

RAIDER REVIEW

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Meet the Raider

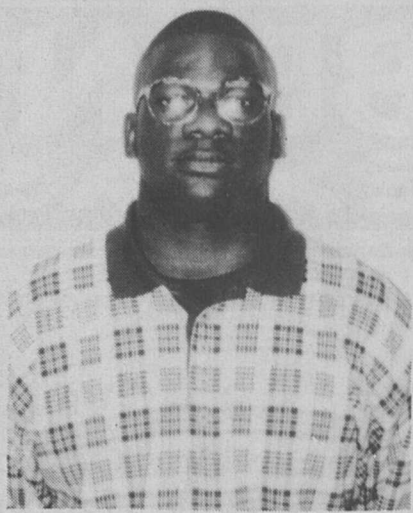
By Christie Cranek

This week, the spotlight shines on Kendrick Pipkins wearing jersey #4 and playing post.

When Kendrick was asked about the season and district he replied, "It's going great, hopefully we can win our last game and get into the playoffs. We didn't start off the way we wanted, but lately we have picked up the intensity and are on a three game winning streak."

When asked about the coaches, he answered, "Our coach is great, he's funny and knows about the game. He keeps us loose and ready to play." For his comments on the team he replied, "We have great chemistry. We are kind of like the Bulls, we have a Jordan, Pippen and Rodman and great role players on the team."

Kendrick also added, "We hope people will continue to support us and



Kendrick Pipkins

hopefully we can get into the playoffs for them."

Kendrick is the son of Georgia Hemphill.

He is also involved in football and baseball.

On the weekends, he likes to chill with his friends, party, lift weights and watch sports.

Meet the Lady Raider

By Stephanie Thompson

This week's spotlight shines on Joy Hengst. Joy participates in Varsity Powerlifting and has lifted a total of 650 pounds.

When asked about her thoughts on the team this year, she said, "We have a really strong and talented team. Five of the nine girls have already qualified for state, and a lot of the boys are in the top ten for regionals in their weight class. We are very supportive of each other."

She also commented on the coach,

"Coach McNeal gave us a new program that takes effort and hard work, but it has benefited most of us. Also, Coach McNeal and Coach Jackson are both very encouraging and helpful."

Joy is also a twirler in the band and, in her spare time, she enjoys sleeping, hanging out and spending time with her boyfriend.

She is the daughter of her proud mom, Pam Hengst of Eagle Lake.



Neal Mahalitic

Meet the Raider

By Kelli Matthys

Neal Mahalitic is in the Rice Varsity baseball spotlight this week.

Playing left field, Neal feels the team is doing really well this season.

He says that the team is made up of many returning players and, if they put everything together, they will be great. Neal is looking forward to a great season.

Neal participates in FFA and, on the weekends, he likes to go to parties and dances.

Neal is the son of Donnie and Annie Mae Mahalitic of Garwood.

Who's Zat?

By Christie Cranek

Let's see if you can guess who this big brown-eyed cutie is.

The only clue given is that she is a junior.

After studying for a while, Kyle Korenek, Brandon Shanks and Jeremy Weishuhn thought it was Kelli Matthys.

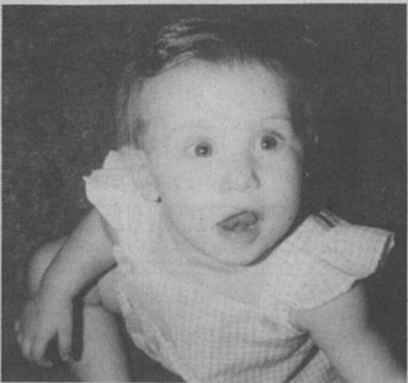
Barrett Thomas figured it had to be Vanessa Rodgers.

Cody Thompson and Amy Obenhaus took a guess at Risa Waddell.

Mr. Streit had no clue whatsoever. However, Matt Gertson took one quick glance and knew right away it had to be none other than Frances Mrkwa.

Frances is the daughter of August and Patsy Mrkwa of Eagle Lake.

Frances is active in FFA, President of the Junior Fair Board for Colorado County, a member of the Colorado County 4-H Council and is helping build a project that will be judged at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in Houston.



Freshmen holding drawing

By Risa Waddell

The Freshman class of 1997 is getting an early start preparing for their junior-senior prom. The class has chosen to hold a drawing to make the needed money to finance the prom.

Drawings have been very successful money-making projects in the past. Hopefully this will be a success too.

The two items being drawn for are a CD-cassette player and a large, stuffed Easter bunny. Tickets will sell for \$1 each or a book of six for \$5.

The drawing will be held on March 27, the day before school lets out for Easter break.

The freshman class officers are D.J. Sosa, Dale Hentzell, Amanda Engstrom and Nicole Krenk.

With the dedication of these officers and the hard work of the remainder of the class, this money-raising project should be a success.

You may contact any freshman for tickets.

Who's Zat?

By Kelli Matthys

Just look at those bright blue eyes and that cute smile. This little girl puzzled quite a few people.

The only clue given was that she is currently a freshman.

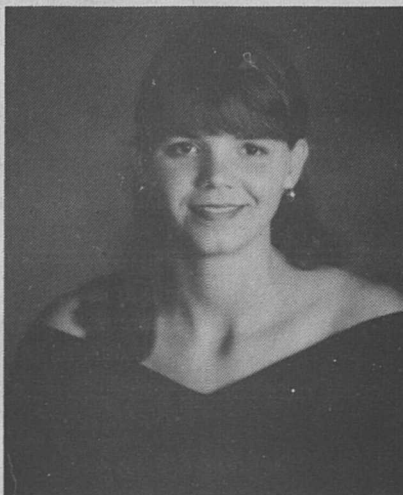
Bridget Baird and Clint Leopold incorrectly guessed Nicole Krenk.

J.P. though it was Holly Waligura and Klay Korenek just knew it was Chanda Coxwell.

Jennifer Krenk guessed Stephanie Braden while Hank Cranek had no clue.

However, Stephanie Labay, Clint Korenek, Tiffany Wilkerson, Shara Glaiser and Brent Schneider all knew that cute little face belonged to Heather Henske.

Heather is active in volleyball and softball. She participates in junior varsity cheerleading and plays saxophone in the band.



Bridget Baird

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By Carrie Engstrom

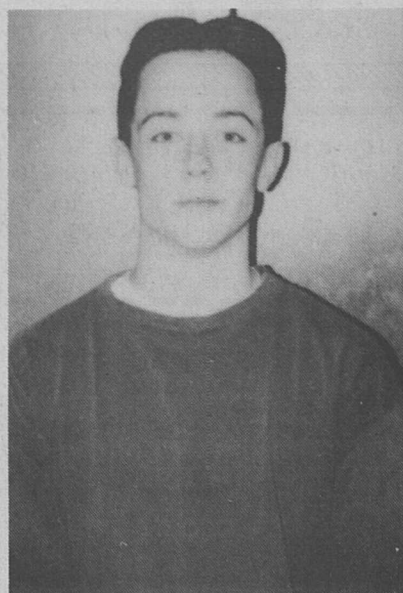
The light shines bright on Lance Grigar this week. Wearing jersey #3, he plays center field for the Rice Baseball team.

Lance feels that if the pitching improves, they could do well because they already hit and play defense well. He thinks the coaches really push them to be their best and want to see them do well.

Lance commented that everyone enjoys playing and really wants to win.

Lance is the son of Mike and Melody Grigar of Eagle Lake.

He is a member of the football, basketball and powerlifting team. He is also a member of student council, FCA and is the Senior class reporter. Lance enjoys shooting pool, sleeping and going out with friends.



Lance Grigar

She is the daughter of Mike Henske of Eagle Lake and Penny Henske of San Antonio.



"Wise living consists perhaps less in acquiring good habits than in acquiring as few habits as possible."

— Eric Hoffer

"Nothing reveals a man's character better than the kind of joke at which he takes offense."

— G.C. Lichtenberg

Special Olympics score big in basketball

By Jenny Hajovsky

On Saturday, Feb. 15, the Rice High School Special Olympics team competed in a basketball tournament held at Southwest Texas State University.

Eric Guthrie and Erica Ellenbogen were the athletes representing Rice.

Both athletes did an excellent job and received first places and gold medals in their divisions.

The next event that the Special Olympics will be competing in will be Track and Field on April 18 and 19.



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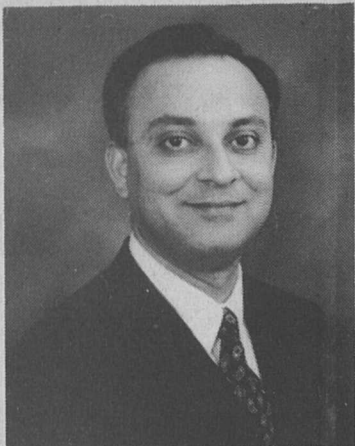
Did You Know...

When New Year's Day was changed to Jan. 1, some people still celebrated it on April 1. These people came to be known as "April Fools".



Shown with the prizes for the drawing are freshman class officers, from left, D.J. Sosa, Dale Hentzell, Amanda Engstrom and Nicole Krenk.

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