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Vols, 'Noles to battle for No. 1

(AP) - College football has the national title matchup fans want to see every season - No. 1 vs. No. 2. And this time it will be Tennessee vs. Florida State in the Fiesta Bowl. It took a wild Saturday of upsets, but when the results were in there was really no need for computers, quartiles and strength-of-schedules after all. The biggest loser in the maneuvering was the No. 4 Kansas State Wildcats (11-1). The Wildcats lost to Texas A&M 36-33 in double overtime in the Big 12 title game and lost out on a \$12 million payday by not being included in the Bowl Championship Series mix. The biggest winner turned out to be No. 7 Florida, which despite losses

to Tennessee and Florida State was selected because it will help fill the Orange Bowl by bringing tens of thousands of fans. In the final BCS standings, which uses a complicated formula of polls, computers and strength-of-schedule, the Volunteers and Seminoles came out a clear 1-2 on Sunday and were invited to play in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 4, where the national title will be on the line. In the other BCS matchups, it's No. 5 UCLA (10-1) vs. No. 9 Wisconsin (10-1) in the Rose Bowl, No. 7 Florida (9-2) vs. No. 18 Syracuse (8-3) in the Orange Bowl and No. 3 Ohio State (10-1) vs. No. 8 Texas A&M (11-2) in the Sugar Bowl. Ohio State (10-1) might have been left out of the BCS picture if either

UCLA or K-State had won on Saturday. But the Bruins lost, too, beaten 49-45 by Miami and knocked out of the national title picture. UCLA, though, still gets the trip to Pasadena as the Pac-10 champion. In The Associated Press' final regular-season poll, Tennessee was the unanimous No. 1 choice with Florida State a solid No. 2; in the USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll, the Vols were a near-unanimous No. 1 pick and the Seminoles a strong No. 2. The BCS standings were created this season to set up a No. 1 vs. No. 2 matchup and incorporated The Associated Press' media poll, the coaches' poll, three computer ratings, strength-of-schedule and the number of losses into the process of picking the top two teams.

Lady Raiders shoot down Rice 79-57

HOUSTON (Special) - The No. 14 Texas Tech Lady Raiders picked up the championship at the Gene Hackerman Invitational with a 79-57 win over Rice Sunday at Atrium Court. Rice came into the game with an 18-game home court winning streak, but the Lady Raiders (6-1 overall) began to pull away early in the first half. The Owls (4-4 overall) got as close as tying the game at 4-4 more than three minutes into the first half, but Tech began to pull away. Led by strong play from post

Angie Braziel, Tech went on a 10-3 run to take a comfortable 30-17 lead with less than seven minutes left in the first stanza. Tech went into the locker room with a 38-29 lead. To start the second half, the Lady Raiders went on 13-4 run to take a 51-33 lead with 15:56 left in the contest. Tech then kept the Owls at bay for the rest of the game, with Rice getting no closer than 15 points for the rest of the contest. Along with Braziel, Tech guard Rene Hanebutt added 16 points in the winning effort.

New Orleans spans Cowboys 22-3

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - Just when the Dallas Cowboys were getting their old strut back, the New Orleans Saints knocked them flat. The Saints held the Cowboys without a touchdown. Troy Aikman to 16 completions and Emmitt Smith to just 6 yards rushing in a 22-3 rout on Sunday.

"We got the dog beat out of us," Cowboys coach Chan Gailey said. "We've got a lot of work to do to get ourselves back to where we think we've got a chance to compete in the playoffs." The Cowboys (8-5) could have

clinched the 25th playoff berth in their 39-year history with a victory. "We didn't come in here thinking what we should be thinking, that we're just a decent team trying to get better," Cowboys guard Nate Newton said. "They came in lit up, feeling good, looking good and left strutting like gamecocks."

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Lighting the Season: Texas Tech students, along with members of the Lubbock community, watch the first glimpse at the 40th celebration of the Carol of Lights at Tech on Friday.

tech turns on holiday spirit

Season inspires many events around campus

By Laura Hensley
Staff Writer

Despite warm, spring-like temperatures, holiday happenings are in full swing around Lubbock and Texas Tech.

After the traditional Carol of Lights celebration Friday night on the Tech campus, the Lubbock community will welcome the season with a blizzard of activities ranging from concerts and historical celebrations to volunteering opportunities and giving to charity.

Spirit of Sharing '98 is a program sponsored by the Community Service Learning program in the University Center. CSL offers help to more than 10,000 needy families in Lubbock each year. Spirit of Sharing '98 is sponsoring six programs during the holidays that will give to less fortunate families.

"The holidays are a prime time to get involved with charity work," said Sara Solloway, activities specialist for UC Programs. "It's on people's minds more."

The annual Angel Tree, sponsored by the Salvation Army, can be found in two locations on campus and one location in the South Plains Mall. One tree is located on the second floor of the activities office and another in the law school. On each tree there are 200 names of needy children and each child's holiday wish. Any organization, department or individual

can choose an angel and return a wrapped gift to the tree by Dec. 12.

"The Angel Tree is a good way for people to help," said Curtis Parrish of the Salvation Army. "We are basically asking people to adopt an angel and make a child's Christmas a little brighter."

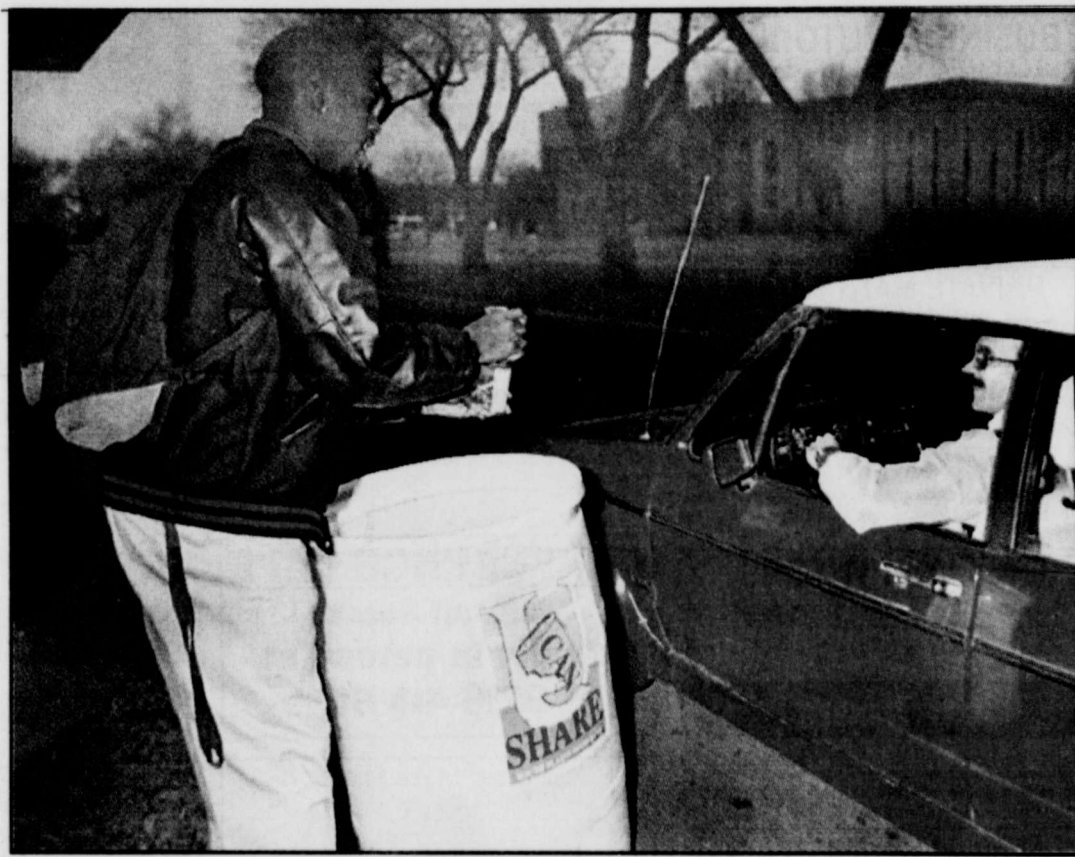
Two other toy donations will be located in the UC. A drop location for Toys for Tots and Toys for Boys also will be located in the UC. Donations of new, unwrapped toys are welcomed. All of the toys then will be distributed to children in the area.

There also is an Adopt a Family program and a food box program sponsored by CSL that will provide local families with food during the holidays.

For more information about any of the Spirit of Sharing programs call 742-3621.

Another holiday tradition in the Lubbock Community is the annual Candelight at the Ranch. The Tech Ranching Heritage Center will present its 20th annual celebration from 6-8 p.m., Dec. 11-12.

Thirty-four historic buildings will be opened for visitors and costumed volunteers will recreate holiday activities on the ranch. Re-enactments



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Collecting Cans: Ty Ardoin, a senior general studies major from Beaumont, collects food cans from Texas Tech faculty and staff as they enter campus. Ardoin and other student-athletes collected food Wednesday.



Wes Underwood/The University Daily

Giving to others: A Texas Tech student gathers packages in the University Center from the Christian Legal Society's Angel Tree. The tree in the UC Activities office has a few angels remaining.



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Spreading Cheer: Texas Tech students Aubin Speer and Michael Dean lead the cast in the Madrigal Dinner in the University Center Ballroom.

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will include buffalo hunters, cowboys, cavalry camps, music and dancing. For more information call the center at 742-0498.

Lubbock Parks and Recreation will open Santa Land, Thursday at 6 p.m. at Sixth Street and Avenue O. The village will include a 60-foot-tall Christmas tree, Santa and Mrs. Claus, animated Christmas scenes and refreshments. Santa Land will be open from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. through Dec. 23. There is no admission charge.