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Texas A&M and Texas Tech meet, learn and socialize

COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS —Thumbs and Guns helps two ACT chapters unite. The Texas A&M ACT chapter hosted the Texas Tech ACT chapter during the A&M vs. Tech football game weekend of November 12-14, 2004.

The festivities began Friday night with the Thumbs and Guns Tailgate party on A&M's West Campus in College Station . At the tailgate, the ACT members were treated to a BBQ dinner, live music and fellowship. Later, the members attended Midnight Yell, an A&M tradition in which the student body gathers at Kyle Field at midnight to practice yells for the upcoming football game.

Saturday began with a tour of the Institute of Food Science and Engineering E-beam Facility. Joe Maxim, quality assurance and safety manager at the facility, led the group on the informational tour of the plant. The ACT members were allowed to follow the path of boxes and products through the irradiation process to see how the system worked.

The group lunched at A&M ACT chapter adviser Tracy Rutherford's house,. The meal consisted of hamburger patties that had been irradiated at the A&M E-beam Facility. Research shows the patties are considered to be some of the safest in the world.

After lunch the Texas A&M Aggies and the Tech Red Raider football teams played in a match that ended with A&M on top by a touch-down in overtime.

Saturday night was a night out in Aggieland, where the members went to dinner and had free time out on the town.

The two chapters are glad they took advantage of a great football weekend to get to know other ACT members. [\[collapse\]](#)

Scholarship and internship deadlines approaching

Several of the internships listed on the National ACT Web site have deadlines within this month. See the [internship directory](#) for details on applying for that valuable internship experience.

American Agricultural Editors Association scholarship application for ACT members is available to download on the Web site. AAEA will give two \$750 scholarships to two outstanding members of ACT. The deadline is April 1. The awards will be presented at the National conference in San Antonio.

- [Download AAEA ACT scholarship application](#)

Get recognized: Go for ACT awards

Hard-working, dedicated chapters are rewarded each year by ACT. Chapters may apply for the Chapter of the Year awards by downloading the application on the [resources page](#). The judging is based on the quality and appropriateness of several activities, including educational, community service and fundraising.

Awards are given to the outstanding chapter in each of the six categories. Chapters that enter in four or more categories qualify for the Outstanding Chapter of the Year award. For more details, [download the application](#).

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