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Pass - then play

By TINA GRAHAMANN

Their animals at the local sale last Saturday or at any other sales in Texas schools was one of the many thoughts on the minds of the Raider members of the state legislature when they passed House Bill 72, failing grades. Band director Bill but did they realize the effects that Wagner said that it is of utmost importance that band members activities of high school students? pass because the band is preparing at Rice High School, one major aspect of the no pass-no play bill is breaking havoc among students.

During the past six weeks, players to failing grades according approximately 8 out of 100 seniors to Coach Darryl Lowe. The Raider have failed one or more courses, JV team lost two out of eight while 30 out of 116 juniors also have failed. The sophomore class had 35 students out of 138 fail, grades. The only girl's team that while the freshman class suffered lost players to failing grades was greater losses than any other class the freshman team which lost with 48 out of 114 students.

Lillian Gohlke reported that none of the students participating in UIL Literary events are failing.

According to House Bill 72, of the students participating in those who have failing grades cannot participate in any extracurricular activities occurring in the following six weeks. One of the hardest hit extracurricular because it is important if they organizations at Rice High School want to receive credit for the course. If a student is in need of agriculture teacher Ronel Roberts, help in a class, he/she may attend there were approximately 34 tutoring sessions from 2:45 to 3:30 each school day.



Who's zat?

By DOLORES SOTO

This gleamy eyed baby, all dressed for a night on the town, mazed most of the students who were asked to identify her. The only hint that was given was her classification as a sophomore.

After a long and hard look, Donna Drik, Jennifer Labay and Christine Schneider all decided that this had to be Danna Fudge. On the other hand, Danette Alvarado and Lane Thomson consulted each other and came up with Marsha Hoffmann as their answer. However, Carol Korenek contemplated and settled on Patty Ann Stephens as her guess.

Finally, Lori Flores, Monica Ramirez and Nora Souza all guessed correctly without a doubt. They all knew that she had to be Kelly Popp. Kelly is a resident of Garwood and is active in the Outdoors club.

Student Council Meeting

By SUSAN KALUZA

The Rice High School Student Council held their first night meeting on Monday, January 13 in the meeting room. The council discussed and voted on many topics concerning homecoming rules and regulations for the Queen elections and activities. The following rules were added: First, only the top five nominees go on the ballot and walk out on the field during halftime activities. An exception to this would be a tie for fifth place; then, six nominees go on the ballot and all six are included in the halftime activities. The second rule added was that in the event of a tie for the Queen position, the students absent the day of voting would be allowed to vote in a run-off election before the end of the school day. The final addition to the rules was to make sure that all of the nominees for homecoming Queen are eligible before voting.

A discussion of the registration rules also was held by the council. It was decided that all previous rules would remain unchanged; however, there was one addition. Two people of the same sex will not be able to register as a couple. The last topic concerning homecoming activities was chaperones. The council decided that they would talk to teachers and parents about attending the homecoming dance next year. Mr. Roberts suggested having ten sets of parents as well as some teachers.

Projects for the 1985-86 school year also were discussed, such as having a permanent Raider emblem drawn, painting a Raider in the gym, and a name board for the basketball team in the gym.

The council decided to come up with release forms for students to sign in order to give blood. These forms would state that Rice High School would not be responsible for any problems resulting from the donation of blood.

A parents' night for the 1986-87 football season will be discussed later in the year.

Treasurer Audrey Williams informed the council of current finances which total \$3,172.21. The minutes were read and the meeting adjourned.

Weightlifting crew from Rice to compete

By VICKI DARDEN

A team of Rice High School boys will be attending a power lifting contest next month, a first of this sort for Rice.

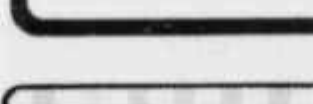
On February 15, Coach McNeal will take the group to Port Lavaca to represent this school's first lifting team. The divisions will be determined by the weight of the contestants, whose scores are computed from the total points accumulated from squats, bench press and the dead lift. Because this is the first time Rice has sent a power lifting crew into contest, these boys need a lot of support. Most of these guys played football and have been working hard on off-season, running and lifting.

Weightlifting is a part of athletics that no one seldom think about, but it is a vital part of most sports, nevertheless. This competition is a reward in itself for those who have worked hard to get where they are with little or no recognition at all.

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Teachers' view on the competency test

By LAURA APPELT

On March 10, teachers all across the state will take the Texas Examination of Current Administrators and Teachers (TECAT). This test is a result of new state laws concerning education. There are mixed feelings about this test among teachers at Rice. None are worried about passing the TECAT, but they do question its legality and what it does to them personally.

According to one teacher, "they are applying the law retroactively, therefore it is unconstitutional. It's like making a two-way street one-way on Monday and giving you a ticket for driving the wrong way the preceding Sunday. If the state can get away with the TECAT this year, what will their demands be in future years?"

Although some teachers do

agree there are people who should not be teaching due to a lack of knowledge or because of personality problems, they are offered by the intimidation that teachers are incompetent until they pass a test. "Guilt until proven innocent is Mr. White's philosophy about teachers," was one comment. One teacher is angry because she says, "The Texas Board of Education is spending thousands of taxpayers' dollars to prepare teachers through workshops and pre-tests for something that should not be crammed for. If two Saturday review courses can see to it a person passes, the TECAT cannot be considered a valid evaluation. Teaching is an art. If evaluators knew what made a good teacher ten years ago and were not afraid of ramifications, and if they had removed incompetent personnel, we wouldn't be in the mess we are in today. Maybe the TECAT will compensate for all the past errors in education — I hope so. Otherwise Mark White and his cohort Ross Fent have spent millions of dollars frustrating teachers to the point that many of the best may quit." One question that surely comes to mind is, "Where will the state find qualified teachers when its demands force the good ones to retire early or quit to find a better-paying job with fewer hassles?" This remains to be seen.

Most teachers agree on their opinion of Mark White, and he definitely would not win a popularity contest with them. One person summed it up quite adequately when he said, "Mr. White's remarks change the students' and parents' views of all teachers, without any reason. I don't know why he has attacked the teaching profession so much, but it may backfire on him come November."

Rice CISD School Menu

Thursday, January 30: fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, buttered spinach, assorted jelly, biscuits, butter.

Friday, January 31:rito pie, baked beans, celery and carrot sticks, pineapple tid bits, cornmeal yeast rolls.

Monday, February 3: pigs in blanket, butter corn, fried okra, brownies.

Tuesday, February 4: hot tamales, Spanish rice, green beans, mixed fruit, cornbread, butter.

Wednesday, February 5: hamburgers, French fries, cal-soup, hamburger salad, ice cream.

Thursday, February 6: turkey roast, dressing, gravy, English peas, applesauce, hot rolls.

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