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To The Editor & You

'We must stop blaming others'

Dear Editor;

In response to last week's letter (on the editorial page), there were a few facts which were conveniently not mentioned. Apparently the main objective was to concentrate on complaining instead of problem solving. Obviously, the parent has only listened to his son's side of the story and hasn't gotten all the facts.

My understanding is that the athlete mentioned did not participate in the hottest days of August practice and, in addition, missed several days of practice for the first four games.

I find it hard to believe that he did not get playing time because the coaches were trying to make him quit. Why would our coaching staff want any of their players to quit when they have so few to choose from to begin with?

Attacking our coaching staff and using them as scapegoats is not the answer. Instead, they deserve a great big pat on the back. This is felt not only by me but by many other supporters of our athletic program.

My sons and many other players have learned a great deal from this great coaching staff. I only hope that all of my sons will have the opportunity to enjoy the same program because I remember what it used to be! This staff has come in and instilled discipline and character.

We must stop blaming others. What our children learn from this is that they have a way out through blaming someone else and not taking responsibility for their own actions. Let us pull together and talk directly to the coach or coaches involved to solve our problems. Our children cannot learn the right way to handle problems unless we show them how. the bottom line is: the kid is still missing out on an exciting and fun-filled football season with his peers by his own decision.

Sincerely,
Olivia Maxie, Eagle Lake

Proud parent voices opinion of band, cheerleaders

To the Editor;

My, oh my! Oh my! We've got trouble right here in Eagle Lake and Garwood and Sheridan. What a great dilemma we have on our hands. It's hand wringing time. It's soul searching time. Everybody at the Rice-Hallettsville football game wasn't watching every second of **the game.**

'The Raiders lost the game because everyone wasn't participating and watching. You've got the proof, a picture. What a journalistic masterpiece! That, along with your "insightful" editorial. Shame on all you non-participators. Let's worship at the throne of almighty "King Football." Bow three times to the Raider goalpost after each touchdown. Irreverence will not be tolerated!

Ms. Fearing, this is the message that comes across to me in your editorial of Oct. 14, 1993. Give me a break. How absurd. Other adjectives come but one's enough. Your comments in earlier editions about Raider support were almost as sickening but you've really outdone yourself on this one. You are obviously trying to create problems where there are none. Are you trying to build subscription numbers with controversy? It works in big cities, maybe it will work here also?

By the way, your targets of criticism were Rice High School students, cheerleaders and members of the band— two of the hardest working, most involved and most spirited groups at the school. Talk to them sometime about participation. you might learn the meaning of the word.

But you caught these "juvenile delinquents;" you caught 'em. Wow, again. They weren't watching **the game** at that moment and maybe some other moments, also. So what! They might have been just talking, they might have been planning their next cheers. I don't know. The flags might have been getting ready to perform at the quarter change or planning last minute details of their halftime performance or maybe just involved in idle chatter. Again, so what! Why burden our minds with such "monumental" inquiries into the thoughts of our teenagers. Besides, all games do have some boring moments.

By the way, along with supporting the team,. the cheerleaders and band serve another very important function at football games—that of entertaining the fans—during the games as well as at halftime. Many come to the games for this also. Some for it only. It would be pretty dull if the only thing going on was **the game.** Most people are aware of this, but apparently you are not.

Do you really believe that the crowd could have prevented Hallettsville from scoring a touchdown? Tsk, tsk. Really? Santa Claus, the tooth fairy, the great pumpkin and the Easter bunny are all lining up to talk to you, too.

When athletic teams lose, especially football teams, it seems as if there's always whining going on primarily from self-appointed spirit boosters. Winning is the best spirit booster, period. End of story. There are many much more important things about our schools that need more support and involvement. Are our priorities sometimes out of line? Just wondering.

If I were a coach, I'd say, "Lady, go away. My job is hard enough as it is. I don't need some busybody stirring up things! Just report the games. Leave the editorializing to the professionals in the big city newspapers."

Ms. Fearing, I'm sure that you would love it if some sort of reprimand were issued to those "irreverent" students. There won't be. Our school officials and parents are much more rational than you.

Cheerleaders and band directors; your kids are not out of line. They are doing just fine. Be proud of them. they're great. the cheerleader routines and halftime performances are wonderful.

Yes, I'm mad; mad at you Ms. Fearing. Who appointed you to be in charge of unwanted subtle hints? Leave our kids alone.

Kids, make your feelings known. Don't be afraid to do so.

Nuff said.

Proud parent of past and present Rice High School band members, cheerleaders and athletes.

Bill Atkins, Garwood

Band and cheerleaders respond

To the Editor;

Many that have read the newspaper from Oct. 14, read about a moral "cut-down" by Mrs. Jeannine Fearing of the band, cheerleaders and also all fans present at the Hallettsville football game. As the scoreboard shows in the photograph, there were 12 minutes left in the fourth quarter— the time immediately after the band's third quarter break.

Last week I contributed a letter to be published on behalf of the and band cheerleaders thanking the fans of the Rice Raiders for both taking the time to come for the long trip to Smithville and for supporting and rallying the Raiders to victory. Thank you Mrs. Fearing for publishing the letter.

I also appreciate your commentary of how I " took the words right out of your mouth." In commentary of your letter, you took the words right out of many mouths in our school district— "…this may make some of you mad…" It did make most people mad.

What subtle hints are you referring to? You have left me wondering what you mean since I, like many others, have not gotten any type of "subtle hints" about anything.

Mrs. Fearing, maybe if you had gone to the games in past years (when the team may have been down, but still needed the support of you in the community) you would know that the band **always** takes a third quarter break. This is our tradition and it has been this way forever.

Surely during the recess of the band, fans including you, could take the initiative in cheering for our team. Personally I feel that your "cut-down" was thoroughly unfair. Anyone else can plainly see in your photograph that we are in organization of our next routine, which, by the way, can never be played while we have the ball so that miscommunications on the football team are prevented.

As a member of the band, student council, National Honor Society, class of 1994 and fan of Rice Raider football, I write to you asking you why you want to hurt your local high school students like you did. Last week I earned praise from you and this week you coldly turned your back on me and all of my respective organizations.

To show how strongly this has hurt me and my organization, I have asked all members who feel the same to sign this letter.

Chris Burrow, Drum Major
Elizabeth Stiles, B.J. Salazar, Sara Eggemeyer, Nikki Fuller, Rhonda Satsky, Sara Mann, Amanda L. Priesmeyer, Marcie Till, Rebecca Sosa, Alison Atkins, Cash Ferrill, Bernita Fry, Martha de la Garza, Kristi Gertson, Stacey Leopold, Kelly Almanza, Kristen Stienke, Breanna Wood, Cortney Parker, Kaci Klein

'We all represent our school'

Dear Editor,

We LOVE the Raiders! The Raiders include the football players, band, flag corps, twirlers, cheerleaders, cross-country runners and volleyball players who are currently involved in U.I.L. competition; no one more, nor less important than the others because we all represent our school, at this time of the year. We support the team when not entertaining the crowd. We are given the responsibility of performing. Mid-game there is even a half-time performance. It has been called such for years. We have a third quarter break after the half time show. The cheerleaders, all the band members, too, break in small groups after the half. Traditionally, the band begins the fourth quarter with the fight song. According to your photo the snapshot was taken as the fourth quarter was about to begin. Out of courtesy when the band and the band auxiliaries do perform, the cheerleaders either do an accompanying routine or step aside. Being such an avid Raider fan, you should have been aware of this procedure. We do appreciate the fact that there is much more about our school in your paper this year than in years past, but in all fairness, your editorial this past paper was much more damaging by your lambasting those of us who put so much time and effort into pre-

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Colorado County Courthouse Report

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Deed: Lucy Renee Spell to Lucy V. Pullen, Lots 1 and 2 in Block 23, Town of Sheridan; filed 9-7-93.

Deed: The Alissa Erin O'Leary 1953 Trust to Alissa Erin O'Leary, und. int. in minerals, property in Colorado County; 9-7-93.

Deed: Joe L. Jones, et ux to Emil G. Owen, 25.756 acres in the Martin D. Ramsey Survey, Abstract No. 474; 9-7-93.

Deed: Frank B. Gallaher, et al to Rodger Thomas Gallaher, et al, 4.09 acres, part of the J. Cummins League, Abstract No. 12; 9-12-93.

Deed: Lorene Denk to Ed E. Denk, interest in oil, gas and other minerals, 228.9 acres out of the B.G. Ijams Survey, Abstract No. 352; 9-9-93.

Deed: Joe Ann Voskamp to Susan V. Mobley, et al, 6.72 acres, part of the W.F. Dewees Survey, Abstract No. 18; 9-9-93.

Deed: Joe Ann Voskamp to Susan V. Mobley, et al, 29.92 acres, part of the W.F. Dewees Survey, Abstract No. 18; 9-9-93.

Gift Deed: Daniel J. Berger, et ux to Peggy Lee Etheridge, 52.278 acres out of the Richard Owens Survey, Abstract No. 440; 9-10-93.

Gift Deed: Daniel J. Berger, et ux to Leslie James Berger, Sr., 52.278 acres out of the Richard Owens Survey, Abstract No. 440; 9-10-93.

Deed: Leona Billeck Abell to Morris Russell Jr., et ux Lot No. 3 and the west 2' of Lot No. 2, Block 21, City of Weimar; 9-10-93.

Deed: V.L. Marek Jr., et ux to Curtiss Schonenberg, et ux, Lot No. 2, Block No. 21, City of Weimar; 9-10-93.

Deed: Walter A. Franka, et ux to James R. Spradlin and James E. Rose, 0.75 acre of land, part of Lot No. 13 of the J.H. McCreary and Mrs. B.W. McCarty Subdivision, City of Eagle Lake; 9-13-93.

Deed: Henry E. Tietze Jr. et ux to Kyelan Jay Flournoy, et ux, 1.900 acres out of the James Cummins Survey, Abstract No. 13; 9-10-93.

Deed: John R. Rauch, et ux to Tommy B. Thomas, et ux, 62.79 acres, out of the Peter Piper League, Abstract No. 447; 9-10-93.

Deed: Marilyn J. Cole and Jolynn J. Baughman to Jolynn J. Baughman, Lot No. 161 of Lake Sheridan Estates; 9-10-93.

Deed: Marilyn J. Cole, et vir to Randy S. Cole, Lot No. 31 of Lake Sheridan Estates; 9-10-93.

Deed: Marilyn J. Cole, et vir to Marilyn G. Lyles, Lot No. 32 of Lake Sheridan Estates; 9-10-93.

OIL & GAS LEASES

George R. Burke Jr. and Marian S. Burke to Cactus Energy Corp., 73.83 acres

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Auctioneer ready to sell his wife's dinner

Joe Herbert and Candy McCreary stand in front of The Veranda Bed & Breakfast. Candy McCreary has donated a party buffet for 30 at The Veranda along with two rooms for overnight guests, if desired, to be auctioned off at the Study Club's annual fund raising auction Saturday, Oct. 23. Joe Herbert has once again donated his time and talent as auctioneer for the evening.

Dr. R.H. Potter, DVM, and his receptionist, Francis Krebs, check out a client at his veterinary clinic in Columbus. Dr. Potter has donated a series of shots and worming for auctioning at the Study Club's annual event this Saturday, Oct. 23.

Headlight Photo by Barbara Pidgeon

David Wintermann looks over the antique, copper sugar kettle that he and Eula Wintermann have donated to Saturday's Study Club Auction. It is only one of the many outstanding items to be auctioned to raise funds for the Wintermann Library.

Connie Lange designed this classy, three-quarter length jacket of teal denim with buff leather lapels and yoke, donated by Connie and Willard Lange of Eagle Trailer Parts. The coat is just one of the many beautiful items to be auctioned Saturday, Oct. 23, by the Study Club in their annual fundraiser.

This classy blue jean jacket, modeled by Librarian Wanda Center, features over 700 pearls handsewn onto the lace appliques. The jacket was made and donated by Penny Henske for the Study Club Auction. Cherry Corman of Classy Creations made and donated the grapevine Christmas wreath decorated with elegant red, green and gold.

Melvin Stancik shows Carolyn Baird the tall, oak framed, chevel mirror donated by The Furniture Shoppe to the Sudy Club Auction. The fund raising event will begin with a silent auction and bake sale at 5 p.m. and the main auction at 7 p.m.

14th Annual Eagle Lake Study Club

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Silent Auction & Stew Supper Begin at 5 p.m.

Main Auction Begins at 7 p.m.

Eagle Lake Community Center

Proceeds to benefit the Eula & David Wintermann Library

Main Auction Items…

1. **Dog or Cat Grooming** donated by Lynn Ellis.
2. **Onion and Garlic Jar Set** donated by A Touch of Texas, Connie & Wendy Herman.
3. **Four 1994 Houston Astros Tickets** donated by Mary Lou & Arthur Anderson and Becky & Mark Anderson.
4. **One Hour Limousine Service** donated by Austin's Limousine Service, Duane Austin.
5. **Aztec Design Tuxedo Shirt** made by Connie Lange donated by Zi Pi Psi Sorority.
6. **Baby Quilt and Pillow** donated by Rosanne & Bill Harrison.
7. **Turkey** (Frozen or BBQ) donated by A.R.A. Grocery, Mike Mithani.
8. **Fishing Trip to Port O'Connor** for four donated by Clifton Tyler.
9. **"Robins" from Gorham Gallery of Birds Collection** donated by Gifts of Distinction, Liz Waddell.
10. **Cocktails and Gourmet Dinner with wine for eight** donated by Dr. & Mrs. Raymond Thomas and Dr. & Mrs. Russell Thomas.
11. **Series of shots plus worming for dog** donated by Potter's Veterinary Clinic, Columbus.
12. **Knitted Afghan,** off-white Aaron Isle pattern, donated by Catherine Clipson.
13. **Oil Painting** donated by Dannels Designs, Marilyn Dannels.
14. **Mexican Food for 8 to 10** donated by Pearl Meitzen.
15. **$75.00 Certificate** for Thanksgiving dinner groceries donated by Wilcox Minimax.

Door Prize: 1/4 Sheet Cake, flower decorated, donated by Wilcox Minimax.

16. **Decorated Blue Jean Jacket** donated by Penny Henske.
17. **Basket of Metal, Moss, with Fruit** donated by Creative Expressions, Michele Isenhower.
18. **Complete Car Tune-up or Coolant Check** donated by John & Lisa Delgado.
19. **Bridge Luncheon for 20** donated by The Thursday Bridge Club.
20. **Magnolia Grapevine Wreath** made by Penny Henske donated by Alpha Delta Phi Sorority.
21. **Pair of English Coalport Ducks** donated by Ann & Gardner Duncan.
22. **Mammogram** donated by Eagle Lake Community Hospital.
23. **One-Half Page Ad** donated by Eagle Lake Headlight.
24. **Four Front Row Tickets for the 1994 Houston Stock Show & Rodeo** donated by Judi & Jack Johnson.
25. **Crazy Quilt with Appliqued Ducks** donated by Fair & Snip Wells.
26. **Boneless Buffet Ham** donated by Austin's Barbecue & Catering, Denise & Ron Janow.
27. **Dinner with Wine for 10** in the Pink Parlour donated by The Farris 1912, Helyn & Bill Farris (must be used during 1993-94 goose season).

Door Prize: "Housework Makes You Ugly" donated by Classy Creations, Cherry Corman

Door Prize: $10.00 Gift Certificate donated by Wal Mart.

28. **Pastel Throw & Pillow** donated by Virginia & Joe Reed.
29. **Grapevine Angel** donated by Maryan Gertson.
30. **Examination, X-Rays, Teeth Cleaning** donated by John Myres, D.D.S.
31. **Tatted Baby Bonnet & Bootees** donated by Helen Craig.
32. **$75.00 Certificate** for Christmas dinner groceries donated by Wilcox Minimax.
33. **Four 1994 Houston Astros Tickets** donated by Becky & Mark Anderson and Mary Lou & Arthur Anderson.
34. **Morning Duck & Goose Hunt** for four (does not include food, lodging or picking) donated by Jimmy Reel Hunting Club, Bill Appelt.

Door Prize: 1/4 Sheet Cake, flower decorated, donated by Wilcox Minimax.

35. **Divinity in a Crystal Pedestal Dish** donated by Virginia & Joe Reed.
36. **Rod & Reel** donated by Elaine & Orson Hess.
37. **One Pound Texas-Oklahoma Wildflower Seed** donated by Wildseed Farms, Inc., Marilyn & John Thomas.
38. **One Pallet #2 Pavers** donated by Eagle Concrete Products, Inc.
39. **4-1/2 Foot Standing Mirror** donated by The Furniture Shoppe, Joyce & Melvin Stancik.
40. **Party Buffet for 30** (including two rooms for overnight guests) donated by The Veranda, Candy McCreary.
41. **Leather-trimmed 3/4 Length Ladies Jacket** (medium) donated by Eagle Trailer Parts, Connie & Willard Lange.
42. **Antique Copper Sugar Kettle** donated by Eula & David Wintermann.
43. **Fall Holiday Wall Hanging** donated by This Old House, Judy & Harvey Cooper.
44. **Handmade Quilt,** Bear's Paw Pattern, donated by Janette & Pete Canaris.
45. **Tapestry Lady's Jacket** donated by Brenda & Wayne Corman.

Silent Auction Items…

1. **Thanksgiving Apron** donated by Betty Wilcox.
2. **Gown & Robe Set** donated by Ann Duncan.
3. **Gown & Robe Set** donated by Ann Duncan.
4. **Black Sweatshirt with Sun Flowers** donated by Peggy Byrn.
5. **Baby Quilt** donated by Eagle Lake Sewing Center, Dorothy Kohleffel.
6. **$20.00 Dry Cleaning** donated by Royal Cleaners.
7. **3 Gallons Blue Bell Ice Cream** donated by Eagle Lake Dairy Delite, T.J. & Loraine Smith.
8. **Toaster** donated by Western Auto.
9. **Large Number Telephone** donated by Struss Auto Supply.
10. **Crystal Candy Dish on Pedestal** donated by Prairie Edge Thrift Shop.
11. **Crystal Basket Vase** donated by Ann Duncan.
12. **"Back Door Guests Are Best" Plaque** donated by Fair Wells.
13. **Christmas Wreath** donated by Classy Creations, Cherry Corman.
14. **Stuffed Clown** donated by Laura Matthys.
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17. **Commemorative Coin Set** donated by Dr. & Mrs. Ray Thomas.
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19. **Christmas Candle** donated by Betty & Bob Wilcox.
20. **$25.00 Nifty Gifty Certificate** donated by H.E.B. Pantry Foods, Columbus.
21. **Crystal Rose Bowl on Pedestal** donated by Evelyn Thomas.
22. **Thanksgiving T-Shirt** donated by Connie Lange.
23. **$10.00 Gift Certificate** donated by Wal Mart.
24. **2 Meal Coupons** donated by Dairy Queen.
25. **2 Meal Coupons** donated by Dairy Queen.
26. **2 Meal Coupons** donated by Dairy Queen.
27. **2 Meal Coupons** donated by Dairy Queen.
28. **Dog or Cat Grooming** donated by Lynn Ellis.
29. **Book on Tape** donated by Mary & Rollin Baker.
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33. **Book on Tape** donated by Mary & Rollin Baker.
34. **"Lady Mate" Tools for Ladies** donated by Sandy & Sam Thomson.
35. **Series of Shots for Dog** donated by Marek Veterinary Clinic, Sealy.
36. **Blue Jean Apron** donated by Peggy Byrn.
37. **$15.00 Certificate for Videos** donated by Videos-2-Go.
38. **Microwave Bacon Cooker** donated by A Touch of Texas, Connie & Wendy Herman.
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42. **Dinner for Four** donated by Schobel's Restaurant, Columbus.
43. **Party Trap for 15-18** (Meats & Cheese) donated by Brookshire Brothers Grocery, Columbus.
44. **Flat of Flowers** donated by Joan Matthews.
45. **California Redwood Burl Clock** donated by Gene Cremeens.
46. **Packet of Cross Stitch Patterns** donated by Ann Duncan.
47. **Bird House** donated by Nellie Frnka.