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SPORTS

Jeff Frink,
Sports Editor

Wildlife Hearing In Columbus Friday

Citizens of the area are invited to testify at a public hearing to be held by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at 3 p.m. this Friday relative to the trapping and fishing regulations for the 1981-82 season in counties under state regulatory control.

Although citizens of Colorado County have asked State Senator Kest Caperton and State Representative Robert Saunders to remove this county from state regulatory control, this will not take place until such time as the bill is passed by the state legislature. Action is not anticipated prior to the hearing date of Friday, March 20, beginning at 3 p.m. in the county courthouse in Columbus.

Public comments will be accepted by the Parks and Wildlife Department from similar meetings over the state and submitted to the P&W Commission before it takes final action on the proposals at its April 22nd meeting in Austin.

Similar meetings are scheduled in other counties of the area as follows:

Lavaca County: at 10 a.m. this Friday, Mar. 20th at the county courthouse in Hallettsville.

Meetings were held in La Grange for Fayette County and in Bellville for Austin County-Tuesday; and in Wharton for Wharton County Monday.

So. Cen. Texas Old-Timers To Meet Sun.

The South Central Texas Old-Timers Baseball Association, the only such organization known to exist in the state, will hold its 12th annual reunion this Sunday, March 22, 1981, at the American Legion Hall (Walter Park) in Schulenburg, Texas, announced Al Kasper, president of the association.

Registration will begin at 1:00 p.m.; the business session at 2:00 p.m. followed by a complete barbecue meal at 5:00 p.m.

Since the meal will be catered, it is essential that reservations be made to Fred Schenke, Sec.-Treas., P.O. Box 76, Gonzales, Texas 78629 or Bill Midkiff, Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee, 1222 St. Louis St., Gonzales, Texas 78629. The cost of the meal is \$8.25 per person. The event will be held rain or shine.

Supporters of baseball in this area, especially families and friends of the Hall of Fame honorees, are invited and urged to attend.

Lonniel Bluntson Heads All-TJCAC Cage Team

The Texas Junior College Athletic Conference coaches have released their all-conference list for the 1981 basketball season, a seven-man first-team roster and a seven-man honorable mention list headed by Blinn Junior College center Lonniel Bluntson, former Rice High School cage star.

The Buccaneers' big man received more votes on the all-conference squad than any other player in the TJCAC. Bluntson, a two year starter for coach Waldo Dalchau averaged 21.0 points per game, 8.8 rebounds and was named the Most Valuable Player in the National Junior College Athletic Association's Region 14 South Zone Tournament.

Six TJCAC players also have been nominated for All-America honors. They are Sam Barnett, Lon Morris Junior College; Don Plummer, San Jacinto J.C.; Danny Simmons, Alvin Community College; Elton Webster, Tyler J.C.; Niles Dockery, Henderson J.C.; and Bluntson of Blinn J.C.

The final All-America selections will be announced at the conclusion of the NJCAA National Tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Texas VICA Skill Olympics Apr. 2-4 In Dallas

Students from Rice Consolidated High School will be competing in the Texas VICA Skills Olympics April 2-4 in Dallas. VICA stand for Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, an organization which has 33,894 Texas members and more than 237,000 members nationally.

Approximately 6,000 Texas students are expected to participate in the state meet. A highlight of the meeting will be skill contests, in which high school students will compete with their peers to test their vocational skills in industrial occupations.

13 Gold Prize Rice students will be among those competing including eleven auto mechanics students and two cosmetology students. Auto mechanics who will be competing will be: Justino Moreno, Albert Delgado, David Staff, Ruben Leal, Johnny Cooper, Victor Reyes, Adria Montemayor, Jose Medina, David Sosa, Randy Soto and Michael Faichinger. Cosmetology students who qualified for the meet were Julia Gonzales and Phyllis Carter. They will be accompanied by auto mechanics instructor Sidney Frey and cosmetology instructor Florence McShan.

When the skills contests take place, the Dallas Convention Center will resemble a 20-ring circus. In one corner bricklaying competition will be going on, while across the hall other students will be demonstrating their skills in radio and TV repair, commercial art, welding, commercial food preparation, auto mechanics, cosmetology and more.

Kasmiersky Is Asst. PR Man For New Orleans Saints

Rusty Kasmiersky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kasmiersky Jr. of Garwood, has recently been named assistant public relations director for the New Orleans Saints professional football team.

He and his wife, Donna, were formerly living and working in Houston.

BOWLING

Initial League
The sea-saw battle continues with Imps showing the Skull Creek Lanes back into second place at the end of Initial League action last Thursday night. The Imps now have 438 points followed by Skull Creek Lanes with 429½, Weimar Lanes have 414½, Lake Motors 388½ and Western Auto 373.

Last Thursday the Magnums had top team series with a 3036 and Weimar Lanes rolled high game of 1064. Butch Schmidt had top individual scores with a 284-688. Other top scorers were: Jack Holden 219-561, Raymond Thomas 200-550, Draper Stephens 542, Lawrence Stallman 207-540, Elroy Jentsch 539, Howard Dahse 530, James Dahse 212-527, Carl Pennell 210-519, Leroy Janda 530, Erwin Knippel 523, Mike Vaack 508, Wayne Shifflett 508 and Bob Criswell 505.

Monthlighters League
The Big Guns rolled the top team scores in the Monthlighters League at Seely Bowling Palace on Thursday of last week with a 328-2166. Wolf Ignatius posted top

individual scores with a big 249-228-214-989 series.

Other top scorers were: Ben Castillo 247-300-642, Brice Stephens 202-246-629, Tom Kopecky 244-212-628, Chuck Stephens 546, Terry LeNorman 545, Sonny Spangle 539, Joe Trojan 501-519, Joey Babik 212 and Mike Griger 212.

The Sandbaggers lead the league with 69 wins followed by Webb's Electronics 56, J. B. Trojans 55½, KC's 54½, Blood & Guts 53 and Big Guns 51½.

Skull Creek Mixed
The Woolly Boogers posted the top team scores in the Skull Creek Mixed League Mar. 10th with a 974-979 series. Freddy Pelt had high series for the men with a 215-578 and Mano Graham rolled high game of 240-550. Margie Knippel was high scorer for the women with a 245-300-623. Other top scorers were: Doyle Waldrop 597, Gus Seasholtz 514-627, La Verne Graham 508, Al Norwood 509-552 and Leroy Janda 509.

Catfish Farmers lead the

Look Out Austin, Here We Come - Again!

Raiders Top LaVega, Rockdale For Region III Championship

Play Perryton in Semi-Finals 2 P.M. Thurs., In Austin

The Raiders are going to Austin!

For the third time in the past seven seasons, the Rice High School boys' basketball team is headed for the State Tournament in Austin. The Raiders earned a berth in the post season classic last weekend winning a pair of thrillers over Waco-LaVega 76 to 58 and Rockdale 42 to 40 to capture the Class AAA Region III championship at Blinn Junior College in Brenham.

Rice, 26-10 on the season, will face the top ranked Class AAA team, Perryton (31-4) in first round action on Thursday at 2:00 p.m. The other Class AAA matchup has Powderly North Lamar (23-9) playing Van Vleet (17-2) on Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in the Erwin Special Events Center (Super Druz) on the University of Texas Campus.

Beat LaVega Fri.

Last Friday night the Raiders used a balanced scoring attack, led by Earnest Fields with 21 points, to sink the LaVega Pirates 76 to 58 to advance to the regional finals. David Grammer and Victor Davis each had 16 points and Kenneth Bluntson and Larry Haynes combined to add 14.

The Raiders pulled ahead 16-8 after one quarter of play and owned a 30-23 lead at halftime. But things did not look promising as Bluntson went in at intermission with four fouls and Haynes went in with three.

Things really looked bad with only three minutes expired in the third quarter when Haynes picked up his fourth. But a pair of outstanding performances by "super-bus" Bob Johnson and Robert Frazier gave the Raiders all the help they needed.

"They did a great job both defensively and rebounding," said Grammer. "Both did exactly what they needed to do to help us maintain our lead."

With his two big men on the bench, Grammer did not feel his team would suffer.

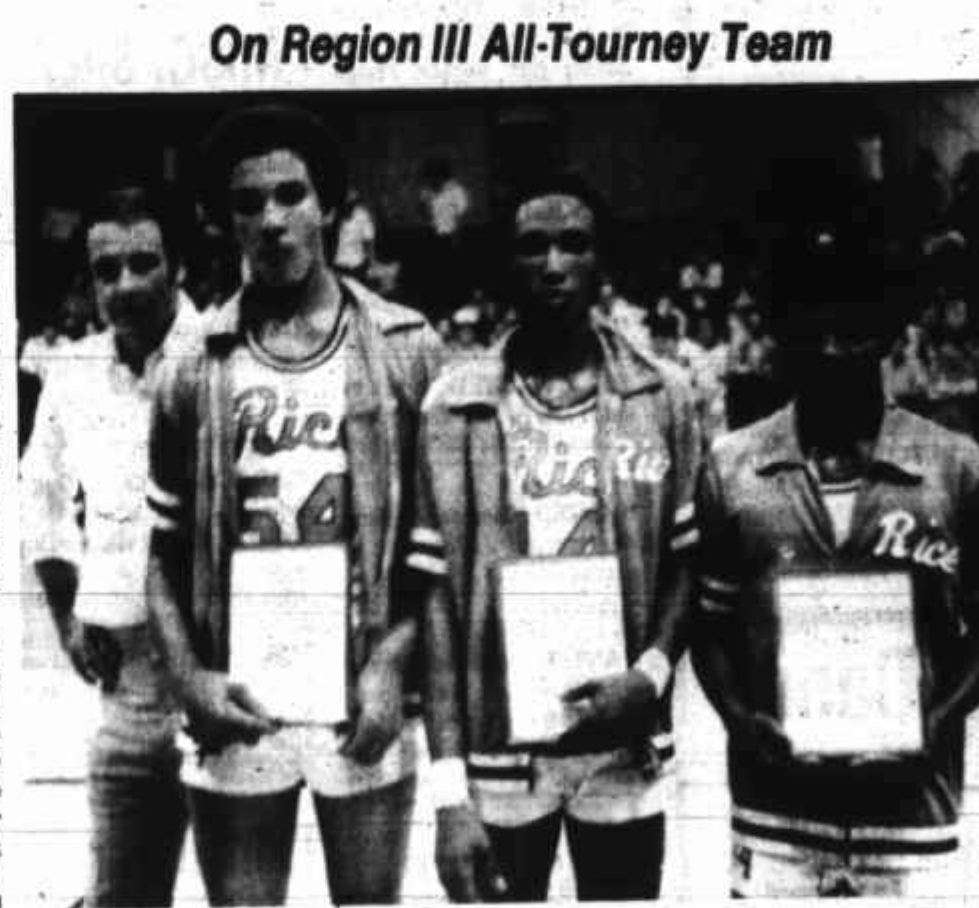
"I felt with Johnson and Frazier in the line-up that we would not lose our lead," added the coach. "But I was very surprised when we extended it. They just did a great job."

Bluntson, who did not start the second half, and Haynes remained on the bench until only two minutes were left in the game. By that time Rice had the contest well under control with a 74-54 lead.

The third quarter was the decisive one in the win as Rice turned its seven-point halftime lead into a 19-point lead. Davis hit nine points in that period, including a 35-foot jumper at the buzzer ending the quarter. Grammer rolled high game of 284. Suzanne Webster posted a 519 and LaVerge Graham a 505.

Monday Night Mixed
GOCOC took a half game lead in the Monday Night Mixed League with 62 wins. Longhorns are second with 61½ followed closely by the A's with 61 and Mavericks with 55½.

GOCOC had high team series Monday with a 2465 and Team 9 had high game of 580. Doyle Waldrop led the men's scoring with a 215-516 and Mary Obenshain led the women with 214-527. Clyde Werland rolled a 549, Lee Briscoe 207-531, Lonnie Sommarlatte 206-528 and Harold L. Williams 510.



Three Rice Raider starters were named to the Region III, Class AAA all-tournament team following Rice's championship win over Rockdale at Blinn Jr. College in Brenham.

effective. When the Raiders did run, turnovers usually resulted.

"Their slow-down tactic hurt us," explained Coach Grammer. "They were resting and we were having to work on defense. When we got the ball we were over anxious and didn't exercise any patience at all. We didn't make them guard us."

Rice pulled ahead 8-4 in the first quarter but the Tigers battled back to lead 13-10 at the end of the period. The Raiders showed a good defensive attack in the second quarter as they held Rockdale scoreless for the first seven minutes of the eight-minute quarter. Rice pulled ahead 18-13 during that span but two Tiger buckets in the last minute cut the Raider lead to 18-16 at half.

Davis led the first half clutch free throw by Rice pulled ahead by eight on a basket by Bluntson with one minute remaining. That 42-34 lead seemed enough at the time to claim the championship and with 27 seconds left to score the same, the game appeared locked up and it was. However, during a 20 second span, the Tigers scored three unanswered baskets to cut the lead to 42-40, the last bucket coming with only two seconds left but the Raiders win remained intact.

"I thought we had the game wrapped up with 30 seconds left," said Grammer after the Region III championship game. "I didn't anticipate their kid (David Hall, not a starter) hitting those 30-second shots. Thank goodness their kid hit a three-point shot in high school."

Davis ended the game with 15 points to lead Rice sporting with Fields adding 10. Haynes seven, Bluntson six and Grammer four.

All-Region Team
Following the game, the presentation of trophies to the winning team was made by tournament director Waldo Dalchau, Blinn J. C. athletic director, and an all-region tournament team was named. Raiders named to the team were seniors Victor Davis and Earnest Fields and junior Kenneth Bluntson.

A large following of Raider fans followed the team to Blinn for the Regional contests and were led in cheering by Rice High School cheerleaders, Pam Kallins, Becky Benge, Judy Bunge, Karen Rocks and Janice Waligura.

Fields Aims For Two

Ernest Fields three in two of his ten points in Rice's championship game last Saturday in Brenham. Kenneth Bluntson is also shown working for rebound position. Photo by Larry Bowen.

Sports

(Jeff Frink, Sports Editor)

Columbus School Board Votes 4-1 Not To Rehire Grid Coach

After a successful 17 year stint as head football coach at Columbus High School, Carl Andress, by a 4 to 1 vote of the Columbus School board, on Wednesday night of last week, has been relieved of his duties as head of the Cardinal athletic program.

Andress joined the Columbus coaching staff in 1962 as head basketball coach and took over as head football coach in 1964.

Riney Replaces Andress

Frank Riney, an assistant football coach and head girls' basketball coach in his first year at Columbus last season, was named new head football coach and athletic director in a unanimous decision by the Columbus school board during a special meeting held on Tuesday night of this week.

Rice Track Team Scheduled To Run In Palacios Track Meet This Saturday

The Rice Raider boys' track team is scheduled to run in the Palacios Track Meet this Saturday, depending on the outcome of the Raider boys' basketball game with Perryton in the State meet in Austin on Thursday at 2:00 p.m.

Raider track coach Finest Axel entered his team in its only meet so far this season in Needville two weeks ago and despite the absence of a few team members still playing basketball, the Raiders made an impressive showing in several events and finished sixth in the team standings among a field of 11.

Once the Raider team gets at full strength, Axel is anticipating it to be among the top of District 22AAA contenders. Several of the Raiders qualified for the Regional meet last year with a couple advancing to State competition. Those athletes are expected to return to regional and state competition again this season.

Raiders Whip Schulenburg In Baseball Action Last Week

Scheduled To Play In La Grange Tournament Thurs., Fri. & Sat.

The Rice Raiders baseball team made it three in a row on Tuesday last week as they bodied the Schulenburg Shortstops 19-1 in a game played at Raider Field in Altair.

The Raiders were scheduled to play Sacred Heart in Hallettsville last Thursday but that game was rained out. On Monday of this week the Raiders lost their first game of the season in a contest played in Gonzales.

The Raiders are scheduled to compete in the La Grange Baseball Tournament with their opening game against La Grange at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday night. The tournament will continue Friday and Saturday with the finals set for Saturday afternoon.

On Tuesday of next week the Raiders will be on the road again playing a night game in Schulenburg at 7:00 Rice will open District 22AAA competition one week from this Thursday (March 26th) hosting Waller at Raider Field in Altair at 4:00 p.m.

Raiders "Score" Big Win

A couple of big innings on Tuesday of last week led Coach Wayne Zimmerman's Raiders to the decisive win over Schulenburg along with a superb pitching performance by John Schneider.

The right hander allowed only two hits, one a home run, walked none and struck out 10 Shortstop batters. He faced only 18 batters in the shortened five-inning game.

The action for Rice started in the third inning with a seven run rally. The Raiders added 12 more in an explosive fourth inning and the game was called in the fifth because of the 10-run rule.

Six of the starting line for Rice hit safely in the game with Daryl Hise leading the way with two hits and two RBIs. Wayne Bowen also had two hits in the game.

Haynes Drives For Layup



Larry Haynes drives between two Rockdale defenders for a basket in last Saturday's Regional Championship game. Photo by Larry Bowen.

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Senior Citizens Activities

The calendar of events for the month of March includes:

Mar. 18: Foods and nutrition class in Columbus 9:30-11 a.m.

Mar. 19: Sewing class in Columbus 9:30-10:30 a.m.; covered dish party, Eagle Lake, 12 noon.

Mar. 20: Covered dish party, Columbus, 11 a.m.; arts and crafts class, Columbus 9:30-11 a.m.

Mar. 23: Exercise class, Eagle Lake, 10-11 a.m.

Mar. 24: Quilting class, Eagle Lake, 9:30-11 a.m.; movie, Eagle Lake, 11 a.m.

Mar. 25: Exercise class, Columbus 10-11 a.m.; movie, Columbus 11 a.m.

Mar. 26: Sewing class, Columbus 10-11 a.m.; arts and crafts, Eagle Lake, 12 p.m.

Mar. 27: Arts and crafts, Columbus 9:30-11 a.m.; birthday party and games, 11 a.m.

Mar. 31: Quilting class, Eagle Lake 10-11:30 a.m.; birthday party, Eagle Lake.

Rice Imports Quadrupled

The U.S. Bureau of Census reports that 2,254 metric tons (2,204,623 lbs. per ton) of edible rice was imported into the United States during the August-December 1980 period, compared to 468 metric tons during a similar period of 1979.

During the August-December 1980 period, Thailand exported to the United States 1,226 metric tons, which was 54.39 percent of the total.

Grammer Shoots Jumper



Rice Raider David Grammer drives in for a short jump shot during last Saturday's 42-40 win over Rockdale for the Region III Championship. Photo by Larry Bowen.