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USFL: Aggies vs. Aggies

Former Texas A&M tackle Bryan Dausin (72) blocks against another former Texas A&M standout, linebacker Robert Jackson (56) at the Houston Gambler's training camp

in Huntsville last week. Dausin played his senior year at A&M in 1982, and Jackson has spent 7-years playing professional football. The USFL exhibition season begins Feb. 11.

May sign with USFL

Dupree quits again

United Press International

HATTIESBURG, Miss.— Marcus Dupree, a 235-pound running back who made honorable mention All-America in 1982 as a freshman at Oklahoma, Tuesday dropped out of his second college in less than four months.

Dupree, who left Oklahoma in October because he said he couldn't please Sooners' Coach Barry Switzer and because he wanted to be closer to his Philadelphia, Miss., home, has now withdrawn from Southern Mississippi.

At the time of his transfer from Oklahoma, the NCAA ruled that he would not be eligible to play college football again until the 1985 season.

"Marcus has had difficulty coping with the fact he cannot play college football until 1985 and has talked of the possibility of playing professional football,"

said Southern Mississippi Coach Jim Carmody. "He is not sure of his plans at this time, but it is obvious he will not be playing football at USM."

Because he transferred schools, the National Football League said Dupree is ineligible for NFL draft until 1987, the year after his Oklahoma class graduates.

The United States Football League broke with a long standing tradition by signing Heisman Trophy winner Herschel Walker of Georgia last winter after his junior season, but USFL Commissioner Chet Simmons said Tuesday it is too early to tell whether that league will attempt to sign Dupree, who has two more years of college eligibility remaining.

However Simmons said the league might be interested in signing Dupree if it is convinced he wants to play professional

football and if there are no legal complications.

Whether or not the USFL decides to pursue Dupree, Simmons said he hopes a decision will be reached in the near future that will establish guidelines for letting players jump to the pros if they so desire.

"We're not talking about every kid," Simmons said. "But we need to have some kind of middle ground that establishes some circumstances where a kid can be allowed to go pro early. There has to be some sort of review set up. We want to get it down in black and white."

Dupree, only 19, enrolled at Southern Mississippi on Oct. 20, 12 days after he left Oklahoma, where he gained 905 yards and scored 13 touchdowns as a freshman and began his sophomore season labeled a bonafide All-America candidate.

Sims' trial continues

United Press International

DETROIT — Attorney Ted Nash, who conducted contract negotiations for the NFL Detroit Lions with Dr. Jerry Argovitz, testified Tuesday he felt they were very close to an agreement on the eve of Billy Sims' signing with the USFL Houston Gamblers.

The veteran attorney also testified in U.S. District Court the Gamblers' part-owner and Sims' former agent bargained over a new contract even after Sims had signed with the USFL team for \$3.5 million on July 1.

"I called them up July 5," Nash said of an insurance annuity proposal he and Argovitz were dickering over. "He said

write it up, send it to him and he'd show it to Billy."

Nash put the annuity offer in the July 8 proposal he sent to Argovitz. Sims claims he didn't realize the importance of this proposal until December.

Defense attorney Steve Susman tried to show the Lions' negotiator was bargaining the traditional way while Argovitz was using unconventional tactics. Judge Robert E. DeMascio is hearing the suit to see if Sims can get out of the Houston contract to honor a \$4.5 million pact he signed with Detroit on Dec. 16. Sims contends his former agent Argovitz misled him.

"I would say it was odd," Nash agreed of Argovitz's tactics. "I guess you could say that

he was predictably unpredictable."

Argovitz called Nash June 22 and made an offer.

It was a five-year plan calling for a \$1 million signing bonus — \$200,000 up front — plus a \$500,000 annual salary.

During testimony later in the day, Sims cracked up the courtroom with his reply to the defenses statement that he wouldn't have signed a new contract with Detroit if he'd had a poor season — say without a 100-yard game.

"If I didn't gain 100 yards all season — I'd retire," Sims sniffed.

Will they miss you at Spring Break?

Gov. Mark White Tuesday named March 10 as the special election date to fill the District 14 state representative vacancy. Democratic Secretary of State John Fainter said he did not know, nor had he heard it discussed, that March 10 was the beginning of spring break.

He said that March 10 had been described as a "convenient day" by party officials.

But Fainter did say the election could have been called earlier, possibly March 3, another Saturday.

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Student Senate opposes election date

The bill states that because "students and faculty traditionally make vacation and travel plans during the break and are therefore expected to be out of town during the election, expecting such a large number of voters to vote absentee is both an inconvenience and increases the chances of misrepresentation of the 14th district's population."

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Gov. Mark White either set the date deliberately or he did not care enough about you to ask!

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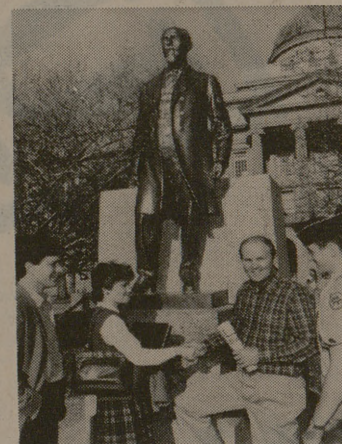


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- Varsity Swimming Team
- Distinguished Student
- Varsity Donor, The Aggie Club
- B.S. Mechanical Engineer
- 4 years Active Duty USAF
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- Founding member Brazos Animal Shelter, Inc.
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Richard Smith '59

They called the special election for the first day of spring break - will they miss you? You must register to vote by Feb. 10. You can vote by absentee ballot beginning Feb. 20th. For more information on voting and how you can help in the campaign, call 846-0047.

Aggies stand up and be counted!
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