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WHO REPRESENTS TEXAS?: The special “Lone Star Pride” version of the Texas Tech football uniform.
Courtesy Under Armour

CLAIMING THE MANTLE OF MOST TEXAN? THE TEXAS TECH “LONE STAR PRIDE” UNIFORM

Outside of perhaps the Olympics, vexillologists do not often examine imagery associated with athletic contests. But we ought to. Especially considering the appeal of college sports across North America, the symbols and imagery employed by college athletic teams provide fertile grounds for examining claims of representation.

College sports rivalries in Texas are almost as old as the state’s institutions of higher education. Other than the rivalry between The University of Texas and Texas A. & M. University, most were confined to regional contests; think the Battle of the Iron Skillet, pitting the Texas Christian University Horned Frogs from Fort Worth against the Southern Methodist University Mustangs from Dallas in an annual football game for the prize of—you guessed it—a real iron skillet.

(Legend has it that during before the 1946 matchup between the two schools, an SMU fan was spotted frying and eating frog legs as a joke before the game. One TCU fan, on seeing this, went and told the jokester that he’d gone too far and that they should let the game decide who would get the skillet and the frog legs. SMU won that game and received the skillet and the frog legs. TCU, however, leads the overall series by seven games: 47-40-7.)

The University of Texas has long claimed the mantle of representing Texas to the state and the world. The annual “Red River Shootout” pits the Texas Longhorns against the University of Oklahoma Sooners; the governors of each state usually bet each other on the outcome, with the prize usually being barbecue. And it was the Texas Longhorns against the University of Arkansas Razorbacks in the 1969 Big Shootout that ended with Texas being crowned the National Champions. And if there was any doubt, a football field-size Texas

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REPORT: 2014 BUSINESS MEETING, SAN ANTONIO

The Association's annual business meeting scheduled for Saturday, March 8, 2014, auxiliary to the 118th annual meeting of the Texas State Historical Association in San Antonio, was adjourned to March 7, 2015, auxiliary to the 119th annual meeting of the Texas State Historical Association in Corpus Christi. The current board of directors continues in office until the next annual business meeting.

REPORT: YEAR-END STATEMENTS FOR 2012

| STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION | | | STATEMENT OF INCOME | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| AS OF | 12/31/11 | 12/31/12 | FOR CALENDAR YEAR | 2011 | 2012 |
| Assets: | | | Income (revenue): | | |
| Cash | \$1420.70 | \$1498.77 | Contributions | \$5565.00 | \$2372.57 |
| Prepaid expenses | 120.00 | 60.00 | Membership dues | 90.00 | 140.00 |
| Total assets | <u>\$1540.70</u> | <u>\$1558.77</u> | Total income (revenue).... | <u>\$5655.00</u> | <u>\$2512.57</u> |
| Liabilities: | | | Expenses: | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | Total expenses | <u>\$5822.38</u> | <u>\$2494.50</u> |
| Loan..... | 0.00 | 0.00 | Net income:..... | <u>\$ (167.38)</u> | <u>\$ 18.07</u> |
| Prepaid member dues . | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | |
| Total liabilities | <u>\$ 0.00</u> | <u>\$ 0.00</u> | | | |
| Net assets: | | | | | |
| Total net assets | <u>\$1540.70</u> | <u>\$1558.77</u> | | | |
| Total liabilities & net assets . | <u>\$1540.70</u> | <u>\$1558.77</u> | | | |

REPORT: YEAR-END STATEMENTS FOR 2013

| STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION | | | STATEMENT OF INCOME | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| AS OF | 12/31/12 | 12/31/13 | FOR CALENDAR YEAR | 2015 | 2016 |
| Assets: | | | Income (revenue): | | |
| Cash | \$1498.77 | \$3050.25 | Contributions | \$2372.57 | \$2350.00 |
| Prepaid expenses | 60.00 | 0.00 | Membership dues | 140.00 | 140.00 |
| Total assets | <u>\$1558.77</u> | <u>\$3050.25</u> | Total income (revenue).... | <u>\$2512.57</u> | <u>\$2490.00</u> |
| Liabilities: | | | Expenses: | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | Total expenses | <u>\$2494.50</u> | <u>\$ 998.52</u> |
| Loan..... | 0.00 | 0.00 | Net income:..... | <u>\$ 18.07</u> | <u>\$1491.48</u> |
| Prepaid member dues . | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | |
| Total liabilities | <u>\$ 0.00</u> | <u>\$ 0.00</u> | | | |
| Net assets: | | | | | |
| Total net assets | <u>\$1558.77</u> | <u>\$3050.25</u> | | | |
| Total liabilities & net assets . | <u>\$1558.77</u> | <u>\$3050.25</u> | | | |

UPDATE: CONFEDERATE LICENSE PLATE LITIGATION

The U.S. Supreme Court will review the July 2014 decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit holding that the State of Texas engaged in improper viewpoint discrimination in denying the request by the Sons of Confederate Veterans for a speciality license plate that features the Confederate flag. A review of the litigation and appeal will appear in the next issue.

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The NAVA 48 meeting flag.
Courtesy NAVA.

REPORT: NAVA 48: NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

The North American Vexillological Association-Association nord-américaine de vexillologie held its 48th Annual Meeting from October 3-5 at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel on Canal Street, New Orleans. The meeting was organized by a committee chaired by Gustavo Tracchia, FF, with Association Secretary-Treasurer Charles A. Spain, WSF, in charge of the local arrangements. Located directly across from the French Quarter, the hotel flew the distinctive NAVA 48 meeting flag in place of the Louisiana state flag for the three-day meeting.

On Friday, NAVA President (and Association Vice President) Hugh Brady, FF, presided over the 2d annual George Preble Lecture. John T. Magill, Senior Curator and Historian for the Historic New Orleans Collection, was the featured speaker. Held in the attractive Counting House on Royal Street, Mr. Magill gave a lively lecture highlighting the nationalities that have been involved with New Orleans and the city's international position in trade and business. The traditional Friday night reception was redesignated as the Presidents' Reception to honor the current and all former NAVA presidents; held at the Napoleon House on Chartres Street, it reflected the best in Louisiana food and spirits. Mr. Brady delivered the Keynote Address at the annual Whitney Smith Dinner on Saturday, which was a valedictory marking his sixth and last term in office, having secured passage of a NAVA bylaws amendment to impose term limits.

The Association was represented by Prof. Brady; Judge Spain; Dr. Scot Guenter, LF FF WSF FVAST; H.P. (Pete) Van de Putte, Jr., FVAST, and Vanessa Van de Putte. Dr. Guenter, Prof. Brady and Mr. Van de Putte were elected as members of the NAVA nominating committee.

Awards and honors were presented at NAVA 48 by Mr. Brady at the Whitney Smith Dinner:

- Dr. Guenter received the Captain William Driver Award for his paper "The Phenomenon of Flag Homes: Musings on Meanings." Dr. Guenter is the first three-time recipient of the award.
- Dixie Flag Manufacturing Co.—H.P. (Pete) Van de Putte, Jr., received the Doreen Braverman Award for significant contributions to the vexillological community.
- Drs. Christoph Bartneck and Adrian Clark, of the University of Canterbury (Christchurch, New Zealand), received the Kevin Harrington Award for their article "Semi-Automatic Color Analysis for Brand Logos."
- Mr. Tracchia received a Presidential Citation for his interdisciplinary and institution-building work as a vexillologist and for his faithful service as a NAVA officer through several decades. He also received a commemorative certificate for his service as first vice president.



**CHALLENGING U.T. ON
ITS OWN TURF:**

The Lone Star Pride uniforms are worn only when Texas Tech plays The University of Texas.

Courtesy Under Armour

TEXAS TECH WRAPS ITSELF IN THE FLAG

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flag is displayed during half-time at every home game. The message: The University of Texas is Texas.

Texas Tech University appears to be taking a shot at The University's preeminence with their "Lone Star Pride" uniforms that the Red Raiders have worn instead of their usual black, red, and white when playing the Longhorns in Austin. Designed by Under Armour, the sports apparel company, the uniforms prominently feature the Texas flag on the jersey's shoulder pads; pants with blue side-stripes that feature the words "Lone Star," with the Texas flag as well; and stars on the socks and the shoes,

Because Texas Tech only wears the uniforms against The University of Texas, their wear can be seen as a symbolic challenge to the U.T. identity; Texas players wear uniforms of burnt orange and white, and do not regularly wear the flag.

The uniform's message that the players represent Texas is not lost on observers. "The only complaint I would have is that the Red Raiders look too much like the Houston Texans with this change," wrote Randy Chambers in the *Bleacher Report*, a San Francisco-based sports news website. "But I never heard anybody say those uniforms were ugly."