2 Trucks Collide At Altair Tues.

Highway Patrolman Joel Garcia of Eagle Lake station investigated the collision of two trucks in Altair Tuesday morning and a one-car rollover on Austin Road Monday night.

In the accident at 10:05 p.m. Monday, a 1971 Plymouth driven by Leonard Hemphill of Newtown, lost control and the vehicle hit the left side of the road and rolled over. He escaped injury but there was considerable damage to the car.

At 9:10 a.m. Tuesday, a 1969 Super Duty truck and trailer driven by Roy Lee Coleman of Columbus and a 1970 C-70 truck and trailer driven by Lester Adolph Schoellmann of Garwood collided on County Road 102B in Altair. The officer reported that Coleman was going west on 102B and attempted to pass another vehicle when he saw Schoellmann's eastbound truck and hit the side of the Schoellmann truck. Coleman said that his brakes failed to hold. He was issued a citation for passing with insufficient clearance. His truck is owned by Roscoe David of Columbus and Schoellmann was driving a truck owned by Zbranek Bros. of Nada.

Audrey Williams Wins Senior High Pt. Award at WCYF

Miss Audrey Williams, thirteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Williams of Garwood, was the winner of the Senior High Point Award at the Wharton County Youth Fair Horse Show Sat., April 11 in the Crescent Community.

She placed first in the showmanship in Halter, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship and Reining divisions. This added several high point and reserve high point awards to her credit.

Also, she has been placing well on her larger Quarter Horse Shows including the recent Houston Livestock Show and is nearing completion of the requirements in the American Youth Quarter Horse Association Youth Register of Merit Awards.

Damage Suit Filed In IH10 Wreck

A suit was filed in District Court in Columbus April 9, 1981 by Mary Sue Mashburn against Hammett Truck Lines and others seeking damages resulting from an accident on IH-10 west of Mile Post 702 Feb. 9th, 1981.

Mashburn alleges that she was traveling east on the interstate when her vehicle was hit from the rear by one driven by James Mackley Wilson an employee of International Port Services, Inc. The vehicle was allegedly owned by Ford Motor Credit Co. care of Hammett Truck Lines, Inc.

The plaintiff says she received injuries and asks for damages greatly in excess of the minimum jurisdictional limits of the court.

Last Rites Held For Ernest F. Krenek, 78

Ernest Felix Krenek, 78, of Markham died at his residence April 6, 1981. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, KJT, Farm Bureau, director Danevang Co-op and St. Isadorf.

Survivors include: widow Antonie Krenek of Markham; daughters, Betty Jean Dorotik of Bellview, Washington, and Joan Svatek of Bay City; sons, Clarence of Bay City and Ernest Jr. of Jackson, Miss.; sister, Louise Krejci of Hillje; brothers, Ben of El Campo and Lawrence of Nada; 11 grandchildren and 1 greatgrandchild. Rosary was held Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Taylor Brothers Chapel in Bay City.

Funeral services were held April 8 at 10 a.m. at the Holy Cross Catholic Church with Rev. Charles Sonnier officiating. Interment followed at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Nada.

Pallbearers were Allan and Norwood Dabelgott, Alfonse Krenek, Cyrill Babik, Adolph Biskup and Rudolph Stasta. Honorary pallbearers included grandsons.

In lieu of flowers, donations were made to the Holy Cross School Foundation. Arrangements were by Taylor Brothers Funeral Home.

Webernick Now In Sales Dept. At Eagle Tractor, Inc.

T Lang, owner of Eagle Tractor, Inc., local Case dealer, announces that Earl Webernick of Edna has joined his sales staff. Lang says that Webernick brings over 20 years of experience in farm machinery sales to his firm.

He will commute to Eagle Lake daily. Citizens in the area are invited to come by to meet Mr. Webernack and to discuss their farm and utility implement problems, said Lang.

E.L. Industrial Foundation To Meet Today, Thurs.

Eagle Lake Industrial Foundation Inc. will hold a meeting at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16th in the council room of the Municipal Building.

William H. Harrison, Sr., president, invites all members of the foundation and others who are interested to the meeting. Each member will be entitled to one vote.

The agenda includes the election of directors for the next year and action on other matters which may come before the meeting.

Aide To Rep. Saunders Discusses Legislation

Dayton Cole, Legislative Assistant for Representative Robert Saunders, was the guest speaker at the Columbus Lions Clubs' 32nd annual soil and water conservation awards banquet in Columbus on Monday night of last week. Rep. Saunders was scheduled to speak, but had to remain in Austin on important legislative matters and Mr. Cole presented a timely discussion on legislation that is of importance to the citizens of the 30th District which includes Colorado County.

Cole was introduced by Donald Hayek, president of the Columbus Noon Lions Club, who presided at the event.

The speaker noted that one of the most important functions of the current legislature will be in redistricting according to the new 1980 census figures. He said that Colorado County has 18,815 residents and they are part of 89,000 in District 30. Cole said that the ideal district, according to census information, would be one with 94,000 residents, hence it is predicted that little change will be forthcoming in the 30th district, except perhaps reshuffling of some counties in order to meet the "ideal 94,000 figure."

Game Law For This County

Cole commented that bills sponsored by Rep. Saunders include one which would remove Colorado County deer from the state regulatory control program. This issue is being sponsored in the Senate by Sen. Kent Caperton and expected to pass without opposition before the current session ends, "to meet the wishes of the majority of the local citizens in this matter," said Cole.

He also discussed sunset legislation which will remove or call for reappointment of many legislative committees and functions; adjustment of the Property Tax Code in order to take the biggest portion of the load off the homeowner. Cole noted that under the 100% of market value program which goes into effect in 1982, the program is designed to equalize the tax base but it has been proven that the "heavy shift in the tax burden has been from business to the home owner." He said the Legislature is expected to take some action to "phase in the increases to alter the blow to the homeowners over a 3 to 5 year period."

The legislative assistant concluded by noting that the session is over halfway through and there's lots of work to be done. He urged all to continue to let Rep. Saunders and Sen. Caperton and other legislators know their feelings on matters of importance to them. He assured all that the letters and calls will be given full consideration by the respective legislators.

Other highlights of the event included the announcement of winners of 1980 conservation awards as reported, with pictures, in last week's issue of the Headlight.

Texas State Championship Fiddlers Frolic
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Please remit this form and a $10.00 entry fee as an official challenge to THE TEXAS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FIDDLERS FROLIC BAR-B-QUE COOK-OFF at the K. C. Hall, Hwy. 77 South, Hallettsville, Texas.

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Award Winning Conservation Essay By John L. Korenek, Jr.

(The following is the first place winning essay on soil and water conservation by John Lee Korenek, Jr. of Nada, Rice High School student. The contest was held by Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District)

"CONSERVATION - - OUR BEST INSURANCE"

When God created the universe, He filled it with plant and animal life. To nourish this life, He created the soil and water. All this he did for the love of man. In return, shouldn't we try to preserve these resources? What we need is an insurance policy for conservation - a gift for future generations.

Conservation insurance is a means of protecting our precious resources from man-made destruction as well as natural disasters. Just as we have an insurance policy to cover our personal needs, we must also have a policy for conservation. The results of a sound and wisely managed policy will be worth several times the initial investment.

To insure our country of a sound conservation program, the public must be made aware of the problems that exist and the goals that must be reached. The conservation districts make this information known by publishing pamphlets and printing articles in local newspapers. They also assist in applying conservation practices to farms and ranches and give guidance to those who request assistance. Everyone must be encouraged to contribute to the conservation of all resources. We must look upon conservation with a positive attitude and be able to recognize the benefits of sound management. Education is essential to a sound management program.

Since earliest times, man has employed new and improved farming methods. Good farming practices prevent erosion and damage caused by run-off water.

Water must be kept free of contamination to provide a fresh, clean supply for all forms of life.

Wildlife, one of our most beautiful and necessary resources, is abundant where habitat is preserved.

In the midst of our changing environment, conservation must not be overlooked. Conservation is the challenge of today. A sound conservation policy will make it a reality.

Essay, Poster Winners

Essay and poster contest winners in the Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District were honored at the banquet held by Columbus Lions on April 6th. At the top are the essay contest winners, left to right, John Lee Korenek, Jr. of Rice High School, first place; Rhonda Fritsch, Columbus junior high, second; Susan Gold, St. Mary's in Nada, third; and Pam Fehr, Columbus junior high, fourth. Poster contest winners honored were, left to right, LeAnn Korenek, St. Mary's in Nada, fourth; Dionne Glover of Sheridan elementary, third; Dawn Fudge of Sheridan elementary, second; and Sandra Korenek of St. Mary's in Nada, first place.

Rice CISD Honor Rolls For 5th Six Weeks

Honor rolls for the Fifth Six Weeks term at the schools in the Rice Consolidated School District include the following:

Sheridan Elementary

First grade: Norman Botard, Raymond Ford, Tamara Fuller, Kori Klein, Angela Melnar;

Second grade: Dianna Moss, Donna Douglas, Larsina Pence and Tammie Hinze;

Third grade: Janie Botard, DeWight Dopslauf, Jeff Feuerbein, Sharra Guerner, Clay Sonntag, Shee Marie Venghaus, Michael Hefferman and Michael Till;

Fourth grade: Cash Cobb, Michael Grahmann, Freddy Soto and Vanessa Canales;

Fifth grade: Lara Dupre, Dionne Glover, Leslie Glover and Traci Klein;

Sixth grade: Steven Astrich, Deidre Douglas, Marcie Kutzer and Jodi Smith;

Seventh grade: Vickie Durden and Tina Grahmann;

Eighth grade: Chris Canales, Jon Wunderlich, Mike Sonntag, Rebecca Kutzer, Roberta Garcia and Pecos Cobb.

Eagle Lake Middle School

Fourth grade: Renee Balas, Dominique Isenhower and Jennifer Matthews;

Fifth grade: Michael Canales, Sharon Harbarth, Sam Hernandez, Jeff Marquart, Joel Medina, Melissa Perry, Kelly Popp, Monica Ramirez, Nora Sosa and Patty Stephens;

Sixth grade: Frank Adkins, Lesley Matthews, Edda Moreno, Debra Soto, Stacie Soto, Elizabeth Young;

Seventh grade: Laura Appelt, Valerie Bunge, Peter Canales, Robert Dumchka, Susan Kahnke, Beverly Rabka, Darlene Stanell and Melinda Stiles;

Eighth grade: John Adkins, Mary Hernandez, Michael Mote, Temple Thomas, Ann Uparta, Sherri Webb and Melissa Wilcox.

St. Mary's School, Nada

All A's: 5th grade, Dora Hernandez, Keith Korenek and Marsha Hoffman; 6th grade, Donna Dirlik, Lisa Drlik, Brian Hyek, Carol Drlik, Sheri Popp and Sharon Shimek; 8th grade, Susan Gold.

A's with no more than 2 B's: 6th grade, Owen Gallagher; 7th grade, Mario Hernandez and Audrey Williams; 8th grade: Janice Hyek, Karen Kocurek, Linda Korenek, Greta Popp, Joni Rosenwald and Jan Zbranek.

Garwood Elementary

First grade: Wilma Arispe, Lisa Drumgoole, Derek Sewell;

Second grade: Jackie Drumgoole, John Sewell, Trennie Sewell;

Third grade: Brad Baumgarten, Cynthia Engstrom, Laura Hernandez, Dawn Horndt, Scott Janish, Russell Labay, Crystal Orosco, Chris Rodriguez;

Fourth grade: Kendra Davidson, Felicia Hearn, Johnny Hernandez;

Fifth grade: Jennifer Mader, Danette Pagel, Kevin Salazar;

Sixth grade: Melissa Engstrom, Bill Hefner, Kelli Lanier, Kelly Salazar;

Seventh grade: none;

Eighth grade: Kristine Carpenter, Elma Hernandez, Rachelle Hunt, Johanna Kubena.

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GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH. Rev. Paul Kruppin, Pastor. SUNDAYS: 9:15 a.m. Church School. 10:30 a.m. Divine Worship. The members and pastor of Grace Lutheran welcome you to come worship with them.

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THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS. Landmark Bldg., Main St. Sealy, Texas. R.D. Quigley, District Pres. Sunday Services: Priesthood Meeting 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:40 a.m. Sacrament Meeting (Worship Service) 11:00 a.m.

EAGLE LAKE GOSPEL TABERNACLE. Rev. Emil and Helen Berger, pastors. Sunday School 10 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Wednesday at 8 p.m. Evangelistic Service.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Rev. Michael Horton, Pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 10:50 a.m. P.Y.F. 5:00 p.m.

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Over 300 Athletes Compete In Successful Rice Relays Sat.

Brazos, Edna, Bellville And Columbus Winners Of Four Divisions

The Rice Raider Relays once again turned out to be a big success as over 150 spectators witnessed about 350 athletes compete in four divisions at both Rice High School and Eagle Lake Middle School in windy but otherwise favorable conditions last Saturday.

The meet, under the direction of coach Clifton Darden and supervision of LaNoal Eschberger, hosted nine teams in a boys' junior varsity division, eight teams in both boys' seventh and eighth grade divisions and three teams in a girls' division. Despite the large number of participants, the meet went right on schedule.

Coach Darden who organized the meet and set up the work schedule, says the credit for the successful meet goes to the over 50 volunteers who helped throughout the day.

"There were so many who stayed with us all day to help in some way," said Darden following the meet. "Their desire to support such an activity sponsored by our school not only helped to run the meet smoothly, but also indicated the strong backing that the community has for the Rice athletic program. We couldn't have run the meet without their help."

Darden added that the response for volunteers to help with the meet was so good that he had to turn down many who offered their services.

The meet director expressed special thanks to those conducting the field events, hurdle setters, timers, finish judges, curve judges, starters, announcers, finish clerk, scorers, lane assigners, ticket takers, concession stand workers, coaches, athletes and the fans.

Finals Under Lights

The meet was run under a new format this year with the finals run under the lights at the Middle School football field.

Darden indicated that a survey would be taken to determine if the same format would be followed at next year's annual event.

A big following turned out for this year's meet and was treated to some exciting track competition. The Rice athletic department, which benefitted from the proceeds of the event, is hoping for an even bigger and better meet next year.

All field events were conducted on Saturday morning with preliminary running events being run during the afternoon at Rice High School in Altair.

All activity then moved to Eagle Lake where the meet finals were run under the lights at the Middle School football field.

Rice JV Wins 3rd Place

In the JV division it was Brazos winning first place with 170 points followed by Sealy with 83. Team trophies were presented to the two teams as well as the top two teams in each division.

The other teams in the JV division finished as follows: Rice third (59), Bellville fourth (57), Industrial fifth (56), Sacred Heart sixth (38), Ganado seventh (23), Louise eighth (22), and Needville ninth (18).

Top performers from Rice in the junior varsity division were the following:

Tony Long, first place in both the high jump and long jump; Eugene Kazmir second in shot put; Roger Meinecke third place in the mile run; and Phillip Schorlemmer third in the high hurdles and fourth in the intermediate hurdles.

Also, Rodney Sanford fourth in the long jump; Mel Pratt fifth in the discus; and the mile relay sixth (Long, Clarence Sprull, Charles Tillman and Sanford).

Rice 7th Grade Places 3rd

In the seventh grade boys' division of the Rice Relays, the Raiders took third place team honors with 71 points. Bellville finished first in the meet with 145 points and Columbus was second at 119.

Other team results were: Edna fourth (63), Sealy fifth (36), Brazos sixth (35), Needville seventh (18), and Sacred Heart eighth (9).

Individual results for the Raiders were led by Isidro Reyes who accounted for 26 points and Danny McElhaney who collected 18.

Results were as follows:

Isidro Reyes first in the 880 run, second in the mile run and third in the long jump; Danny McElhaney third in the discus, fourth in the 120 high hurdles, fourth in the shot put and fourth in the long jump.

Other results of Rice Raiders included: Cleveland Scott third, 100 yard dash and fourth in the 440; Dennis Hemphill fourth in the high jump and fifth in the 100 yard dash; and sprint relay fourth (Scott, Robert Dierschke, Hemphill and Reyes).

Rice 8th Grade Captures 7th

In the eighth grade boys' division it was Edna taking first place with 161 points with Bellville second with 93 followed by Brazos 71, Needville 56, Sealy 47, Columbus 39, Rice 23 and Sacred Heart 4.

Doug Baumgarten and Derrick Williams were the top finishers for the Rice team (Eagle Lake, Garwood, Sheridan) each collecting 6 points.

Raider results were as follows:

Doug Baumgarten third in the shot put; Derrick Williams fourth in the intermediate hurdles and fifth in the highs; Junior Rodriguez fourth in the mile run; Keith Pennell fifth in pole vault; Michael Sibley fifth and Chris Canales sixth in the 440 yard dash; Patrick Isenhower sixth in the mile run; and the mile relay sixth (Sibley, Canales, Mickie Reinhardt and Isenhower).

The combined Rice eighth grade will compete in the District Jr. High School track meet on April 24th in East Bernard.

Garwood-Sheridan Girls 2nd

Only three teams participated in the junior high girls' division but some exciting competition still resulted. Columbus took the team championship with 128 points followed by Garwood-Sheridan with 63 and Eagle Lake Middle School with 44.

Garwood-Sheridan results were as follows:

Faye Shorter first and Renee Perdue fourth in the 100-yard dash; Becky Kutzer third and Vicki Durden fourth in the 100 yard low hurdles; Bertie Garcia fourth and Kutzer fifth in the 440 yard dash; Rachelle Hunt fifth, 880; Darden fifth, 220; and Collette Williams sixth in the 220.

Also in the mile relay, the Rice girls' team took third (Kutzer, Garcia, Darden, and Shorter) and the 440 yard relay took second (Shorter, Perdue, Hunt and Tina Fitzgerald).

The Garwood-Sheridan girls' team will combine with the ELMS girls this Friday to compete in the District 22AAA junior high meet to be held in Waller.

ELMS Finishes In 3rd Place

Results of the ELMS girls competition, resulting in third place last Saturday, were:

Cindy Gonzales first place, 440; Gloria Foster second and Ethel Foster third in the 220; and Janet Scott third in the 100 yard dash. The Raiders mile relay team (Gonzales, Beverly Banks, Laura Appelt, Lawanda Ware) was second place.

☆SPORTS☆

Jeff Franks, Sports Editor

Haynes Is MVP In Waco All-Star Basketball Game Last Fri.

Named To Another All-State Team

Larry Haynes, 6'5" Rice High School senior, added a bit more spice to a banner basketball season as he was named the Most Valuable Player in the North-South Class A-AA-AAA Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) all-star game in Waco last Friday.

Haynes, seeing action in just over half of the game, led all scorers with 18 points and grabbed 8 rebounds to guide his South squad to a convincing 75-59 win over the North.

In addition to his brilliant performance last weekend, Haynes also received word of another top State honor. The Raider forward, who guided Rice to the State Class AAA title, was named to the Texas Sportswriters Class AAA All-State first team.

Besides his all-star selection and the Sportswriters' team, Haynes was also a unanimous all-district choice, was named to both the TABC all-region and all-state teams and was an all-tournament selection in the State meet.

"I'm anticipating some real good competition at Royal," says Axel, adding, "it should be a good test for us before district. If we are all well, we will be competitive."

Barrios Wins Another First Place In Pole Vault Last Sat.

Highlights Rice Raider Results In El Campo Track Meet Last Sat.

Robert Barrios, Rice High School's talented pole vaulter, won his fourth first place medal of the year clearing 13'6" in the El Campo relays to salvage the only gold medal for the ailing and dwindling Raider track team.

Barrios also won third place in the 800 meter run (2:04) to account for the only other medal won by the entire Rice team.

This Thursday the Raiders will try to get back at full strength as they run in the Royal Relays. The Raiders will run in the District meet the following Thursday, April 23.

Mike Rios took fourth in the discus (126'6"), Johnny Gonzales placed just behind him in fifth place (120'1") and James Rhodes placed sixth in the shot put to account for the only other places won by the Raiders in El Campo.

It has been a long season for Raider track coach Finest Axel, whose team has battled nagging injuries all season long. But to make matters worse, now grades are making some key personnel ineligible to run. However, Axel doesn't seem to be too concerned.

"We've moved some good athletes up from our junior varsity to fill in the holes," said the Raider coach. "Once we have a good week of work together and get a meet under our belt, we should be in good shape."

The Raiders did not even run in the mile or sprint relays last Saturday in El Campo but Axel expects his team to be ready to compete in all events this Thursday at the Royal Relays in Brookshire. It will be the final warmup for Rice before the District 22AAA meet set for April 23 at Blinn College in Brenham.

"I'm anticipating some real good competition at Royal," says Axel, adding, "it should be a good test for us before district. If we are all well, we will be competitive."

Ten Teams Sign Up For Men's Softball

The Rice Area Men's Softball League held its first official meeting of 1981 last Thursday evening in the Municipal Building in Eagle Lake, with 10 teams represented.

Case Hollub was elected to serve as president of the league this season with last year's president Vance Duncan elected as vice-president.

About 20 men represented the 10 teams interested in participating in the summer program including six from Eagle Lake, one from Garwood, one from Sheridan and two from Columbus. It was decided at the meeting to put a "lock" on any other teams wishing to enter the league from outside the Rice Area (Garwood, Sheridan and Eagle Lake), but left two spots open for teams within the area.

Meet Again April 23

The league will hold another meeting on April 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building at which time a final number of teams to participate will be known. Other items expected to be discussed will be entry fee, rules, work days, umpires and a pre-season tournament.

Any teams that wish to compete this season should contact the league president as soon as possible to insure a spot since only two remain open.

Raiders Lose Two More District Baseball Games

The Rice High School Raiders dropped two more District 22AAA baseball games during the past week of action falling to 0-4 in league play and 4-5 overall.

On Monday night of this week the Raiders were scheduled to play in Waller against the league leading Bulldogs.

This Thursday Rice will host Sealy at Raider Field in Altair starting at 4:00 p.m. and on Tuesday of next week Rice will host Bellville beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Last Monday, Apr. 6th, the Raiders suffered a 9-2 set-back to the Bellville Brahmas. Alex Ramirez started for Rice on the mound but gave way to John Schneider in the fourth after giving up six runs, three of which were unearned.

Darryl Hinze collected a single and a double to lead Rice hitters with Schneider, Kenneth Hyek and Wayne Brown getting one hit each.

Loss To Columbus

Last Thursday the Raiders allowed four unearned runs in the fifth inning to hand the Columbus Cardinals a 4-0 win in a game played at Rice. Three errors in that fateful inning contributed to the Cardinal rally.

Schneider went the distance for Rice on the mound and gave up only four hits and struck out four batters.

The Raiders managed only three hits in the game, a double by Hyek and singles by David Grammer and Ramirez.

Despite the disappointing loss to the Cardinals last week, Raider coach Wayne Zimmerhanzel did manage to find something positive about the game.

"Except for that one bad inning, I was proud of the way we played," remarked the coach. "The guys played with intensity....and that is something that had been missing for the past few games."

More Bad News

Hoping to turn things around in second round action, the Raiders suffered a big blow as they lost to Waller 11 to 0 on Monday of this week. As if the shutout wasn't bad enough, the Raiders also went hitless. As a matter of fact only one Rice player reached base and that was on an error.

Mary Becak Qualifies For Girls' Region Track Meet

Places Second In 800 Meter Run In Dist. Meet Last Thurs.

Rice High School Raider Mary Becak placed second in the 800 meter run at the girls' District 22AAA Track Meet held at Blinn College last Thursday to qualify for the Region III Class AAA meet to be held at Blinn April 18th.

Becak, the only Raider qualifier for Region, ran a 2:31.5 in the race finishing behind first place winner Kathleen Harkin of Waller who ran a 2:29.52.

Sealy High School captured the district team title at the meet, totalling 126 points to move ahead of second place finisher Waller with 116 points.

Bellville took third place with 105 points, Hempstead was fourth with 86, East Bernard was fifth with 67, Rice placed sixth totalling 26 points, Columbus was seventh with 19 and Brazos finished eighth with eight points.

Mary Becak

Sharon McDonald helped lead Sealy to the top team honor grabbing first place in the long jump (19'½"), triple jump (38'1") and the 200 meter dash (28:70). Zina Lang was first in the shot put with a toss of 33'6". Kathy Fuller of Waller was first in the 100 meter dash (12:40).

Raider Results

The Raiders, coached by Jane Dostal, picked up their points in the following races:

100 Meter Dash: Tracy Davis third (13.04), and Lisa Parker sixth (13.25); Shot Put: Kim Wunderlich third (32'5"); 800 Meter Relay: Jackie Parker, Patricia Fields, Stephanie Rhodes and Tracy Davis, fifth; and Long Jump: Karen Schneider sixth (16'2¼").

Sommerlatte, Spanihel Win Doubles Title In JV District Tennis Meet

The Rice High School junior division tennis team wrapped up its 1981 season last week competing in the District 22AAA junior division tennis meet in Sealy.

Chris Sommerlatte and Shawn Spanihel combined to win the boys' doubles division of the tournament to highlight the Raider entries.

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week the Rice varsity boys were scheduled to compete in their division of the District 22AAA competition in East Bernard.

Last Friday Sommerlatte and Spanihel teamed to beat Sealy's number two team in first round action and then topped Sealy's number one team in the finals to take the crown. It was Rice's second year in a row to win the boys' doubles title.

Billy Harrison and Jose Ugarte also competed for Rice in boys' doubles but lost to East Bernard in first round play.

Andy Gertson and Randy Duarte represented the Raiders in singles but both were eliminated in the first round.

Rucks Reaches Finals

Karen Rucks and Lisa Corman competed in girls' singles and were winners in their opening matches. Corman was defeated in second round play but Rucks was a winner to advance to the finals. Rucks lost in the championship match to Sealy and had to settle for second place.

In girls' doubles, the team of Laurie Bubela and Jonna Webb knocked off Bellville in the first round but lost to the eventual champs from East Bernard in the second round.

Roxanne Ripper and Stacy Holden were the other Raider doubles team competing in the meet, but they were eliminated after suffering a loss in their opening match.

David Grammer Named To Texas Sports Writers All-State Third Team

The Texas Sportswriters announced their All-State Class AAA basketball team during the past weekend and David Grammer, a 6'2" guard for Rice's State championship team, was listed on the third team.

Grammer, remembered most for his miraculous 40-foot jump shot at the buzzer in the District 22AAA championship game with Columbus, averaged 10 points a game for Rice this season and was a steady performer throughout the year.

Other honors received by Grammer this season include: second team all-district; and third team all-region (TABC).

The complete listing of the Sportswriters' teams are:

FIRST TEAM

Reggie Childress, Coleman, sr.; Larry Haynes, Rice, sr.; Merritt Williams, North Lamar, sr.; Tim Reynolds, Taft, sr.; and Terry Zastoupil, Huffman, jr.

SECOND TEAM

Rocky Emery, Allen, sr.; Eric Martin, Van Vleck, sr.; Gary Rinker, Perryton, jr.; Lee Ray, Jacksboro, sr.; and Jim Smith, Van Vleck, sr.

THIRD TEAM

Joey Garcia, Abernathy, sr.; Kenneth Johnson, Columbus, jr.; George Washington, Yoakum, sr.; Vonnell Baucham, La Vega, sr.; and David Grammer, Rice, sr.

Lonniel Bluntson To Play Basketball At Texas A&M Univ. Next Season

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Texas A&M basketball coach Shelby Metcalf and assistant Barry Davis were all smiles Wednesday afternoon at Blinn College. The reason for their ear to ear Aggie grins? A scheduled signing of Blinn's all-conference scoring forward Sonny Burton suddenly became a dual inking when National Junior College Athletic Association Honorable Mention All-American Lonniel Bluntson announced he too would wear the A&M colors next season.

Lonniel played his high school ball at Rice under coach Jack Grammer, guiding the Raiders to the State finals in 1979.

Bluntson had remained undecided on major college selections, narrowing his choices last week to A&M and Arizona State.

Metcalf said signing Bluntson and Burton on the first day athletes could ink with college teams gave the Aggies two of their top three recruiting priorities.

"We need a ball handling point guard, an outside shooter to offset the press and a power rebounder to get the ball and make the outlet pass. We got two of them today."

Bluntson's 20.3 points per game season scoring average was tops in the Texas Junior College Athletic Association this year and his 19.4 basket per game conference mark was the second best in the TJCAC. He scored 328 points this season and grabbed 249 rebounds for an 8.8 per game average.

Besides being named a NJCAA honorable mention all-American selection, Bluntson made the all-conference team and was the NJCAA Region 14 South Zone Tournament MVP, leading Blinn to a 24-4 season mark, their best ever.

Metcalf remembers first meeting Bluntson when he was asked to be the guest speaker at the athlete's high school athletic banquet. Davis kept tabs on Bluntson's performance through his two years at Blinn, bringing Metcalf to watch Bluntson, Burton and Blinn battle San Jacinto for the conference title back in February.

Bluntson had 22 points in that game, Burton, 26.

"It's hard to make a comparison between Lonniel then and Lonniel now," added Metcalf. "He's come so far. Not only has he matured skillwise, he's matured mentally and physically as well. The first thing you notice about his play is the way he uses his arms and hands."

Both Metcalf and Davis left no doubt they were sold on Bluntson's ability in the middle but the Aggie boss made a startling announcement in comparing the Blinn big man to former A&M starter Rudy Woods.

"Right now we have more confidence in what Lonniel can do than we have in what Rudy can do," he said. Davis countered by adding "we wouldn't be here if we didn't believe in him."

That in itself may cause quite a stir in College Station. Woods, whose performance on the court and in the classroom slumped during the early season, was dropped from the team but is expected to return to the roster next year. A&M fans have been anxiously awaiting the return of the biggest brick in their heralded "Wall" but Bluntson may prove to be made of harder material. However, Metcalf did not rule out the possibility that the Aggies would use both Bluntson and Woods as double posts in 1982.

Bluntson, on the other hand, says he's going to A&M looking for a starting position.

"I'm going up there and do my best to beat someone out of a job. For me it's a do or die thing."

Lonniel's parents, Mr. and M