

RAIDER REVIEW

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Who's Zat?

By Lisa Valigura

Who could this happy, go lucky little girl be? She sure didn't fool many people with her big smile and cute little pigtails. The only clue given was that she is a senior.

Jonathan (J.P.) Pope could have kicked himself when he mistakenly guessed Robin Shavers.

Namita Verma, Amalie Kucherka and Brooke Crane couldn't believe they were wrong when they guessed Kelli Matthys.

However, Jenny Hajovsky, Amy Obenhaus, Risa Waddell, Jennifer Miller, Robin Shavers and Heather Henske knew that this precious face belonged to Tiffany Wilkerson.

Tiffany is band president, plays the trombone in the Mighty Raider Band and is in the Flag Corps where she serves as first lieutenant. She is also on student council, senior class reporter and FTA historian.

Tiffany's parents are Howard and Gretchen Wilkerson of Eagle Lake.

In her spare time, Tiffany likes to spend time with friends, talk on the phone and relax.



Meet the Raider

By Valerie Galvan

In this week's Raider spotlight is #2, Jay Knight. Jay, the son of Gwen and Jay Knight of Altair, plays tight end and line backer on our varsity football team.

Jay is best known for his positive attitude and hard work. You can find him working hard at practice and encouraging his teammates to do well.

In interviewing Jay, I asked him what he thought about the team and what he hoped for the season.

"I think we have a very good chance! I would like to make it to the

playoffs, but most of all, I would like to have a good season. I hope no one gets injured and I want us all to work together."

When asked about the coaching staff, he replied, "I feel that we have a very good coaching staff. They work hard with us and give us what we need. They are a strong, capable staff and are helping us make improvements."

Jay is also involved in basketball, baseball and powerlifting. He participates in FFA and holds a position on the Texas State 4-H Board.

On weekends, he enjoys lifting weights, playing basketball, going to the mall, watching movies and hanging out with friends.

After graduation, Jay hopes to attend Prairie View College, majoring in engineering.



Jay Knight

change."

When asked about the coaches, Josh said, "Our coaches are very experienced. They all have great attitudes toward the players. They know what we are capable of and they make sure we are having a great time. They have told us we are a winning team and we plan on being one."

He thinks the season is starting off pretty much as planned. He says, "We did real well in our scrimmages and we hope it carries over to the season. Most important of all are the 'play-offs'. That will be a dream come true to all of us."

Josh, the son of Mable and Joseph Godley, likes to hang out with the "True Click" and go to the movies on the weekend.



Josh Godley



Ms. Cummings

Meet the Lady Raider

By Namita Verma

This week, the spotlight shines on jersey #2, worn by senior Adriana Rodriguez.



Adriana, a backcourt player, feels, "Our team is talented and young. We have good spikers, setters and a strong backcourt. If we work as a team and have the confidence, which we do, we could be winners. We have what a team needs to win."

Adriana also thinks that, "This year, we have some new coaches that are really hard workers. They are understanding, and have positive attitudes. They know we have the talent to be successful. That is why they work hard with us to prove how good we are."

Adriana is the daughter of Mario and Ignacia Rodriguez.

On weekends she enjoys going to dances, cruising around town and hanging out with her family and friends.

Meet the Teacher

By Danielle Witte

A smiling new face you might see at Rice is Ms. Cummings.

She was the former Content Mastery teacher at Sheridan Elementary who now teaches Special Ed and Content Mastery at the high school.

Ms. Cummings is a native of Columbus, where she graduated from high school. After graduation, she attended Prairie View A&M where she majored in Theater Arts and History. She has also earned a masters in Special Ed.

Ms. Cummings stated that her reason for leaving Sheridan was, "I

wanted the challenge of getting a successful Content Mastery program going at Rice."

Her goals for the program are to get as many Special Ed students in regular classes as possible, and for those students to succeed in those classes.

When asked what she thought about Rice, she commented, "There's a lot of action here. I'm used to the quiet, easy going environment of Sheridan. It has taken quite a while to get used to all the excitement."

In her spare time, she enjoys shopping, reading and traveling.

Spanish 3 via satellite

By Valerie Galvan

With the help of modern technology, this year there is a new class being offered to students at Rice High School. Any student who is interested in taking Spanish 3 can take this full year course by satellite.

This decision was made by Dr. Gott and Dr. Miles due to the shortage of qualified Spanish teachers. The broadcasting system is called StarNet. Teaching the class is a teacher from San Antonio, Sra. Alliget.

To receive credit for the course, the students are sent work and tests to complete throughout the week. Dr. Miles is also in the process of installing a telephone in the classroom so the students can call in questions.

Mrs. Vavrusa is also helping set up the program and is offering her assistance to any of the Spanish 3 students.

Mrs. Morieda is in charge of giving the students the instructions and

lesson plans for the week. When asked how she felt the class was going, she had many positive things to say. "I think this class will be a success. It is just like any other class. Soon they will be able to interact with the teacher, when the telephone is installed. The company broadcasts clips from other countries which gives the students a first hand view of other cultures."

Some of the students taking the class gave their opinion about the unique course. "It is different," said Susana Silva. "I am uncomfortable about not being able to ask questions. With such little broadcasting, I feel they send too much work."

Fausta Rodriguez agrees. "I feel like it's too much work. I don't know if I like it yet."

When asked her opinion about the class, Violeta Cortes replied, "It's not like having a real teacher. We can't (See Satellite, Page 10)

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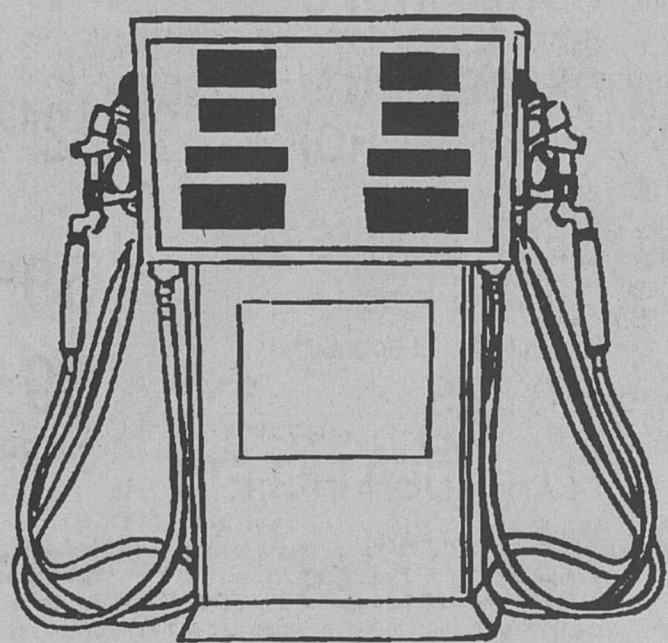
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