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To THE EDITOR & YOU

Congratulations to three-year grads

The Senior (graduating) Class of 1997 was a unique graduating class. They were a first for Rice High School (RHS) because included in this group of seniors are a few who worked hard to graduate in three years rather than four.

These students were Jessica Briscoe, Kristy Kincheloe, Nenci Rodriguez, Doug Volkmer and Amanda Weishuhn.

If RHS were to rank three year graduates, two of the above would have been in the top 10 positions, of

which one would have been ranked second. These students were never truly recognized for their achievements.

As the valedictorian mentioned, "The seniors were the students who were busy being seniors, trying to get out of work."

Thanks for your help

On behalf of the Employee Volunteers for Hospital Improvement, I would like to thank everyone who purchased a ticket for the Brown Bag Hamburger Lunch Friday, May 30.

I would like to extend a special thank you to Howard Wilkerson, Michael Duarte, Dr. Raymond Thomas and Walker Produce for their kind donations.

Due to the continued support of citizens like yourselves, the volunteers have been able to help renovate

"Truth is wherever you decide to face it." — John Berry

"The world will never starve for wonders; but only for want of wonder."

— Gilbert Keith Chesterton

The three year graduates were those who worked twice as hard to accomplish their personal goals.

Congratulations to these students for their rare achievement at RHS, and much success to all the graduates of 1997!

Margaret Briscoe

the hospital and donate monies to purchase needed supplies.

The Employee Volunteers have purchased wheelchairs and beds and have helped renovate the Obstetrical Wing, including the new Birthing Room, as well as the front lobby.

Just recently, the organization donated monies to recarpet the business office. The carpet replaced was over 20 years old and was not only an eye sore, but a hazard as well.

Please come by and see what changes are being made at Rice Medical Center.

Thanks to everyone who helped make The Brown Bag Lunch a success once again.

Beverly Wunderlich
President, Employee Volunteers
for Hospital Improvement

Lt. Gov. Bullock 'retiring'

Three days after the 75th Texas Legislature ended its 140-day session on June 2, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock called a press conference to announce that he will not seek a third term.

The 67-year-old Bullock, who was elected lieutenant governor in 1990, said it was time to "set aside public life and focus more on my family and friends."

"On and off for 40 years, I've had the honor to walk the halls of this magnificent building in partnership with the people of Texas."

"I've done so while serving as a House member from my hometown of Hillsboro, as an assistant attorney general, a governor's aide, as secretary of state and as comptroller of public accounts."

Bullock said he wanted no going-away parties, no banquets, no awards, no plaques, or speeches on his behalf.

"In Jan. of 1999, I will leave this office. I do so with a heart full of memories that will last the rest of my life," Bullock told the standing-room-only crowd.

Race for Governor Begins

Meanwhile, electioneering for the 1998 gubernatorial race began even before Bullock's surprise announcement.

One day after lawmakers departed Austin, Democrats questioned the effectiveness of Gov. George W. Bush, who made property tax reform his top goal for the Legislature.

"Texans would prefer a governor who's effective," said Democratic Party Chairman Bill White. "He started too late on tax reform and failed to deliver the votes."

Despite the Legislature's failure to substantially reduce the school tax burden on homeowners, Bush indicated he is not ready to quit the governor's mansion. "We've delivered the largest tax cut in the state's history... you ought to assume I'm going to run (for re-election)," he told reporters.

If voters approve a constitutional amendment on the Aug. 9 ballot, the average homeowner can expect a \$140 break by increasing the homestead exemption from \$5,000 to \$15,000.

Sharp, Mauro Eyeing Race

Comptroller John Sharp, who may have gubernatorial aspirations, said Bush's proposed business-activity tax would have taxed the income of him-

State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
and Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

ited partnerships and was nothing more than a personal income tax.

"If any Democrat had proposed this to the Legislature, they would have been run out of town inside 12 hours," Sharp said, adding that lawmakers did Bush a favor when they failed to agree on a tax reform plan.

Countering, Gov. Bush's spokeswoman, Karen Hughes, said Sharp had advocated a similar tax six years

ago. And, she defended Bush's pre-session pledge not to raise taxes. She said it was "absolutely absurd" to portray the partnership tax as an income tax.

Meanwhile Land Commissioner Garry Mauro has hired a pollster and plans to travel the state, asking Texans "what they want in their next governor."

GOP Chairman Tom Paulken said Mauro is too liberal and Sharp doesn't have "any substantive issues," on which to challenge Bush.

Water Bill Is Approved

Both the Senate and House approved a massive water bill (Senate Bill 1), which requires a statewide (See Highlights, Page 8)

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Aug. 10, 1972

Six students from Eagle Lake have completed a one week twirling and drum major camp at Texas Lutheran College in Seguin. They are Deanne Van Nort, Marilyn Luedecke, Vicky Henneke, Kathleen Hamilton, Tracy Marie Gertson and Becky Gertson...

Nancy Seaholm, bookkeeper for Universal Motor Co., Eagle Lake, has completed a four-day Dealership Accounting Methods and Procedures Course conducted by Ford's Dallas Marketing Institute...

Mr. & Mrs. J.B. Quinney of Sheridan announced the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Marie, to David Carl Gohlke, son of Mrs. Frank Gosney of Alvin and W.C. Gohlke of Sheridan. The couple plan an Aug. 19 wedding at the First Baptist Church in Sheridan...

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Williams of San Marcos announced the engagement of their daughter, Christina Louise, to Robert Thurman McMillian, son of Mr. & Mrs. A.T. McMillian of Sheridan. The couple plan an Aug. 26 wedding at the First Baptist Church in San Marcos...

Wilfred Luedecke, owner of Eagle Lake Ready-Mix, escaped serious injury when his 1972 Honda motorcycle collided with a 1971 Ford driven by Esperanza Moreida at the intersection of Jones and Main...

Miss Linda Gay Black, daughter

of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Black of Eagle Lake, became the bride of Sigmund Paul Johnson Jr., son of Mrs. Helen Johnson and Sigmund P. Johnson Sr. of Houston, in a double ring ceremony July 29, 1972.

April 22, 1949

W.C. Reed, superintendent of the Eagle Lake School, announced Tuesday that he will retire from the superintendency July 1, 1950...

Beckman's Drug Store is getting ready for that good ole' summertime with the installation of two new freezer units...

W.C. Alley, local manager of the Texas Southeastern Gas Co., attended a three-day course on gas measurement and regulation at the University of Oklahoma April 12th and 13th...

Lightning struck at the Adolph Hollas residence during the electrical storm and downpour. About 18 inches of bark were stripped from a chinaberry tree in the back yard and the bolt of lightning traveled through the wiring and out of the base plug of the bedroom of Cledus Hollas, their son, splintering the floor for a length of about six inches under the plug...

Arnold Mathis Kveton, 66, passed away yesterday, April 21, at 6:00 o'clock in the afternoon at his home here...

The children of G.E. Thomas were hosts of a barbecue supper at the (See 24 & 48, Page 6)

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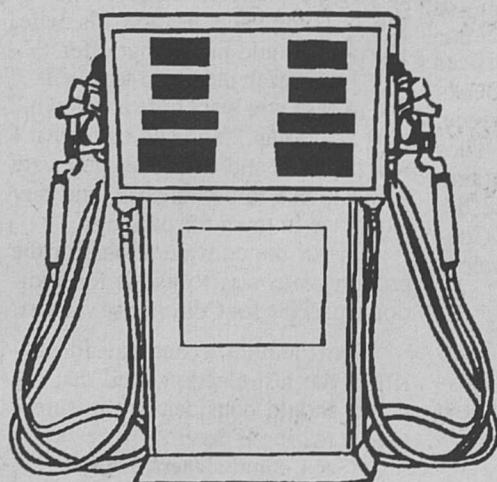
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