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Michael Scott carries the ball for the Raiders while Spence Spencer looks to block for him. Kody Miller (75) and Tim Morales help out as well. The Raiders beat Hallettsville in overtime.

Raiders Win 21-14 Nail-Biter In Overtime; Now 2-0 In District

The Rice Raider football team won a tough battle against Hallettsville last Friday night in Altair.

The Raiders needed overtime to defeat the Brahmas by a score of 21-14.

The Raiders move to 2-0 on district and 4-1 overall. Hallettsville is now 0-1 in district with an 0-5 season mark. Rice is off this week.

"It was a good win," said Raider coach Brad Dumont. "We have some injuries and held out two of our three leading tacklers," he added.

Dumont said that despite being winless, Hallettsville has a good football team.

"They have played some good competition," he said.

The Brahmas have lost to Edna, Refugio (No. 6 in 2A), Columbus, and Smithville.

The combined records of their opponents including the Raiders is 20-4.

On Friday, The Brahmas had

more first downs and offensive yardage than Rice, but a five to one turnover margin proved costly for Hallettsville.

Hallettsville marched 77 yards for a touchdown and took nearly seven minutes off the clock to pull within two. They put the ball in the end zone for the two points and tied the game with just under two minutes left.

The Raiders were unable to mount a drive and the game went to overtime.

Rice was on offense first and looked to be in trouble on third and 13 from the 28 when Myles Dumont hit Mario Hull for a 24-yard gain inside the five.

"They did a good job of blitzing and taking Mario (Hull) out of game. We made some adjustments and made the big play when we had to," said coach Dumont.

Three plays later Dumont punched into the end zone for the score.

The extra point gave Rice a

21-14 lead.

The Raider defense held strong on Hallettsville's possession and on fourth and two, stuffed a run attempt short of the first down to end the game.

"We had some adversity and fought through for the victory. That is what I am happy about the most," added coach Dumont.

The Brahmas got the ball to start the game and pushed into Raider territory, but the Rice defense dug in and forced a punt from the 43.

The Raiders took over at the 23, but an interception on the first play gave the Brahmas the ball back at the 42.

After a pass on the first play, they ran the ball six straight times down to the Rice 25.

They scored on a 25-yard pass on a free play due to a Raider offside penalty. The touchdown stood, despite the fact that a whistle had blown at the beginning of the play, which should

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Masseys Donate \$500,000 For UT Scholarship For County Students

Texas Exes Executive Director Jim Boon announced at a Texas Exes Event on Saturday, October 3 at Columbus' Live Oak Art Center that John and Elizabeth Massey of Columbus and Dallas have created an endowed

merit scholarship for the new 40 Acres Scholarship Program at The University of Texas at Austin.

The scholarship will be open to high school seniors from Colorado County planning to enroll in The

University of Texas at Austin and majoring in engineering, pre-med, math, science, architecture, music or nursing.

The scholarship was endowed by the Masseys' gift of \$500,000. The scholarship endowment is one of the first of many the Texas Exes anticipates securing as part of the far-reaching 40 Acres Scholarship Program.

John and Elizabeth Massey have previously and permanently endowed other scholarships for Colorado County students who attend UT and study to be teachers.

The program's goal is to build an endowment of \$150 million. Income from the endowment will support up to 75 students each year and create over time a steady group of about 300 students, making it one of the largest merit-based scholarship programs in the country.

It will be the first program of its kind on the UT Austin campus and will enable the University to compete with the nation's best universities for top students.

The Masseys believe that the 40 Acres Scholarship Program will help advance the core purpose of the University—to transform lives for the benefit of society.

John and Elizabeth are long-time supporters of UT Austin and the Texas Exes. As Chair of UT's Development Board and co-chair of UT's Campaign for Texas, Elizabeth is also a volunteer leader on the Texas Exes Board of Directors.

In addition to this gift, John previously created through the Texas Exes the Elizabeth Shatto Massey Teaching Excellence Award, which annually recognizes and rewards one UT Austin teacher who inspires and prepares future elementary and secondary school teachers.

During the Oct. 3 event, UT alumni and friends had the opportunity to reunite and reconnect with one another.

Texas Exes Executive Director Jim Boon spoke to the crowd of more than 75 about changes in the Top 10 Percent law, the new scholarship program and how to remain active with the Texas Exes. By the event's end, volunteers from Colorado County stepped forward to commit themselves to re-chartering a Colorado County Texas Exes Chapter in the next year.

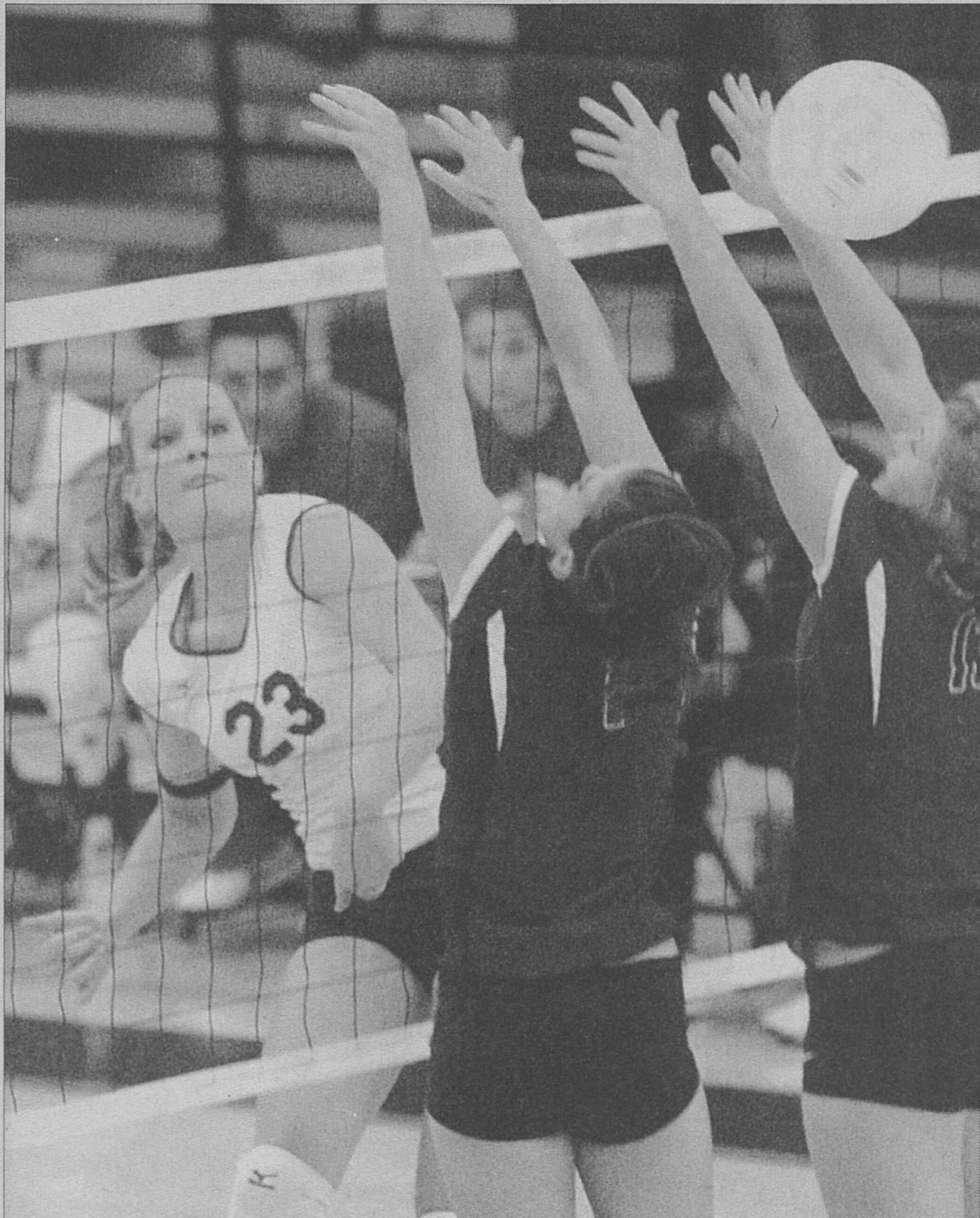
The Texas Exes, the alumni association for The University of Texas, was founded in 1885.

The mission of the Texas Exes is to unite, inform and involve alumni and friends for the purpose of promoting, protecting and preserving The University of Texas.

Today there are nearly 90,000 members whom the association



Pictured from left to right, Phillip Garcia (Past President of the Colorado County Chapter), John H. Massey, Elizabeth "Libba" Shatto Massey and Jim Boon (Executive Director of the Texas Exes). The Masseys recently created a scholarship for Colorado County Students to the University of Texas. The scholarship will be endowed by a \$500,000 gift made by the Masseys.



Lauren Shimek hits the ball past Hallettsville blockers during volleyball action last Friday.

NEWSBRIEFS

Blood drive today

The Knights of Columbus will hold a blood drive Thursday, Oct. 8 from 1-7 p.m. The coach will be parked in front of City Hall. Walk-ins are welcome. They thank you in advance for "giving the gift of life".

Living rosary to be held Saturday

A living rosary to pray for America will be held Saturday, Oct. 10 at 12 noon. The Catholic Daughters, Christian Mothers and the LLC students of Nada will be having a Living Rosary to pray for America and for pro-life. They will be joining over 4,000 other Rosary Rallies all over the United States on the same day, at the same time so that all can storm heaven with their prayers. They will begin gathering at the grotto of Our Lady, on the grounds of St. Mary's Church, at 11:30. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Holy Cross Bazaar is Sunday

Holy Cross Parish Bazaar will be held at the Riverside Hall in East Bernard Sunday, Oct. 11. Dinner will be served starting at 11 a.m. The menu will include BBQ beef, chicken and sausage and all the trimmings. Hamburgers will be served starting at 3 p.m. Czech pastries, refreshments and country store items may be purchased during the day. The grand auction will begin at 12:30 p.m. All kinds of games will be available. Added attractions will include a moonwalk, Velcro wall, rock climbing wall and pony rides. There will be live music starting at noon provided by the Texas Legacy Czech Band, the Dujka Brothers and No Limit. A drawing will be at 8 p.m. and tickets may be purchased throughout the day. Mass schedule at Holy Cross on Sunday, Oct. 11 will be at 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. Come join us as Holy Cross celebrates its 108th anniversary. Everyone is invited!

WCJC to present play Sunday

Wharton County Junior College (WCJC) and the Greenroom Players present *A Gentleman From Wharton*, three short plays by Horton Foote. Come out and enjoy the award winning works of Wharton's own hometown hero! The performance will include "The Actor", "The Dancers", and "Death of the Old Man". The plays will be linked by narration drawn from Mr. Foote's memoirs. Performances will be Saturday, Oct. 10 at 7 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 11 and Monday Oct. 12 at 2 p.m. in the Horton Foote Theatre, Dusen-Hansen Fine Arts Building, Wharton Campus. For more information, please call 979-532-6300. This is a Center for the Arts program. Admission is free.

Closing for Columbus Day

The following businesses will be closed in observance of Columbus Day, Monday Oct. 12: The First National Bank of Eagle Lake, Wallis State Bank, Eagle Lake Post Office, The City of Eagle Lake, and the Colorado County Courthouse. Commissioner's Court will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 9 a.m. The Eagle Lake Headlight will be open.

Open house, dedication at Nesbitt

The public is invited to an open house and dedication of the Bill Stein Texas Room at Columbus' Nesbitt Memorial Library. The event, which will include the unveiling of Stein's portrait by noted Colorado County artist Ken Turner, will be held at 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 15. A highly-regarded historian, Stein was Nesbitt's long-time library director and archivist. Refreshments will be served. The library is located at 529 Washington St. in Columbus, across from Columbus Elementary School.

RMC Harvest ball set for Oct. 17

Rice Medical Center (RMC) Employee Volunteers will hold their 14th annual Harvest Ball Saturday, October 17 at the Eagle Lake Community Center. This year they will be honoring Dr. Ronald Mahoney for his vision, leadership and commitment to the health and well being of our community. Social hour will be from 6-7 p.m. Dinner at 7 p.m., salute to honoree from 7:30-8:30 p.m., and dancing from 8:30-12:30 a.m. \$35 per person includes open bar, meal and dance. Silent auction and

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