



Javelina quarterback Richard Ritchie became the most successful quarterback in college football history, finishing his outstanding career in 1976.

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Most Successful College Football Team Ever To Celebrate Its 45th Anniversary This Season

The 1976 Texas A&I football team has been called the most recognized in the history of the game. It celebrates its 45th anniversary this fall.

The Javelinas had accomplishments unexcelled on the collegiate football stage.

There was the three-week exhibition tour of Europe in May and June. The Javelinas and Henderson (Ark.) State became the first American football teams to play on the continent.

Then came a schedule that featured games in Honolulu, Hawaii; in Houston's Astrodome and a home game with Slippery Rock (Pa.), a team with fan clubs in all 50 states at that time.

The season itself was a record-setter.

The squad went 13-0 and continued a victory streak that reached 39 in a row.

The statistics racked up by the team still stand as some of the best in college football.

The season's record was the best among all colleges in the country, regardless of classification.

The Javelinas broke or equaled three national collegiate records, five NAIA national marks, 14 Lone Star Conference standards and 23 schools records.

The most impressive record came with the victory streak. The 39 wins in a row broke the NAIA, Texas and LSC records in that category.

The NAIA record had been 38 in a row by Missouri Valley. The state record had been 30, set by the University of Texas. And the LSC record had been 29 by S.F. Austin State.

The national collegiate records came in the total yardage category. The Javelinas compiled 6,269 total yards during the season, breaking the record 6,232 amassed by Oklahoma in 1971.

The Javelinas averaged 569.9
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The Javelina indoor volleyball team opened preseason workouts last week in the Steinke Center. The squad is preparing for its season opener Sept. 3 against Western Colorado in San Angelo. The first home match is Sept. 17 against Lone Star Conference opponent Cameron.

Javelina Hash

By Fred Nuesch, Coordinator of Athletic External Affairs

ON SATURDAY, I begin my 54th year as a member of the Javelina family.

I reported for work on Aug. 20, 1968, as the sports information director, campus newspaper advisor and journalism teacher.

After several years, I became full-time sports information director.

I was SID for 35 years before retiring from that position in 2003 and have been the coordinator of athletic external affairs since.

What a run.

I can't think of anyone more blessed than I have been for coming to South Texas.

An Arkie working in a job in Northeast Texas I really liked, there was no way I would leave and come to a school I was unfamiliar with. But it happened. And 53 years later, I couldn't be more thankful.

I don't think I could have worked with any better teams, athletes, coaches, administrators and fans than I have here at Texas A&I and Texas A&M-Kingsville.

I've been privileged to publicize some of the greatest athletes, coaches and teams in college history.

I can honestly say that I have worked nearly 20,000 days as a Javelina, and I haven't had a boring one. I enjoy going to work every day and being around the people in my job and life.

I'm often asked how much longer I'm going to work. My response is that as long as the good Lord and the University allows me to.

THERE'S A FEATURE story in this week's Highlights on the 1976 Javelina football team.

It states that it's the best football team in college history.

Some may ask, how is this so?

What other team has:

...Gone 13-0?

...Won a national championship?

...Been the first to have a five-game exhibition tour in Europe?

...Produced the most successful quarterback in college football history (Richard Ritchie)?

...Played in Honolulu, Hawaii, and Houston's Astrodome when it was one of the few domed football stadiums in the country?

...Outscored its 13 opponents, 593-107. Its closest game was a 10-point win and it had a 16-point victory. The next closest was a 26-0 win?

...Had 10 players who ended up being NFL draftees, two in the second round and two in the third round.

...Set numerous NAIA and Lone Star Conference records?

And some of the other outstanding accomplishments are noted in the story.

FORMER JAVELINA FOOTBALL player Sherman Batiste was named the Region 4 Secondary Teacher of the Year last week.

Batiste teaches in the Fort Bend Independent School District.



Javelina head indoor volleyball coach Tanya Allen, right, and assistant coach Gary Payne, second from right, watch as the Javelinas go through their first workout Thursday in the Steinke Center.



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He has his bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas A&M-Kingsville.

Batiste will represent Region 4 at the Texas Association of School Administrators Texas Teacher of the Year Program where the 2022 winners will be announced this fall.

A wide receiver, Batiste was an All-Lone Star Conference honoree.

I'M THE MOST fortunate alum ever.

The fight songs at Henderson (Ark.) State and the University of Missouri are two of the best in college sports.

I still get pumped when I listen to them on the computer.

But even though I'm not an alum, there is nothing like Jalisco to bring on the goosebumps. The Javelina Marching Band can never play it enough and it always gets me fired up.

Can't wait until that first home football game this fall and hearing it again.

THE NCAA PERMITS the Division II football teams to play their first games Thursday, Sept. 2.

Sixteen games are scheduled for Sept. 2 including two with Lone Star Conference teams participating.

Texas A&M-Commerce will be at Colorado State-Pueblo and both teams are nationally ranked. Angelo State will be at Lindenwood (Mo.).

One game is set for Friday, Sept. 3, and 11 are on Saturday, Sept. 4, including the Javelinas' opener with Saginaw Valley State in University Center, Mich.

One game is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 5.

WEST TEXAS A&M'S Buffalo Stadium has been selected as the best in NCAA Division II by D2Football.com.

Opened in 2019, the \$44 million facility seats 8,500 and can handle 12,000 people when utilizing standing-room areas and the green areas in the end zones.

There are seven suites.

The Javelinas haven't played the Buffaloes in the new facility. The teams met in Kingsville in 2019 and will play in Javelina Stadium this fall. The date is Oct. 30 for the Javelina homecoming game.

Judged the fourth best is Wantland Stadium at Central Oklahoma.

The Javelinas played in Wantland while UCO was in the Lone Star Conference but it has been greatly improved since that time.

In seventh place is Mel Tjeerdsman Field at Northwest Missouri.

The Javelinas have played in the facility several times, including an NCAA Division II playoff game in 2004.

The Javelinas met the Bearcats in Maryville in the 2010 season opener and took a 16-7 victory.

The top stadiums are:

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Kailey Estrada, 6-2 junior middle blocker from San Antonio (Reagan), is a three-year letterwinner returning for the Javelina indoor volleyball team this fall.

**15 Days Until
Volleyball Team
Plays Its First
Match**

**32 Days Until
Volleyball Team
Plays First
Home match**

Upcoming Javelina Events

- Aug. 28 - Indoor Volleyball: Block Party in Kingsville, Steinke Center, 5 p.m.**
- Sept. 3 – Indoor Volleyball: vs. Western Colorado, 10 a.m., San Angelo.
vs. Northwestern Oklahoma, 2 p.m., in San Angelo.
Women's Tennis: St. Mary's Quad in San Antonio.
- Sept. 4 – Football: Saginaw Valley (Mich.) State in Saginaw, Mich., 7 p.m.
Indoor Volleyball: vs. East Central Oklahoma, 8 a.m., in San Angelo.
vs. Anderson (S.C.), 6 p.m., in San Angelo.
Women's Tennis: St. Mary's Quad in San Antonio.
Men's, Women's Cross Country: Orville Rogers Opener in Grand Prairie.
- Sept. 7 – Women's Golf: Dallas Baptist Fall Invitational in Dallas, Golf Club of Dallas course.
- Sept. 8 – Indoor Volleyball: Ouachita Baptist (Ark.) in Arkadelphia, Ark., 4 p.m.
vs. Harding (Ark.) in Arkadelphia, Ark., 7 p.m.
- Sept. 10 – Indoor Volleyball: vs. Eastern New Mexico in Wichita Falls, 11:30 a.m.
vs. Midwestern State in Wichita Falls, 4:30 p.m.
- Sept. 11 – Football: Western Oregon in Kingsville, 7 p.m., Hall of Fame Weekend.**
Indoor Volleyball: vs. Arkansas Tech in Wichita Falls, 9 a.m.
vs. Colorado-Mesa in Wichita Falls, 11:30 a.m.
- Sept. 13 – Women's Golf: Swann Memorial in Denver, Colo., Todd Creek Golf Club course.
- Sept. 14 – Women's Golf: Swann Memorial in Denver, Colo.
- Sept. 17 – Indoor Volleyball: *Cameron in Kingsville, 6 p.m.**
Women's Tennis: Javelina Quad in Kingsville, Javelina Tennis Courts. (Javelinas, St. Mary's, Prairie View A&M, Texas-Rio Grande Valley).
- Sept. 18 – Indoor Volleyball: *Midwestern State in Kingsville, 1 p.m.**
Women's Tennis: Javelina Quad in Kingsville, Javelina Tennis Courts.
Football: *Eastern New Mexico in Portales, N.M., 1 p.m.
Men's, Women's Cross Country: East Texas Shootout in Commerce.
- Sept. 24 – Women's Tennis: Intercollegiate Tennis Associational South Central Regional Tournament in San Angelo.
- Sept. 25 – Indoor Volleyball: *Texas A&M International in Kingsville, 1 p.m.**
Football: *Texas A&M-Commerce in Kingsville, 7 p.m., Family Fiesta Weekend.
Women's Tennis: ITA South Central Regional Tournament in San Angelo.
Men's, Women's Cross Country: Texas A&M Invitational in College Station.
- Sept. 26 – Women's Tennis: ITA South Central Regional Tournament in San Angelo.
- Oct. 1 – Indoor Volleyball: *Angelo State in San Angelo, TBA.
- Oct. 2 – General: Javelina High School Boys and Girls Invitational Cross Country Meet in Kingsville, L.E. Ramey Golf Course.**
Indoor Volleyball: *Lubbock Christian in Lubbock, TBA.
- Oct. 4 - Women's Golf: West Texas A&M Fall Classic in Amarillo, Tascosa Golf Club course.
- Oct. 5 – Women's Golf: West Texas A&M Fall Classic in Amarillo.
- Oct. 8 – Indoor Volleyball: *Texas Woman's in Kingsville, 6 p.m.**
*Lone Star Conference games/matches
(Bold-faced dates are in Kingsville.)

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1. Buffalo Stadium – West Texas A&M.
2. Carnie Smith Stadium – Pittsburg (Kan.) State.
3. Lubbers Stadium – Grand Valley (Mich.) State
4. Wantland Stadium – Central Oklahoma.
5. Kirkeby-Over Stadium – Augustana (S.D.)
6. Spratt Stadium – Missouri Western.
7. Mel Tjeerdsma Field – Northwest Missouri
8. University Stadium – West Georgia.
9. Walton Stadium – Central Missouri.
10. Charlie W. Johnson Stadium – Benedict (S.C.).

THE NCAA HAS set new boundaries on how long an individual can serve as a graduate assistant, allowing third and fourth-year GAs.

The NCAA has outlined the parameters for graduate assistant coaches for sports in its oversight, including football, and also extended by one year the calendar for all positions impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The organization established the time frame for a potential graduate assistant's seven-year clock and moved to allow a third year in a graduate assistant role within a college football program if an individual has passed enough classroom hours.

A graduate assistant "may serve a third year if graduate assistant coach completed 24-semester or 36-quarter hours during initial two-year period of appointment," according to the NCAA.

The two-year "clock" begins with the appointment as a graduate assistant coach.

MORE THAN 1,000 former and current NCAA athletes who competed in the recent Summer Olympic Games won 282 medals. These medals included 114 gold, 84 silver and 84 bronze. Seventy-one of the NCAA athletes earning medals represented other countries.

THE NCAA PLAYING Rules Oversight Panel approved last week allowing the use of one-way electronic communication devices for the purpose of calling pitches and plays.

This would include teams being allowed to use an electronic display board from the dugout that shows a numerical code to call pitches and/or defensive plays.

Teams can also use a one-way, in-ear communication device that would be limited for use from the dugout to the catcher.

Several conferences have experimented with in-ear communication and other one-way electronic communication devices to call pitches from the dugout the past four seasons.

WEST TEXAS A&M will host the 2021-22 NCAA Division II Conference Commissioner's Association Tipoff Classic Oct. 29-31.

Eight men's and women's teams will take part in the event in WT's First United Bank Center.



Javelina head women's tennis coach Autumn Wollenzien, fourth from the left, was a member of the tennis team that won the United States Tennis Association Little State Tournament championship recently in Corpus Christi.

NCAA Approves Softball Changes

The NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel approved implementing video review and allowing coaches to have two video review challenges beginning next spring.

There is no requirement to use the video review rule. It is optional for all schools, conferences and tournaments to implement.

Each head coach will have two challenges to initiate a review for the entirety of the game. A coach must verbally or visually indicate a challenge request before the next pitch, before the pitcher and all infielders have clearly vacated their normal fielding position and left fair territory, and before the umpires have left the field of play.

The umpire crew chief has the discretion to initiate a review of designated plays beginning with the sixth inning of a game.

The following plays can be subject to review:

*Regarding batted balls (any ball higher than the top of the foul pole when it leaves the field



Scott Gines, left, former Javelina vice president of intercollegiate athletics and campus recreation, with current Javelina executive director for intercollegiate athletics and campus recreation Steve Roach at an event last week.

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In the men's squads joining the Buffaloes are Daemen, Colorado-Mesa and Minnesota State-Moorhead. The women's squads are WT, Central Missouri, Drury (Mo.) and Southwestern Oklahoma.

The WTAM men's team was national runnerup last season and the Drury women's squad was national runnerup to Lone Star Conference member Lubbock Christian last winter.

LONE STAR CONFERENCE notes:

... West Texas A&M athletics will host the 2021 Kickoff

Convert Sunday featuring SWITCHFOOT.

The concert is in the Buffaloes' basketball and volleyball center. WTAM students, faculty and staff are admitted free.

...Allyson Raines has been named a graduate assistant softball coach at Western New Mexico.

She has been the assistant softball coach at Mississippi Golf Coast for the past two years.

Raines played two seasons at Hutchinson (Kan.) Community College and her final two years at Oklahoma Wesleyan.

She is a native of Round Rock (Stony Point).

...Ashton Duncan, basketball player at Lubbock Christian, and Valda Kabia, West Texas A&M track and field athlete, have been nominated from the Lone Star Conference for the 2021 NCAA Woman of the Year Award.

The NCAA will chose the top 30 honorees from the NCAA conferences, 10 from each division, and three honorees will be selected from each division as the nine finalists.

...Valda Kabia, grad student at West Texas A&M, was named to the College Sports Information Directors of America NCAA Division II Academic All-America women's track and field/cross country team.

Nele Heinrich, grad student at WTAM, was on the second unit.

Summer Grubbs and Zach Tucker of Texas-Tyler were on the women's and men's third team.

...Clare Duda has been named assistant volleyball coach at Texas-Permian Basin.

She has been an assistant at King (Tenn.) for the past two years.

She played volleyball at Christendom (Va.) College and received her bachelor's degree from the school. She has a master's degree from Liberty (Va.).

...West Texas A&M announced promotions and restructuring in its athletic department.

Sarah Ramey will be the deputy athletic director. He will continue as the director of athletic performance.

Tyson Jex has been promoted to associate athletic director of marketing and fan experience. He has been the athletic communications director for three years.

Brent Seals is the director of athletic communications after three seasons as the director of digital media and creative contest and 14 years in the department.

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The Javelina football team goes through one of its first preseason drills last week in Javelina Stadium. The team opens Sept. 4.

NCAA Approves Changes in Softball Rules

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cannot have that aspect reviewed);

a. Deciding whether a batted ball called fair is fair or foul.

b. Deciding whether a batted ball called foul should be a ground rule doubles, home run or hit-by-pitch.

c. Deciding whether a batted ball called fair and ruled not to have left the field of play did leave the field.

*Regarding pitched balls at the plate:

a. Deciding whether a pitch ruled a dropped third strike was caught before the ball

touched the ground.

b. Deciding whether a live or dead ball should be changed to a foul ball.

c. Deciding whether a live or dead ball should be changed to a foul ball.

d. Deciding whether a foul ball should be changed to a foul tip only with no base runners, or if it would result in a third out.

e. Deciding whether a batter is hit by a pitch.

*Spectator interference.

*Obstruction and interference (including collisions).

*Deciding if malicious/

flagrant contact occurred.

Umpires may initiate this review without requiring a coach's challenge at any point in the game to ensure athlete safety.

*Timing plays (deciding whether the base runner scored ahead of a third out).

*Force/tag play calls: Plays involving all runners acquiring the base before the defensive player's attempt to put the runner out at any base.

*Blocked or dead ball/ placement of runners: Deciding whether a ball not ruled blocked

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**16 Days
Until First
Football Game**

**23 Days
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Kent Johnson has been elevated to senior associate athletic director for facilities and event operations and will continue to be part of the football and basketball broadcasts.

Paul Sweetgall has been promoted to senior associate athletic director for compliance and academics. He has been at WTAM for 22 seasons and will continue to serve as the lead administrator for track and field.

...The Lubbock Christian Chap Golf Classic, which is a fundraiser for the athletic department, has been scheduled for Oct. 11.

Entry fees are \$500 per team or \$125 per individual.

...The Angelo State and Texas-Tyler athletic training staffs were named the 17th annual Lone Star Conference Athletic Training Staff of the Year award recipients for the 2020-21 school year.

ASU was recognized from the football-playing schools and Texas-Tyler was chosen from the non-football-playing members.

...Hunter Hays, who was a graduate assistant baseball coach at Oklahoma Christian last spring, will be an assistant coach for the OCU softball program this year.

Hays played baseball at OCU for three seasons. He is from Lubbock.

He joins Madison Nordyke as an assistant coach, and graduate assistants Hunter Strickland and Bailey Turner.

...Oklahoma Christian has added Asa Freeman and Jason Butch as assistant volleyball coaches.

Butch has coached club volleyball for nine years and also spent time as a high school assistant coach.

Freeman coached club volleyball and was a student assistant at Central Oklahoma for two seasons.

NCAA DIVISION II notes:

...The Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference has announced that 22 of its football games this fall will be carried on ESPN including ESPNU, ESPN3 and ESPN+.

The first will be Sept. 4.

The conference championship game Nov. 13 will be streamed live on ESPN3 and shown again on ESPNU the following Sunday.

...Lees-McRae (N.C.) has a new floor on its indoor volleyball and men's and women's basketball court.

...Fort Valley (Ga.) State has a new field turf playing surface and the track and field teams will have a new surface around the field.

The football field will be used for the first time Sept. 18.

...Nebraska-Kearney will host the Intercollegiate Tennis Association NCAA Division II women's national team indoor championship in 2023 and 2024.

The tournaments will be in the new tennis center currently under construction. The new \$9 million facility will feature six courts and a mezzanine-level viewing area that can seat 250.

Seven women's teams and seven men's teams will be invited to the event, based on their year-end ranking.

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should be ruled blocked, and the proper placement of runners after any blocked or dead ball call.

*With no base runners, a no catch can be changed to a catch at any time. With runners on base, a no catch can be changed to a catch only if it results in a third out.

The following criteria will be used in games using video review:

*All equipment should be tested by appropriate personnel before each game.

*A ruling on the field will be changed only if there is indisputable video evident to reverse the call. Absent that evident, the original ruling on the field will stand.

*A review must be verbally or visually indicated before the next pitch, before the pitcher and all infielders have clearly vacated their normal fielding position and left fair territory, or before the umpires leave the field of play.

*Coaches have 30 seconds to verbally or visually lodge a challenge.

*The video review may be conducted on-site by the crew chief or by an off-field official at a centralized video review location.

*If video review is conducted on-site by the crew chief, the video review area shall not require an umpire to walk through spectators or dugouts to view the coverage. At least one umpire must remain on the field.

*During the video review, the defensive team shall maintain its position on the field and may warm up if desired. Offensive base runners and the on-deck hitter must maintain their position. Other personnel must remain in the dugout. Any defensive or offensive conferences will be charged as during any other part of the game.

*Once the review is completed, the crew chief will communicate the ruling to both head coaches and the official

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LONE STAR CONFERENCE 90TH ANNIVERSARY

2021 Javelina Indoor Volleyball Schedule

Sept. 3 – Western Colorado in San Angelo, 10 a.m.

Sept. 3 – Northwestern Oklahoma in San Angelo, 2 p.m.

Sept. 4 – East Central Oklahoma in San Angelo, 8 a.m.

Sept. 4 – Anderson (S.C.) in San Angelo, 6 p.m.

Sept. 8 – Ouachita Baptist (Ark.) in Arkadelphia, Ark., 4 p.m.

Sept. 8 – Harding (Ark.) in Arkadelphia, Ark., 7 p.m.

Sept. 10 – Eastern New Mexico in Wichita Falls, 11:30 a.m.

Sept. 10 – Midwestern State in Wichita Falls, 4:30 p.m.

Sept. 11 – Arkansas Tech in Wichita Falls, 9 a.m.

Sept. 11 – Colorado-Mesa in Wichita Falls, 11:30 a.m.

Sept. 17 - *Cameron in Kingsville, 6 p.m.

Sept. 18 - *Midwestern State in Kingsville, 1 p.m.

Sept. 25 - *Texas A&M International in Kingsville, 1 p.m.

Oct. 1 - *Angelo State in San Angelo, 7 p.m.

Oct. 2 - *Lubbock Christian in Lubbock, 2 p.m.

Oct. 8 - *Texas Woman's in Kingsville, 6 p.m.

Oct. 9 - *Dallas Baptist in Kingsville, 1 p.m.

Oct. 13 – Westminster (Utah) in Salt Lake City, Utah, 5 p.m.

Oct. 15 - *Texas-Tyler in Tyler, 6 p.m.

Oct. 16 - *Texas A&M-Commerce in Commerce, 1 p.m.

Oct. 22 - *Western New Mexico in Kingsville, 6 p.m.

Oct. 23 - *Texas-Permian Basin in Kingsville, 1 p.m.

Oct. 29 - *West Texas A&M in Canyon, 6 p.m.

Oct. 30 - *Eastern New Mexico in Portales, N.M., noon.

Nov. 2 - *St. Mary's in Kingsville, 6 p.m.

Nov. 5 - *St. Edward's in Kingsville, 6 p.m.

Nov. 12 - *Oklahoma Christian in Oklahoma City, 6 p.m.

Nov. 13 - *Arkansas-Fort Smith in Fort Smith, Ark., 1 p.m.

Nov. 18-20 – Lone Star Conference Championships at No. 1 seed,

TBA.

Dec. 2-4 – NCAA Division II South Central Region playoffs at No. 1 seed, TBA.

Dec. 9-11 – NCAA Division II Elite Eight in Tampa, Fla.

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The teams will compete in a single-elimination tournament over three days. Each team is guaranteed three matches.

Midwestern State of the Lone Star Conference hosted the first two years of the tournament

The 2022 women's tournament will be at Central Oklahoma in Edmond, Okla.

...Central Washington has been picked to take the Great Northwest Athletic Conference football title in a preseason poll.

Only three teams will compete in football in the league this fall.

Western Oregon is picked second and Simon Fraser (British Columbia) third.

Central and Western tied for the title last season with 5-1 league records.

The Javelinas will host Western Oregon Sept. 11 in the home opener.

Great Northwest Athletic Conference Preseason Football Poll

Rank	Team (1 st place votes)	Points
1.	Central Washington (3)	15
2.	Western Oregon	9
3.	Simon Fraser (British Columbia)	3

...West Florida has been selected as a slight favorite to win the Gulf South Conference football title this fall in a preseason poll announced last week.

The Argonauts edged out Valdosta (Ga.) State by two points.

West Florida had five first-place votes and Valdosta received three.

West Florida is being favored to win the NCAA Division II national championship.

Gulf South Conference Preseason Football Poll

Rank	Team (1 st place votes)	Points
1.	West Florida (5)	47
2.	Valdosta (Ga.) State (3)	45
3.	Delta (Miss.) State	33
4.	West Alabama	30
5.	West Georgia	26
6.	Mississippi College	22
7.	North Greenville (S.C.)	14
8.	Shorter (Ga.)	7

...Notre Dame (Ohio) edged out Charleston (W. Va.) for the favorite's role in the Mountain East Conference preseason football poll.

Notre Dame had 119 points and 10 first-place votes while Charleston had 112 points and two first-place votes.

Mountain East Conference Preseason Football Poll

Rank	Team (1 st place votes)	Points
1.	Notre Dame (Ohio) (10)	119
2.	Charleston (W. Va.) (2)	112
3.	Frostburg (Md.) State	101
4.	North Carolina-Pembroke	91
5.	West Virginia State	79
6.	Fairmont (W. Va.) State	62
7.	Wheeling Jesuit (W. Va.)	55

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Javelina head football coach Mike Salinas watches as the defensive unit goes through a drill during a practice session last week in Javelina Stadium. Left is linebackers and special teams coordinator John Cotton.



The Javelina offensive and defensive linemen battle in a scrimmage Saturday in Javelina Stadium.



2021 Javelina Men's, Women's Cross Country Schedule

Sept. 4 - Orville Rodgers Opener in Grand Prairie.

Sept. 18 - East Texas Shootout in Commerce

Sept. 25 - Texas A&M Invitational in College Station.

Oct. 9 - Our Lady of the Lake Invitational in San Antonio

Oct. 23 - Lone Star Conference Championships in Lawton, Okla.

Nov. 6 - NCAA Division II South Central Regional in Lubbock.

Nov. 20 - NCAA Division II Championships in Saint Leo, Fla.

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8. Glenville (W. Va.) State	54
9. West Liberty (W. Va.)	44
10. Concord (W. Va.)	43
11. Alderson Broaddus (W. Va.)	19
12. West Virginia Wesleyan	13

...Shepherd (W. Va.) and Slippery Rock (Pa.) have been picked to win their divisions in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference preseason football poll released last week.

Shepherd is favored in the East Division and Slippery Rock in the West Division

...New Haven (Conn.) has been favored to win the Northeast 10 Conference football title, according to a preseason coaches poll released Monday.

Northeast 10 Conference Preseason Football Poll

Rank	Team
1.	New Haven (Conn.)
2.	Bentley (Mass.)
3.	Stonehill (Mass.)
4.	Assumption (Mass.)
5.	Pace (N.Y.)
6.	Saint Anselm (N.H.)
7.	American International (Mass.)
8.	Southern Connecticut
9.	Franklin Pierce (N.H.)

Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Preseason Football Poll

East Division		West Division	
Rank	Team	Rank	Team
1.	Shepherd (W. Va.)	1.	Slippery Rock(Pa.)
2.	West Chester (Pa.)	2.	Indiana (Pa.)
3.	Kutztown (Pa.)	3.	California (Pa.)
4.	Bloomsburg (Pa.)	4.	Mercyhurst (Pa.)
5.	Shippensburg (Pa.)	5.	Edinboro (Pa.)
6.	East Stroudsburg (Pa.)	6.	Seton Hill (Pa.)
7.	Millersville (Pa.)	7.	Gannon (Pa.)
8.	Lock Haven (Pa.)	8.	Clarion (Pa.)

...Colorado Mines has been picked to win the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference football title.

Mines had seven first-place votes and 76 points while Colorado State-Pueblo had 70 points and two first-place votes.

Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Preseason Football Poll

Rank	Team (1 st place votes)	Points
1.	Colorado Mines (7)	76
2.	Colorado State-Pueblo (2)	70
3.	Chadron (Neb.) State	62
4.	Colorado-Mesa	56
5.	Western Colorado	43
6.	South Dakota Mines	37
7.	Adams (Colo.) State (1)	34
8.	New Mexico Highlands	31
9.	Black Hills (S.D.) State	23
10.	Fort Lewis (Colo.)	28

Bailey, Green Charter Inductees Into Houston ISD Sports Hall of Honor

Texas A&I greats Darrell Green and Johnny Bailey were among the charter inductees into the Houston Independent School District Athletic Hall of Honors Saturday in Houston.

Green was inducted individually and Bailey as a member of the 1985 Houston Yates football team.

Green, who played at Houston Jones, is one of the most recognized of the Javelina standouts.

He was a first-round draft choice of the Washington Redskins and had a 20-year career with the team.

He was selected for induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility.

Green was an All-American in football and track. He was an All-American in NCAA Division I and

Division II despite the Javelinas being Division II.

He played on two Super bowl championship teams in Washington and was a seven-time Pro Bowl honoree.

Green was NFL All-Pro four times and was the 1996 Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year.

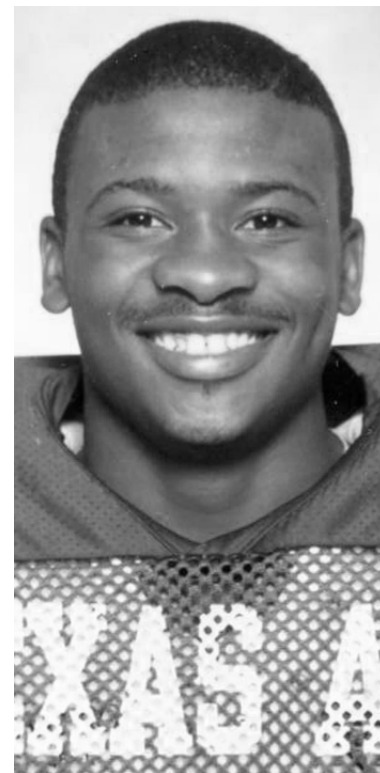
He is in numerous halls of fame including the Javelina Hall of Fame.

Bailey was a standout on the 1985 Yates football team, which has been called the best high school football team. It had a 16-0 season's record in Class 5A, the largest classification at that time.

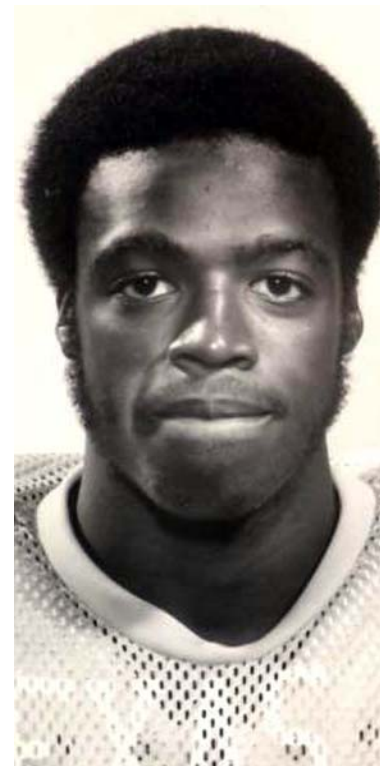
Bailey became college football's all-time leading rusher, all classes, his senior season. He held several NCAA records and continues to be the all-time college rusher in Texas.

He was drafted by the Chicago Bears after his collegiate career.

Bailey is a member of numerous halls of fame including the Javelina Hall of Fame.



Johnny Bailey



Darrell Green

NCAA Approves Softball Changes

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scorer. This should be communicated to the broadcasting booth, if applicable, via the umpire who has a microphone.

*If the reversing of a call results in the need for decisions on the placement of base runners, the crew chief shall use good judgment and/or the appropriate rule to determine where to place the runners as if the call had been made correctly.

*The final decision may not be argued by either coach. A coach who argues the final decision shall be immediately ejected.

To increase the flow of the game, teams are allowed seven charged coach-to-player conferences to occur during game.

Teams are allowed a maximum of one per half inning. An additional defensive conference would be allowed for each pitching change if that pitcher has not already pitched in the half inning.

A standard time between innings (90 seconds) was

approved for all games, media or non-media.

Other changes are:

*Adding to the rule book that a runner will be ruled out and may be ejected for a deliberate collision with a fielder regardless of whether the fielder has possession of the ball. A runner who slides out of the baseline to slide directly at a fielder may be issued a team warning if the action is not egregious enough to warrant an ejection.

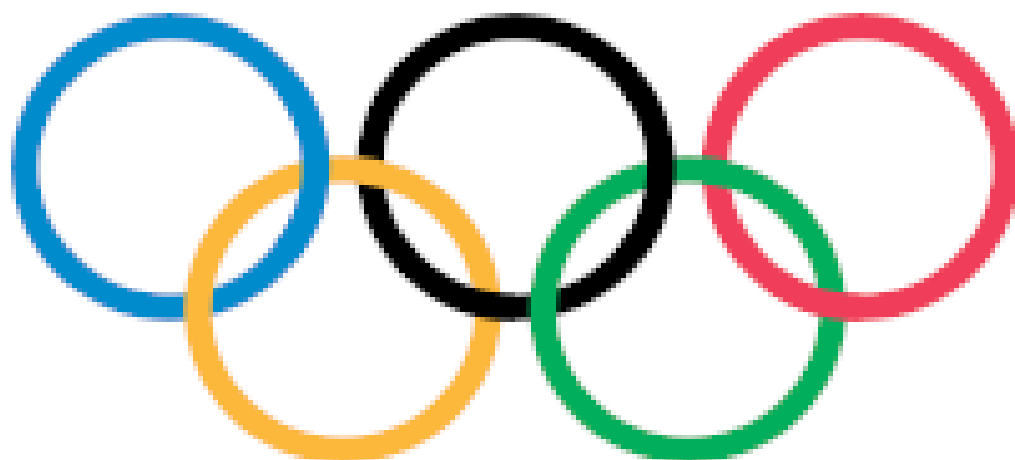
*The stride foot of the pitcher can be on the lane line/pitcher's plate at the start of the pitching motion rather than within the pitcher's plate.

*The softball specifications will be standardized with the USA Softball by Jan. 1, 2024, to improve inventory availability and assist in cost containment.

Proud To Be a Javelina!



Javelina sprinter Shaun Gill helps carry the flag for Belize during the opening ceremonies at the Olympic Games in Tokyo. Gill is a sophomore from Belize City.



2021 Javelina Football Schedule

Sept. 4 – Saginaw Valley State in Saginaw, Mich., 7 p.m.

Sept. 11 – Western Oregon in Kingsville, 7 p.m., Hall of Fame Weekend.

Sept. 18 - *Eastern New Mexico in Portales, N.M., 1 p.m.

*Sept. 25 - *Texas A&M-Commerce in Kingsville, 7 p.m., Family Fiesta.*

Oct. 2 – Open

Oct. 9 - *Midwestern State in Wichita Falls, 7 p.m.

Oct. 16 – Lincoln (Calif.) in Kingsville, 7 p.m., First Responders Appreciation.

Oct. 23 - *Western New Mexico in Silver City, N.M., 1 p.m.

*Oct. 30 - *West Texas A&M in Kingsville, 7 p.m., Homecoming.*

Nov. 6 - *Texas-Permian Basin in Odessa, 2 p.m.

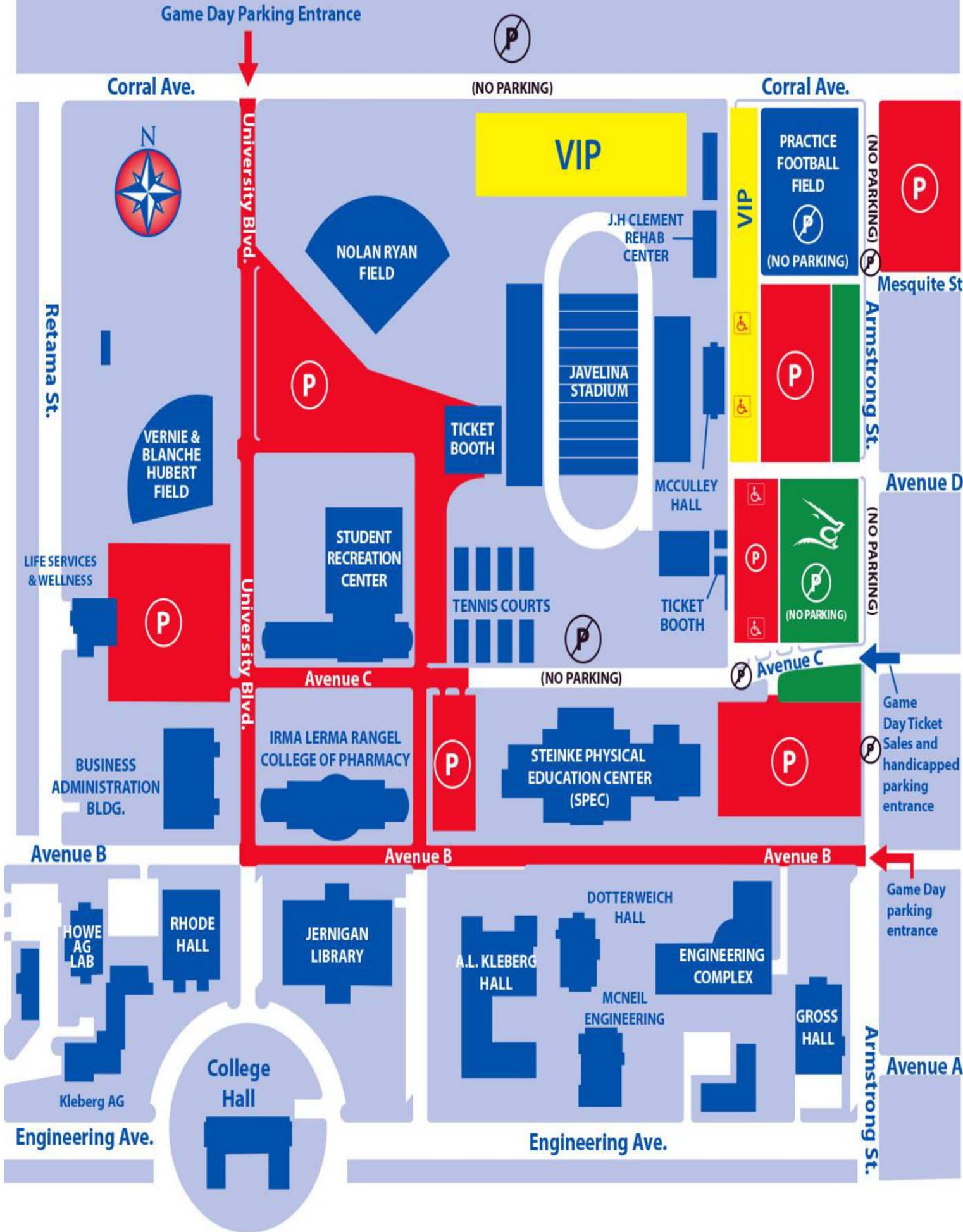
*Nov. 13 - *Angelo State in Kingsville, 7 p.m., Military Appreciation Day.*

*Lone Star Conference games.

**JAVELINA FOOTBALL 2021
GAME DAY MAP**

LEGEND

-  Tailgate Area
-  Game Day Parking - \$5
-  Game Day Street Parking - \$5
-  Game Day Parking Entrance
-  Game Day Ticket Sales & Handicap Parking Entrance
-  Handicap Parking
-  VIP (Subject to availability)
-  No Parking



1976 Football Team Roster

Name	P	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown	Name	P	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown
Rodney Alexander	DE	6-4	205	Fr.	Corpus Christi	Jim Murphey	SE	6-3	185	Fr.	Refugio
Kent Allee	LB	6-0	205	Jr.	Houston (Klein)	Mike Murphy	LB	6-10	195	Fr.	Brownfield
Gary Allen	DE	6-3	215	Jr.	Corpus Christi (Miller)	Mark Oltermann	QB	5-8	165	Fr.	Houston (Klein)
Robert Anderson	G	6-3	230	Fr.	Dunedin, Fla.	David Palmore	LB	6-0	210	Jr.	San Antonio (Jay)
Leonard Avery	DB	5-11	170	Sr.	Woodsboro	Carlos Perez	LB	6-0	200	Fr.	San Antonio (St. Gerard)
George Barbosa	T	6-2	265	Jr.	Brownsville	Oscar Perez	DT	6-1	190	Fr.	New York, N.Y.
Johnny Barefield	LB	6-3	220	Jr.	Victoria (Stroman)	Robert Poole	FB	6-1	200	Fr.	LaGrange
Ronnie Bennett	TE	6-6	220	Fr.	Cameron	Jeff Pyatte	PK	6-2	220	So.	Portland (Gregory-Portland)
Randy Brooks	DB	5-11	180	So.	Houston (Kashmere)	Paul Rich	G	6-3	253	Sr.	Austin (Reagan)
James Clay	T	6-3	230	Sr.	Vicksburg, Miss.	Richard Ritchie	QB	5-11	175	Sr.	Mineral Wells
Larry Collins	RB	6-1	202	Jr.	San Antonio (Edison)	Joe Rodriguez	T	6-2	230	Fr.	Eagle Pass
Gary Davis	FB	6-2	235	So.	Hardin	Raul Rodriguez	LB	6-0	240	Fr.	Uvalde
John Dawson	G	6-0	230	So.	Kingsville	Pete Runco	K	5-11	155	Fr.	Lubbock (Monterey)
Reginald Deloney	T	6-5	260	Fr.	Houston (Davis)	James Ruthstrom	DE	6-2	225	Fr.	Houston (Bellaire)
John Denson	TE	6-2	210	Fr.	Houston (Dobie)	Raul Sanchez	K	5-10	185	Fr.	Corpus Christi (West Oso)
Mark Dizdar	DT	6-0	220	So.	McAllen	Rayford Sanders	RB	6-2	200	Fr.	Houston (Jones)
Stuart Dornburg	C	6-0	220	Jr.	Goliad	Micky Schwartz	RB	6-0	200	Fr.	Thorndale
Joel Dragan	C	6-6	220	Fr.	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Larry Seidel	DT	6-6	220	Sr.	San Antonio (McCollum)
Jimmy Emanuel	TE	5-11	185	So.	Bastrop	Hughie Shaw	DB	6-0	200	Jr.	Austin (Manor)
Steve Fefer	DT	6-4	225	Jr.	Houston (Bellaire)	Mike Sheffield	C	6-5	215	Fr.	Houston (Westbury)
George Franklin	FB	6-2	230	Sr.	San Antonio (Houston)	Ricky Smith	RB	5-11	200	Fr.	San Marcos
Clem Franks	TE	6-1	200	Jr.	Houston (Kashmere)	Glenn Starks	WR	5-10	170	Jr.	Houston (Jones)
Randy Friedrich	T	6-2	225	Fr.	Schulenburg	Martin Stroman	QB	5-10	160	Fr.	Rockdale
Kevin Gentry	RB	5-10	190	Fr.	Houston (Lamar)	Bryan Sweeney	WR	5-10	175	So.	Belton
Matt Genz	T	6-5	235	Fr.	Kingsville	Harry Ullom	G	5-8	222	Jr.	Corpus Christi (Ray)
Ken Gerhart	DE	6-4	215	Fr.	Houston (Klein)	Larry Urban	QB	6-2	193	So.	Bishop
Steven Glick	T	6-1	220	So.	McAllen	Doug Walker	G	6-2	215	Fr.	Schulenburg
Rafael Gonzales	LB	6-0	215	Fr.	League City (Clear Creek)	Jafus White	RB/S	6-3	190	Fr.	Cameron
Rufus Green	TE	6-3	210	Jr.	Refugio	Mike Whitfield	C	6-2	195	Fr.	Falls City
Doug Greene	DB	6-3	180	So.	Houston (Yates)	Wade Whitmer	LB	6-2	215	So.	Houston (North Shore)
Larry Grunewald	LB	5-10	195	Sr.	Bloomington	Jerry Wilbanks	WR	6-0	165	So.	Houston (Dobie)
Hector Guerra	LB	5-10	180	Fr.	McAllen	Michael Williams	RB	5-10	170	Fr.	Austin (Manor)
Roy Gulick	TE	6-2	225	Fr.	Sabinal	Ricky Wright	SE	5-8	150	Fr.	Kingsville
Elvis Hartsfield	QB	6-0	185	So.	San Antonio (Highlands)	HEAD COACH: Gil Steinke					
Anthony Hawkins	DB	6-2	190	Fr.	Van Vleck	ASSISTANT COACH: Fred Jonas					
Mike Hawkins	DE	6-2	230	Jr.	Van Vleck	ASSISTANT COACH: Pete Murray					
Joe Henke	LB	6-0	205	Jr.	Hallettsville (Sacred Heart)	ASSISTANT COACH: Gene Walkoviak					
Eliseo Hernandez	G	6-2	240	Sr.	Devine	ASSISTANT COACH: John Cosgrove					
Homer Hernandez	T	6-0	185	Fr.	Devine	ASSISTANT COACH: Davis Corley					
Larry Hirt	DE	6-2	205	Sr.	Santa Ana, Calif.	HEAD TRAINER: Willie Gipson					
Darrel Humke	TE	6-3	200	Fr.	San Antonio (Judson)	SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR: Fred Nuesch					
Mike Jekel	WR	6-3	190	Sr.	Kingsville	1976 Team College Football's Best					
Billy John	T	6-3	215	So.	Carrizo Springs	<i>(Continued on Page 16)</i>					
Reginald Jones	RB	5-11	185	Sr.	Houston (Kashmere)	yards a game, breaking the record 566.5 by Oklahoma, also in 1971.					
Walter LaGrone	G	6-0	215	Fr.	Austin (Anderson)	Cornerback Leonard Avery tied the national record for longest punt return when he had a 100-yard run back against Slippery Rock.					
Allan Landers	E	6-5	190	Fr.	League City (Clear Creek)	Seven of the conference records were established by the team. These were for rushing yards (3,896); rushing average per game (354.2), passing percentage (.592), total yards (6,269), total offense average per game (569.9), points scored (510) and most victories in a row (39).					
Glenn Lewis	T	6-3	235	Fr.	Houston (Jones)	Quarterback Richard Ritchie set four individual marks, tight end Clem Franks					
Bill Lockhart	G	6-1	235	Fr.	Houston (Westbury)	broke one and wide receiver Glenn Starks equaled an LSC mark.					
Ray Locklin	RB	6-3	210	Fr.	Rockdale	Ritchie's records were career standards for passing percentage (.560), total yards (5,815), extra points (136) and extra points attempted (150).					
David Marquez	G	5-10	230	So.	Houston (South Houston)	Franks broke the season record for rushing average per carry (10.4) and Starks got the LSC record for most touchdown receptions (13).					
John Massingill	T	6-9	295	Jr.	Pasadena	The Javelinas became the first team in LSC history to go over the 6,000-yard mark in a season and it also became the first to score over 500 points in a season, ending the campaign with 510.					
Greg Mayberry	RB	6-3	180	Fr.	Needville	<i>(Continued on Page 16)</i>					
Larry McFarland	T	6-3	260	Sr.	San Antonio (Highlands)						
Milton Merka	DB	5-10	185	Fr.	Houston (North Shore)						
Raymond Meshell	LB	6-3	200	Fr.	Austin (Anderson)						
Ricky Milam	WR	6-1	160	Fr.	Bishop						
Orlando Montalvo	WR	5-8	155	Fr.	Edinburg						

2021 Javelina Tailgating Guidelines

PURPOSE: Texas A&M University-Kingsville tailgating compliments the Javelina game-day experience by providing a social gathering area prior to home football games. Javelina alumni, students, fans and supporters can enjoy the tailgating traditions of food, fellowship and fun as a prelude to home games and all Lone Star Conference and NCAA playoff games.

The University alcohol policy prohibits the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages on campus except in designated areas. Tailgating activities are permitted in Lot G (Southeast corner). To ensure our tailgating tradition provides a safe and positive game environment, the following guidelines will be enforced by the University Police Department and Home Events Staff.

1. One tailgate space per group.
2. Tailgating spaces **CAN NO LONGER BE PRE-MARKED**. Marking of any spaces with spray paint, stakes, rope, ribbon, etc. **IS PROHIBITED**. Setup starts at 7 a.m. Saturday, the day of the game.
3. Tailgate areas must be completely setup on **GAME DAY ONLY**. Your area **CANNOT BE LEFT UNATTENDED AFTER SETUP**. Tailgate spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis and must be consistent with the lane markings and other signage. Please honor and be respectful of the reserved areas. Tailgate spaces marked or setup prior to 7 p.m. on Saturday or any unattended areas are subject to removal by authorized University representatives and will not be replaced.
4. **IMPORTANT...The Department of Athletics does not guarantee tailgate spaces and is now responsible for any spaces at any time.**
5. Javelina athletics and TAMUK are not responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged personal property.
6. Parked vehicles are not allowed in the tailgate area. **ONLY DROP OFF** of your tailgate items is allowed by vehicle--**NO EXCEPTIONS!** No non-University golf carts or ATV vehicles are allowed in the tailgate area or adjacent game-day areas. Entrance by vehicles will be through Avenue C and exit will be by the electronic marquee.
7. **Pets are NOT allowed!** Service animals are an exception to these guidelines.
8. The possession and use of alcoholic beverages must be in compliance with all state, county, city, Board of Regents and University laws and ordinances. Individuals of legal age--21 or older--may consume alcoholic beverages in the tailgating area. It is also illegal to provide alcohol to minors. Alcohol is not permitted outside the tailgating area.

9. All beverages must be in cans or plastic containers. Alcohol drinking games, funneling or any other games are prohibited. *Alcohol drinking game apparatus, kegs, beer pong balls or other common source containers* are prohibited. **NO GLASS BOTTLES ALLOWED!**

10. If alcoholic beverages are served, tailgateres must also serve an adequate amount of food or alternative beverages in the same location as alcoholic beverages.

11. Individuals are encouraged to have designated drivers who do not drink alcoholic beverages to monitor their tailgating party throughout its duration.

12. **Disruptive behavior:** Individuals who interfere with the rights of others by the use of loud, abusive language, music and/or behavior, or who may prevent others from enjoying tailgating will be asked to cease and desist and may be directed to leave the event if necessary.

13. ALL tailgate parties will **CONCLUDE** 15 minutes prior to kickoff and all participants will depart the tailgate area no later than 15 minutes after kickoff.

14. Tailgate parties may not resume at halftime.

15. **Advertising banners or corporate sponsor signage are not allowed without prior written approval from the Texas A&M University-Kingsville athletic department. No distribution of advertising flyers/promotional materials allowed.**

16. Participants and organizations are prohibited from selling food, products and/or raffle tickets, campaigning for office, distributing petitions and/or lobbying for votes.

17. No live bands or loud speaker systems are permitted on the premises. All music must cease whenever the live entertainment at the Javelina Main Stage area begins.

18. All trash, equipment and debris must be removed from the tailgate area by the tailgating members prior to post-game departure and no later than 45 minutes following the completion of that game. Please deposit all aluminum items in the recycling containers.

19. No open pit fires are allowed. Fire must be contained to a grill.

20. Violation of any of these guidelines may result in immediate termination of tailgating privileges, criminal prosecution and/or disciplinary action.

21. RV owners need to make prior arrangements by calling (361) 593-2493.

REMEMBER...RECYCLING IS ENCOURAGED!!





The Javelina Marching Band is practicing for the upcoming football season. The first home game will be Sept. 11 with Western Oregon in Javelina Stadium.

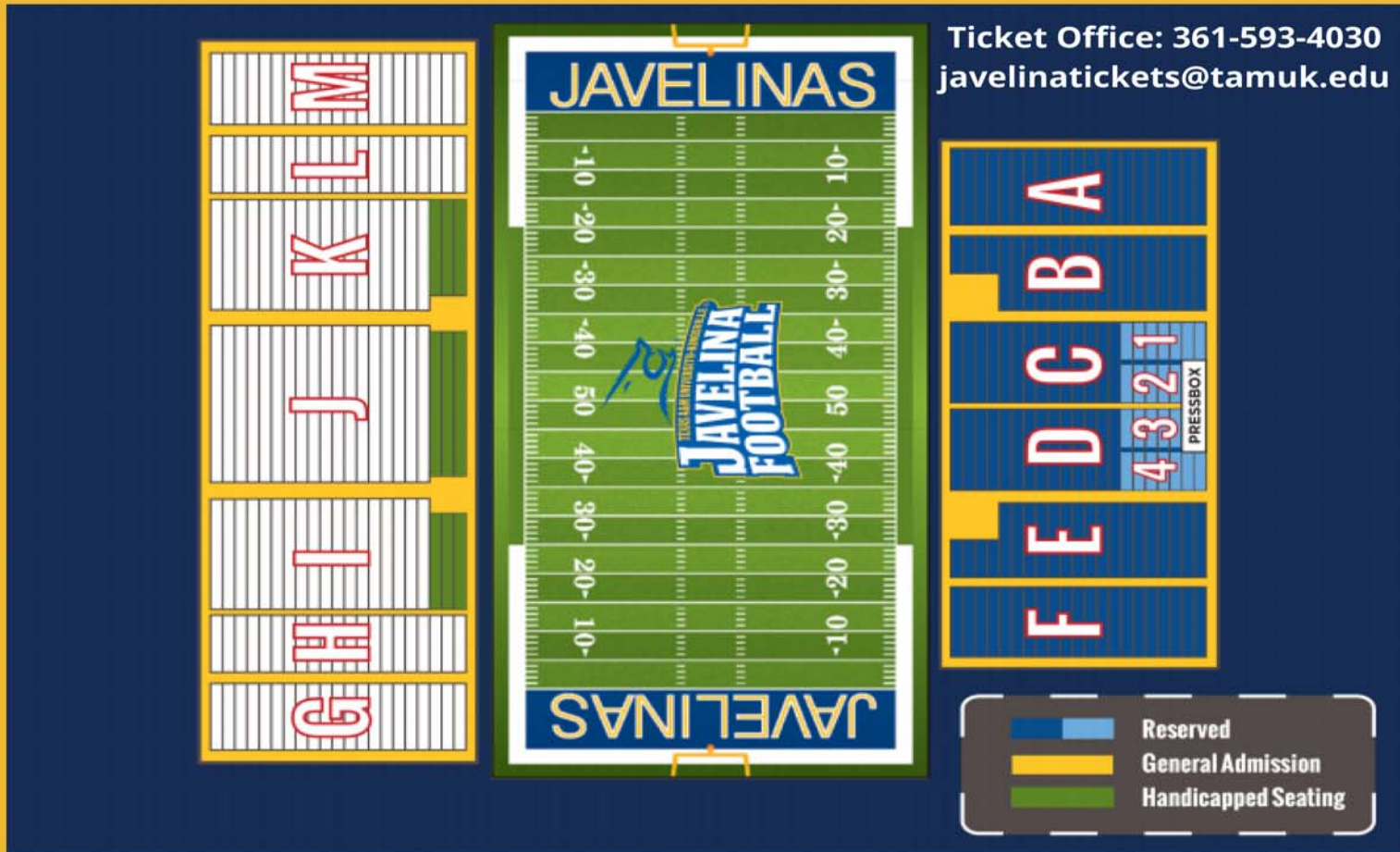


Javelina defensive coordinator Jonathan Petty instructs players during a scrimmage Saturday in Javelina Stadium.



Eddie Moten, cornerbacks coach, gives instructions during a workout session last week in Javelina Stadium. The Javelinas opened their preseason workouts and are preparing for the Sept. 4 opener with Saginaw Valley (Mich.) State Sept. 4 in University Center, Mich.

SEATING CHART



TICKET PRICES

2021 JAVELINA FOOTBALL	SINGLE TICKET	SEASON PASS
SECTION A&F	\$13	\$58
SECTION B&E	\$15	\$70
SECTION C&D	\$18	\$88
BOX SEATS	\$25	\$117
GENERAL ADMISSION	\$10	\$47

All season ticket sales are eligible for the purchase of one Jalisco Zone Pass for \$75.



The 1976 Javelina football team posed in front of the Eiffel Tower in Paris while on its five-game exhibition tour in Europe. The squad played exhibition games in Berlin; Mannheim, Germany; Nuremberg, Germany; Vienna, Austria, and Paris. It was the first time American football games had been played in Europe. The Javelinas defeated Henderson (Ark.) State in each of the five matchups.



The 1976 Javelina football team celebrates after winning its third consecutive NAIA national championship. The team won national titles in 1974, 1975 and 1976, and compiled a 38-0 record during the period. Kneeling in front is head coach Gil Steinke whose teams won six national titles during his span as head coach (1954-76).

Most Successful College Football Team Ever Celebrates 45th Anniversary

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Other milestones came as Ritchie became the first A&I player to compile over 2,000 yards in a season, ending the year with 2,152.

Running back Larry Collins became the first Javelina to rush for more than 1,000 yards for three consecutive seasons.

All of the figures do not include the postseason games. They weren't included at that time but are now used for determining season and career records.

Ritchie was named the NAIA national player of the year.

"For a player to lead his team to an undefeated season, capped off by a victory in the 1976 NAIA Champion Bowl, is one thing," the NAIA announcement of the honor stated. "But for the same player

to accomplish the task for three consecutive years—well, it's something unparalleled in the history of college sports."

Ritchie was also named to the NAIA All-America first team, the Associated Press Little All-America first unit and made the Academic All-America squad.

Javelina head coach Gil Steinke was named the NAIA coach of the year for the third consecutive season. He had also received the award in 1970.

Linebacker Larry Grunewald was also on the AP Little All-America first unit.

Starks was on the NAIA All-America first team.

Defensive lineman Wade Whitmer was on the Academic All-America first team.

Defensive lineman Johnny Barefield was on the AP Little All-America second team along with offensive lineman Larry McFarland. Collins was on the third unit and made the NAIA All-America second team.

Linebacker Joe Henke was Academic All-America second team. Avery, McFarland and Ritchie were the captains in 1976.

Eight players on the team would be drafted by NFL teams in either 1977 or 1978.

Running back George Franklin and Barefield were second-round picks, Collins and safety Doug Greene were drafted in the third round, Starks went in the sixth round, defensive end Mike Hawkins was picked in the seventh round, running back

Hughie Shaw was a 10th-round pick and wideout Bryan Sweeney was a 12th round choice.

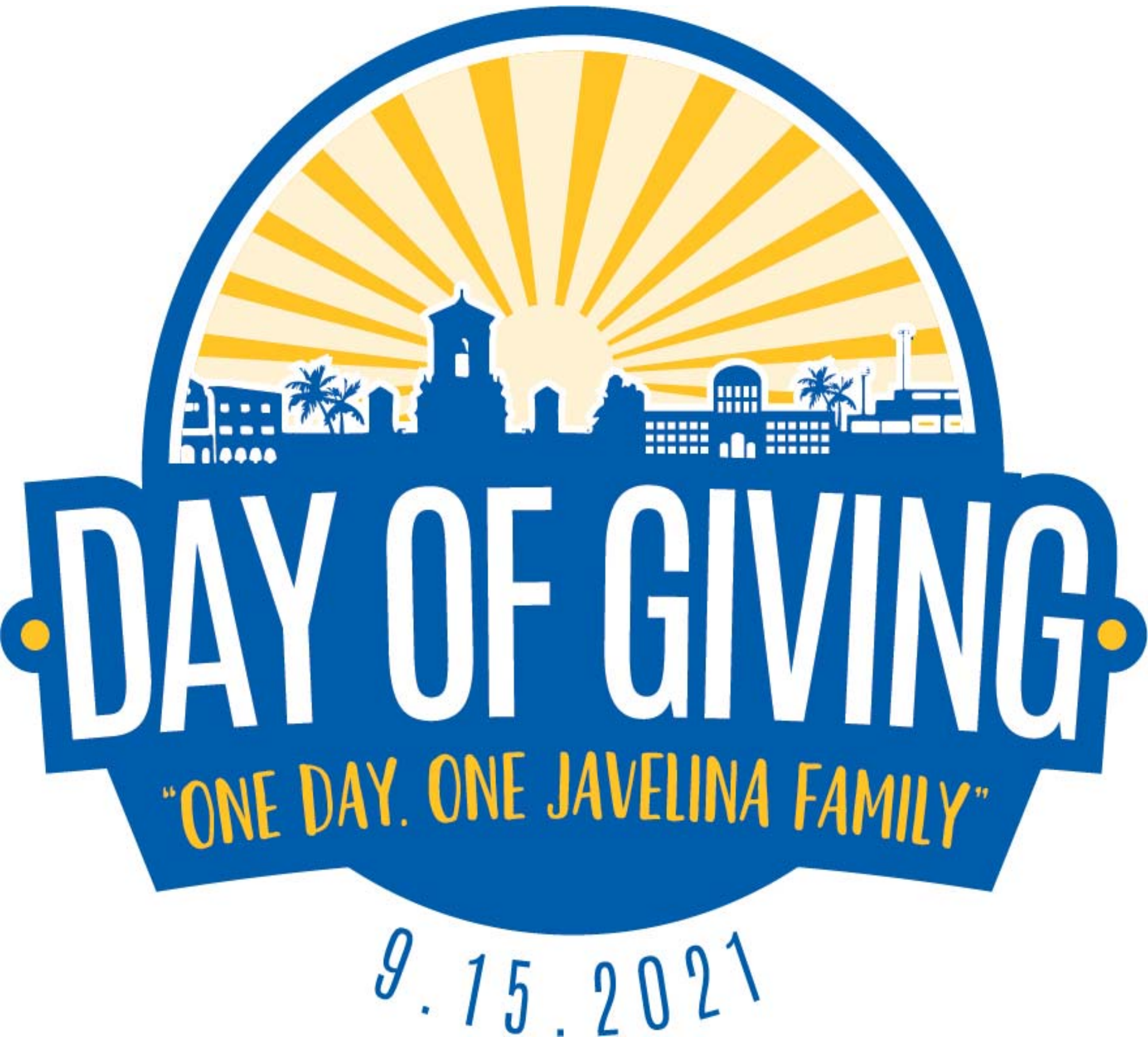
Steinke and Ritchie have been inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame as well as the Lone Star Conference and Javelina Halls

of Fame.

The Javelinas received the Eisenhower Award, which goes to the top NAIA football program each year. In its fifth season, the 1976 presentation was the third in a row for Texas A&I.

**In 96 Seasons of
Javelina Football,
No College Team Has
Done It Better!!**

Support Javelina Athletics!!





Javelina head football coach Mike Salinas discusses rules with officials prior to a scrimmage Saturday in Javelina Stadium.



Javelina wide receivers coach Koy Detmer Jr. takes part in a drill during a football practice last week in Javelina Stadium. Detmer is a former Javelina quarterback.



Javelina coaches and administrators at a retirement party for former TAMUK chief of staff Randy Hughes last week. Left to right are assistant men's basketball coach Omar Gonzalez, assistant track & field coach Gene Dall, head track & field coach Ryan Dall, Hughes, executive director for intercollegiate athletics and campus recreation Steve Roach and associate athletic director and head trainer Ruben Cantu.

Indoor Volleyball Picked Third in Lone Star Conference Poll

Javelinas Receive Two of Three Preseason Honors in Lone Star Conference Volleyball

Two of the three individual honors selected in a Lone Star Conference preseason poll are Texas A&M-Kingsville players.

The selections were made by the LSC head coaches, sports information directors and media representatives.

Ayanna Jackson was selected as the preseason defensive player of the year and Emily Witt was chosen preseason setter of the year.

Jackson, 5-9 freshman middle blocker from San Antonio, was the LSC defensive player of the year and freshman of the year last season. She led the league with 1.29 blocks per set.

Witt, 6-0 junior setter from Rose Hill, Kan., led the LSC in assists last season with 10.07 per set.

The other individual honor went to Kailyn Gilbreath, graduate

student at Angelo State who was named preseason offensive player of the year. She had 3.52 kills per set and had a .262 attack percentage.

Jackson and Witt helped the Javelinas to a 12-0 LSC South Division championship last season. The team was 13-1 overall.

Lone Star Conference Indoor Volleyball Preseason Poll

Rank	Team (1 st place votes)	Points
1.	Angelo State (31)	771
2.	Texas-Tyler (7)	739
3.	Texas A&M-Kingsville (3)	686
4.	West Texas A&M	649
5.	Arkansas-Fort Smith	627
6.	Texas A&M-Commerce	562
7.	St. Edward's	458
8.	Midwestern State	423
9.	Texas Woman's	416
10.	Texas-Permian Basin (2)	409
11.	Texas A&M International	386
12.	Oklahoma Christian	301
13.	Dallas Baptist (1)	277
14.	Lubbock Christian	263
15.	St. Mary's	185
16.	Western New Mexico	134
17.	Cameron	121
18.	Eastern New Mexico	117

The Texas A&M-Kingsville indoor volleyball team, which won the Lone Star Conference South Division championship last season, has been picked to finish third in the LSC this fall in a preseason poll released Monday by the conference office.

The LSC head coaches, sports information directors and media representatives voted in the poll.

Angelo State is heavily favored to take the title, receiving 31 of the 44 first-place votes and 771 points.

Texas-Tyler is picked No. 2 with seven first-place votes and 739 points.

The Javelinas had three first-place votes and 686 points.

All of the LSC's 18 schools compete in indoor volleyball.

The first matches for the LSC teams will be Sept. 2 when four of the schools begin play.

The remainder open Sept. 3, including the Javelinas who will meet Western Colorado and Northwestern Oklahoma in San Angelo.

Seven Javelina Football Opponents Receive Votes in NCAA Division II Preseason Poll

Seven of Texas A&M-Kingsville's 10 football opponents this fall received votes in the NCAA Division II Preseason Football Poll released Monday by the American Football Coaches Association.

Five of the opponents are in the Lone Star Conference.

Texas A&M-Commerce was the highest ranked from the league at No. 8.

Angelo State was No. 28, West Texas A&M was 33rd and Midwestern State was No. 34.

Texas-Permian Basin received votes but didn't rank in the top 35. Saginaw Valley (Mich.) State, Texas A&M-Kingsville's opening opponent Sept. 4, received votes in the poll.

Western Oregon, the Javelinas' home opener Sept. 11, also received a vote in the listing.

NCAA Division II Preseason Football Poll Released by the American Football Coaches Association

Rank	Team	Points
1.	West Florida	698
2.	Minnesota State	673
3.	Ferris (Mich.) State	630
4.	Northwest Missouri	575
5.	Slippery Rock (Pa.)	544
6.	Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.)	540
	Valdosta (Ga.) State	540
8.	A&M-Commerce	520
9.	Notre Dame (Ohio)	501
10.	Colorado Mines	423
11.	Ouachita Baptist (Ark.)	387
12.	Colorado State-Pueblo	327
13.	Central Missouri	323
14.	Indianapolis (Ind.)	261
15.	Shepherd (W. Va.)	256
16.	Grand Valley (Mich.)	231
17.	Indiana (Pa.)	220
18.	Bowie (Md.) State	210
19.	Tiffin (Ohio)	188

20.	Kutztown (Pa.)	144
21.	Lindenwood (Mo.)	134
22.	Harding (Ark.)	120
23.	Minnesota-Duluth	100
24.	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	95
	Wingate (N.C.)	95
26.	Fort Hays (Kan.) State	90
27.	Tusculum (Tenn.)	52
28.	Angelo State	49
29.	Augustana (S.D.)	42
30.	Ashland (Ohio)	38
	West Chester (Pa.)	38
32.	Delta (Miss.) State	35
33.	West Texas A&M	26
34.	Midwestern State	25
35.	Bentley (Mass.)	24
	Henderson (Ark.) State	24

Also receiving votes was

Texas-Permian Basin.

(Bold-faced teams are in the Lone Star Conference)

Javelinas



Ayanna Jackson



Emily Witt