

RAIDER REVIEW

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Juniors get class rings

By Jenny Hajovsky

On Tuesday, March 4, many juniors were very excited when the representative from Balfour came to our campus with the juniors' rings.

Getting a ring is a milestone in the high school years, and upon receiving a ring, a student feels like they have finally accomplished something.

When asked what her ring meant to her, Stephanie Thompson said, "It symbolizes a major step in your life and growing up."

Vanessa Rodgers said, "It makes me feel like I've finally gotten somewhere; I have this ring to show for three years of hard work."

Kelli Matthys said, "I feel like I really achieved something and gradu-

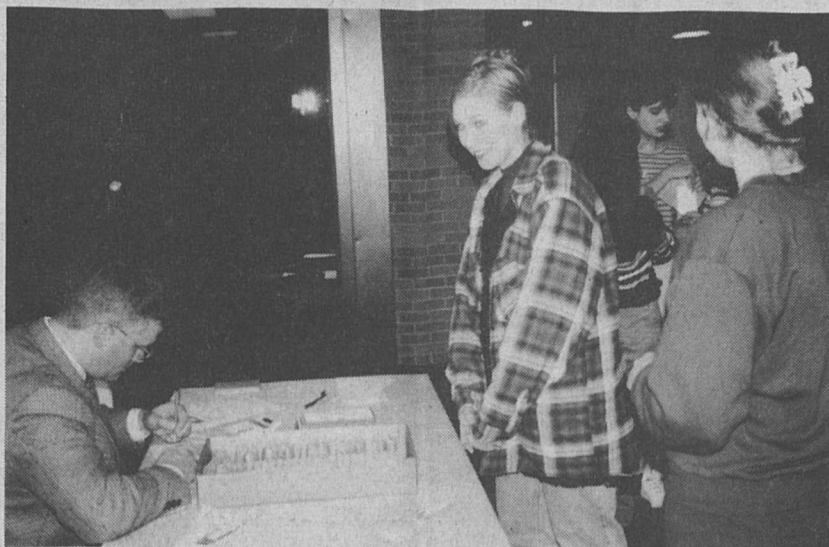
ation is not too far away."

One of the things that juniors at Rice have had to do is find 98 people, the same number as their year of graduation, to turn their ring around one time toward the pinky and sign a card.

When 97 people have signed the card, the student gets one special person to turn their ring the other way and "lock" it.

Most students ask their boyfriend/girlfriend, best friend or relative to lock their rings.

Now, if you look at Rice High School juniors, you see beautiful rings on their fingers and smiles on their faces.



Rice High School junior Erica Wilkerson and some of her classmates pick up their rings from Balfour representative, Tommy Smith.

Junior Class holds drawing

By Stephanie Thompson

Recently, the Junior Class held a drawing to help finance the Junior/Senior Prom.

The class did a superb job of selling tickets and donating prizes.

Nina Salazar won a portable CD-player with a car kit donated by the Junior Class. A lava lamp was donated by Jeremy Gohlke and J.P.; Jenny Hajovsky was the lucky name drawn

for that prize.

Stephanie Thompson donated an answering machine which was won by Rita Kaye Cotton. Ginny Young won a cordless telephone donated by Kelli Matthys and Jenny Hajovsky.

A \$25 certificate to Wal-Mart was donated by Fulton Dromgoole; Nikki Teague won that prize.

Rubin Noska won a toaster do-

nated by Clint Gertson. Eddie Kova-
sovic won a clock radio donated by
Risa Waddell and Christie Cranek.

A Walkman, donated by Brooke Cranek, was won by Henry Sunderman. Frances Mrkwa donated a \$20 certificate to Johnny's Sport Shop, won by Jan Hosman.

Chazara Scott won a dinner for two at Casa Hernandez donated by Delana Smith and Laniece Labay.

Amy Guerra was the lucky winner of the \$25 to Blockbuster Music donated by Vanessa Rodgers.

Jose Garza and Pet Rangel donated a hair dryer Nicole Owers won. East Main Service Station donated \$20 gas at Eagle Lake Conoco. The winner of that was Brenda Moreida.

Janie Sosa won a \$20 certificate to Showplace III which was donated by Stephanie Labay. A picture frame w/ clock, donated by Jonathan Burrow, was won by Cliff Labay.

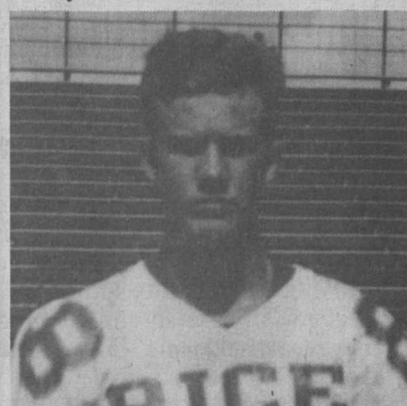
If you have not claimed the prizes yet, they are located in Mrs. Wied's room. You can contact her at the school during the day.

The profits from the drawing have already been used to purchase prom supplies.

Meet the Raider

By Christie Cranek

This week the spotlight shines on Tim Powers. Tim wears jersey #8 and plays first base and pitcher for the varsity baseball team.



When asked how the season's going so far, he replied, "Pretty rough, between the rainy weather and a muddy field, practice outside has been nearly impossible."

While questioned about the team and coaching he answered, "We're hitting the ball, but we lack a dominating pitcher to carry us. The coaches are doing a good job; they keep practice interesting." Also, the team hopes to have a fun and successful season.

Tim is the son of Clark and Vicki Powers. He is also involved in varsity football, golf, FCA and NHS.

Meet the Lady Raider

By Carrie Engstrom

The light shines bright on Andrea Machac this week. Wearing jersey #12, she plays first base for the new Lady Raider softball team.

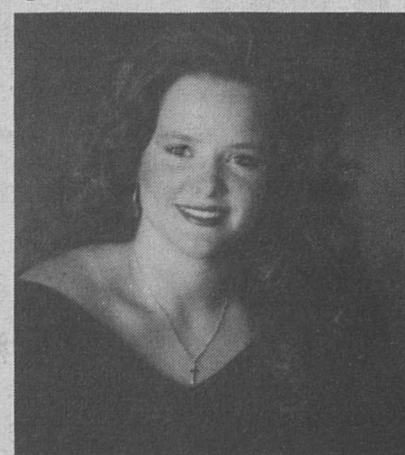
Andrea feels the team definitely has room for improvement. She said, "Being our first year we are just beginning to learn more about the game and as the season progresses, I feel we will improve!"

Andrea feels the coaches are very easy going and she enjoys playing for them. She said, "They have a positive attitude and keep the team going. Most of all they are encouraging."

Andrea has always enjoyed baseball and has wanted to play softball since beginning high school.

She said, "I am a senior and we finally have a softball team. I am very excited and want to make it a great season."

Andrea is the daughter of Bennie and Beverly Machac of Sheridan.



She plays volleyball, basketball and tennis and is an active member of FCA and Student Council.

She enjoys spending time with her family and friends—just relaxing and having a good time.

Good luck, Andrea, and the rest of the softball team.

Looney Tune mural dedicated

By Risa Waddell

The photo below shows a small portion of a new masterpiece done at Rice High School (RHS).

This artwork is located on the walls of the "new and improved" snack room in the gym.

The walls used to be dull bricks, but the room now has a new look and shows much more school spirit towards the athletic department.

With the hard work and dedication

of our RHS art students and under the direction of art teacher, Ginny Young, the room looks great.

A ribbon cutting was held for spectators such as booster club members and teachers involved with the project.

Pictured in front of the artwork with some of the students are Mrs. Melody Grigar, Ms. Young and RHS Superintendent Dr. Richard Gott.

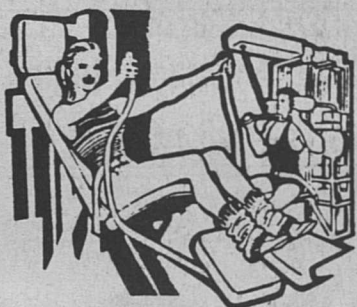


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Rice High UIL fairs well

Congratulations to the Rice High School UIL Academic Team for a job well done at the District 22-3A com-

petition held at Blinn College in Brenham on Friday, March 21.

Students who attended were:



Representing Rice in U.I.L. competition were, in front, from left, Marcie Till, 2nd team and 4th individual mathematics; Risa Waddell, 5th editorial writing; Angela Leopold, 5th poetry interpretation; and Valerie Galvan, 4th prose interpretation. In back are, Doug Volkmer, 2nd team mathematics; Jonathan Burrow, 2nd team mathematics; Chrissy Leopold, 5th feature writing; Sara Mann, 2nd extemporaneous persuasive speaking and 1st in prose interpretation; and Nerissa Brisco, 1st headline writing and editorial writing. Not pictured was Robyn Rucka, who placed 2nd in team mathematics and 2nd in individual mathematics.

Thursday, journalism events, news writing: Jennifer Hajovsky, Carrie Engstrom, Stephanie Braden; feature writing: Jenny Hajovsky, Stephanie Thompson, Chrissy Leopold; editorial writing: J.P. Pope, Risa Waddell, Nerissa Brisco; headline writing: Christie Cranek, J.P. Pope, Nerissa Brisco.

Leopold finished fifth in feature writing; Waddell finished fifth in editorial; Brisco advanced to Regionals by finishing first in both headline and editorial writing.

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Who's Zat?

By Kelli Matthys

Just look at those bright blue eyes and that huge smile.

Who could this gorgeous little one be? The only clue given is that she is currently a sophomore.



Chad Fucik, Clint Gertson and Nicole Owers fell out of the baby bed when they incorrectly guessed Dyana Rees.

Tiffany Wilkerson wet her diaper when she thought it was Angie Leopold.

Marcie Till cried for hours when she said Jennifer Christ.

Lauren Sublett went to bed with no dinner when she had no clue.

However, Brent Schneider, Kris Gertson, Joy Hengst, Stephanie Thompson and Clint Leopold all got to play games and eat cookies when they knew it had to be Caleche Cranek.

Caleche is active in powerlifting, tennis, varsity cheerleading, Student Council and is president of the sophomore class.

On the weekends she likes to hang out with her friends.

Caleche is the daughter of Charlotte Cranek and Louis Cranek III, both of Garwood.

If you want her to have a shot at reaching the stars, she needs to get her baby shots now.

Every child deserves the best opportunities life has to offer. Especially yours.

The odds of her becoming an astronaut and reaching the stars are out of this world.

But the chances are more than 1 in 4 that your baby isn't protected against childhood diseases like polio, measles, chicken

pox, tetanus and others.

So, even if you're sure your child is up to date and on schedule with her baby shots, ask your doctor at every visit. It couldn't hurt.

In fact, it could give her the chance to grow up to be whatever she wants to be.

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