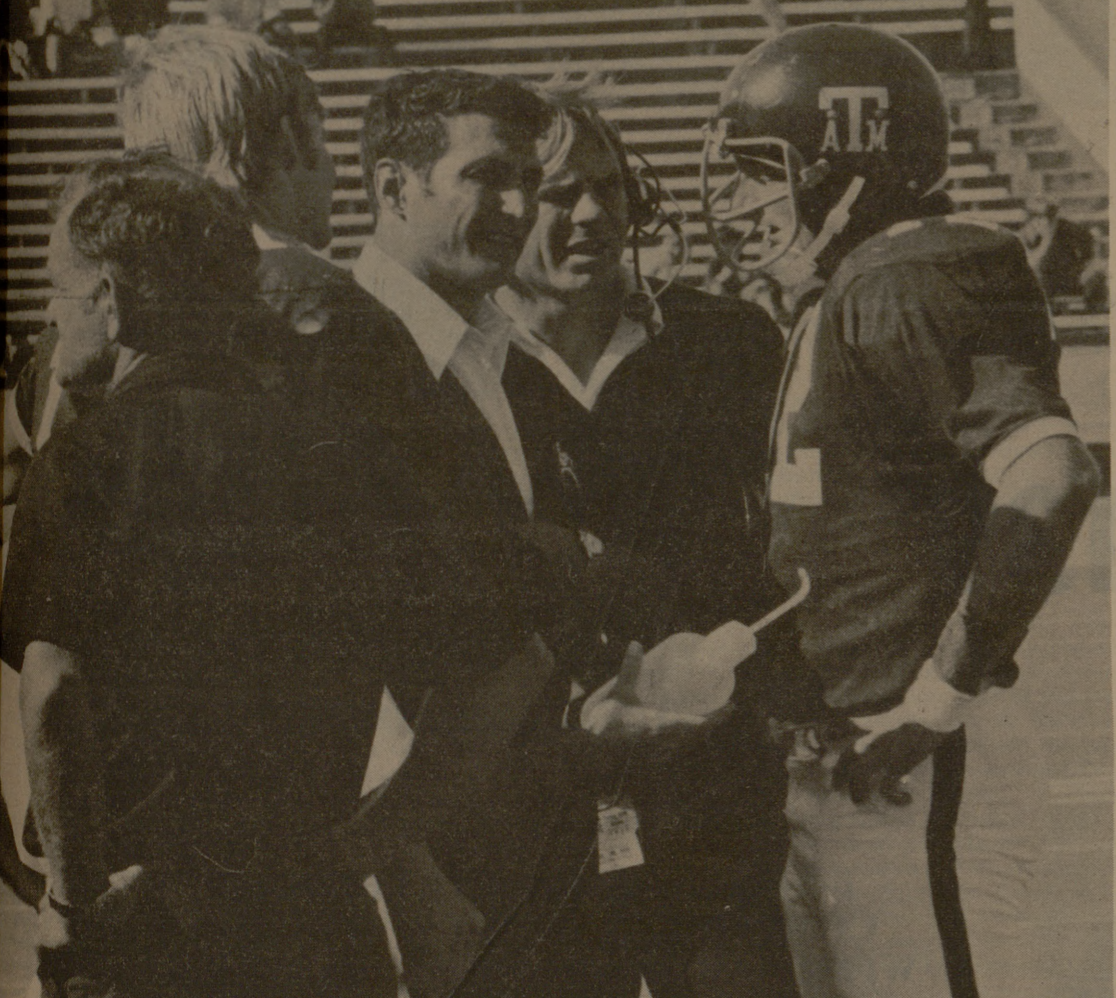
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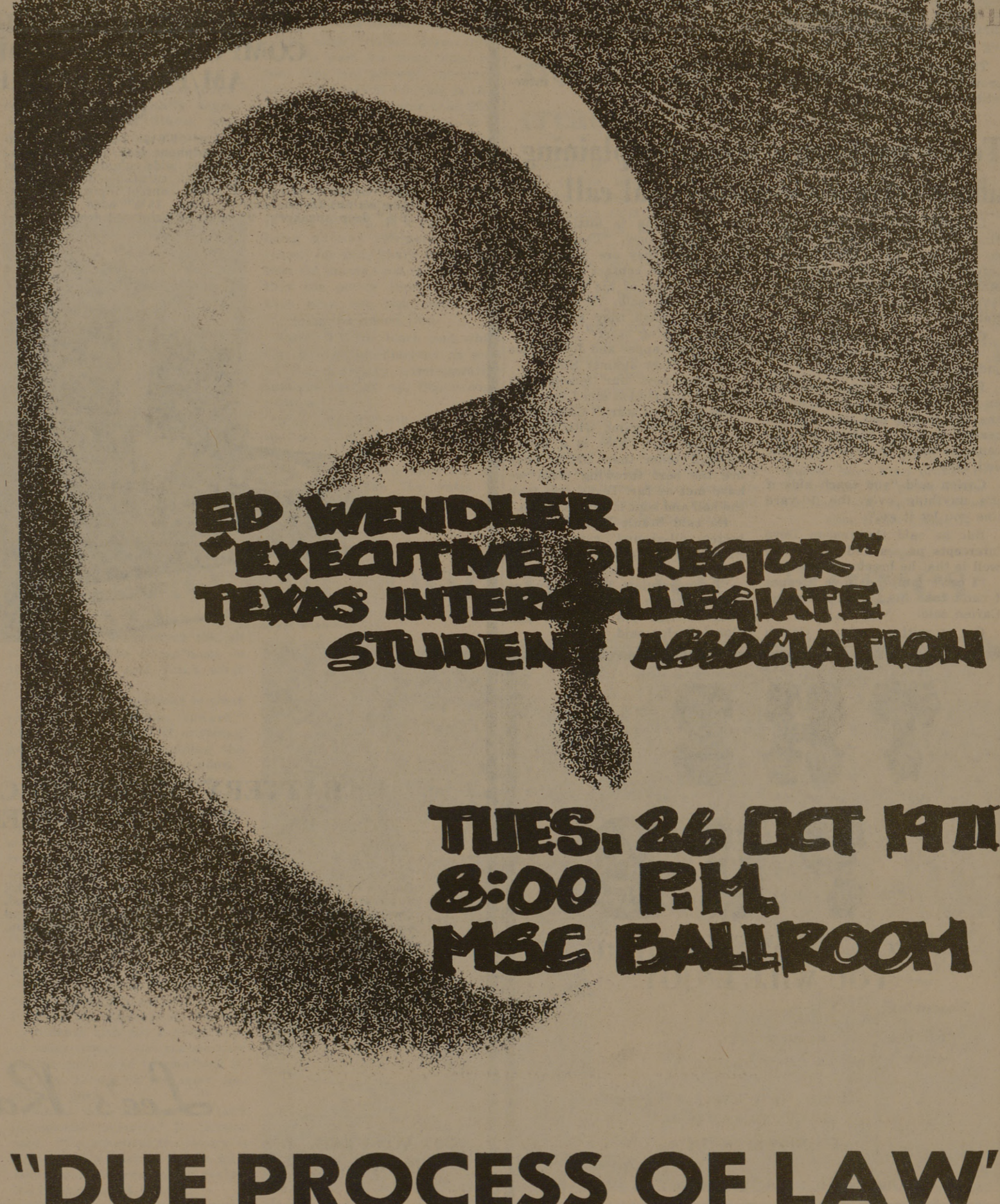
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