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1 One of the novelties offered to students at the Big House before the Alabama game was the opportunity to enter the field through the player's tunnel. Photo by Connie Ly.

2 Students had both Jumbotron screens in the stadium to choose from for viewing the game. They might have left with a crick in their neck, but the experience was irreplaceable. Photo courtesy of the Alumni Association.

3 Quarterback Denard Robinson threw a pass during the game against Alabama, hosted at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas. Photo courtesy of the Alumni Association.

4 In the indoor stadium for the Cowboys Classic, 90,413 fans total showed up to cheer on their favorite team. Photo courtesy of the Alumni Association.

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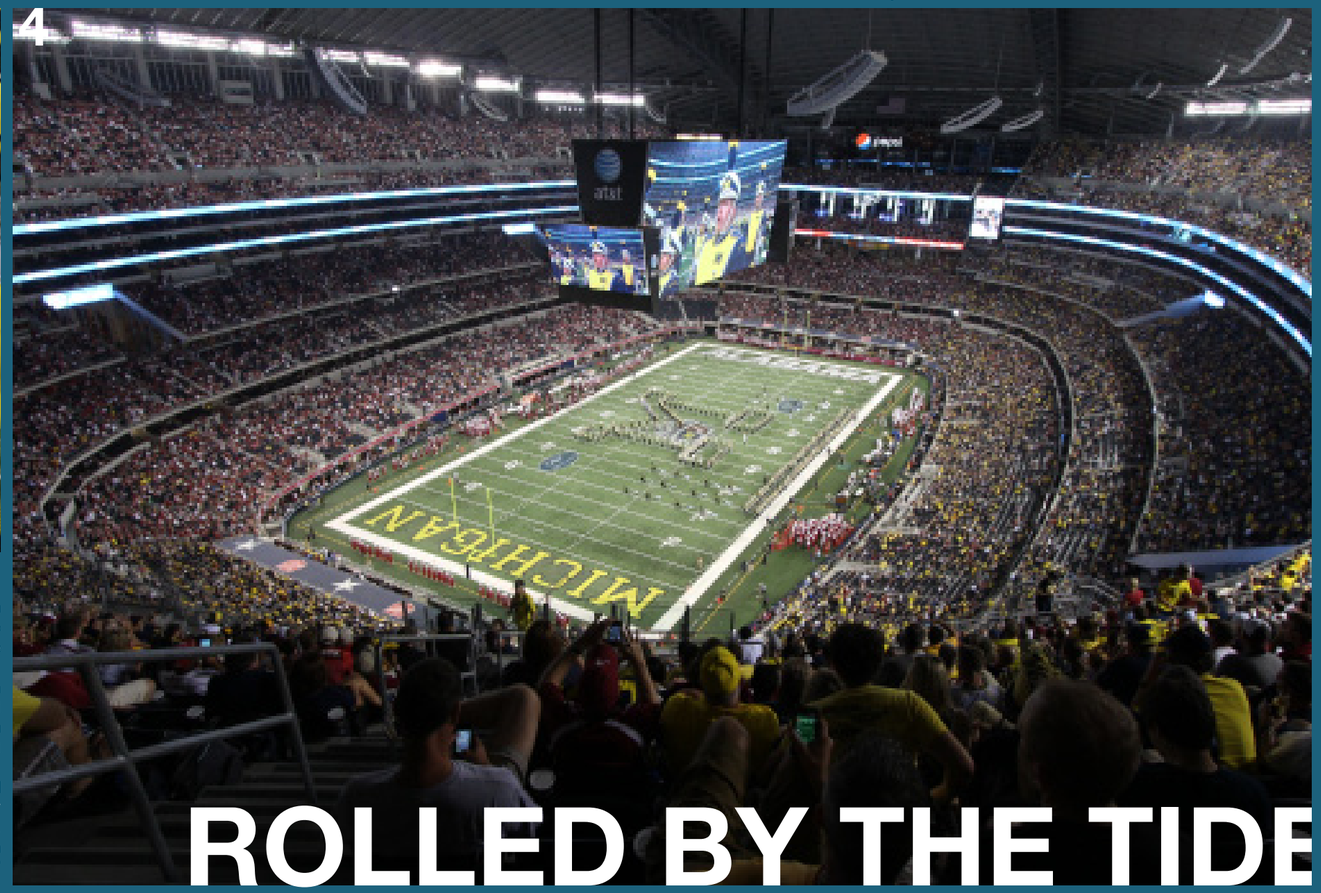

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ROLLED BY THE TIDE

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The Wolverine football players opened their season with the Cowboy Classic against the Crimson Tide, otherwise known as Alabama. With the opener away from home, the University got creative with raising support for the game: they opened up the field to all students. Those who presented a valid University ID got the rare opportunity to enter the Big House from the players' tunnel and spend time on the field before the game.

Activities provided by the University for the event included an inflatable bounce house, free food, a chance to kick a field goal and an opportunity to take a picture on the 'M' in the middle of the field. "It was an awesome experience and I appreciate the athletic department giving the students that opportunity," Engineering freshman Will Scola said. He said that it was worth it to head down to the Big House from North Campus even though the team lost to Alabama, 41-14. "It gave me a chance to interact with hall mates outside of the dorm without knowing them very well, and have a once-in-a-lifetime experience as well."

The University was down by 31 points by the first half, but the spirit in the stadium did not wane. Even when it began to rain, students still remained to hold out hope for a comeback for the team. Senior co-captain and quarterback Denard Robinson did score his 36th career rushing touchdown as a Wolverine and threw a 44-yard touchdown pass in the fourth quarter, but it wasn't enough to bring home a win. However, this did not taint the experience of being on the Big House field for the students. Scola shared his most memorable moment from the game: "Being one of the first dozen people in the stadium and walking onto that beautiful turf – that was something I could not recreate."

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