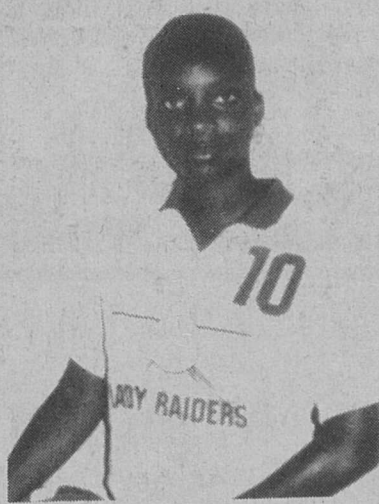


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Meet the Lady Raider

By Lisa Valigura
Wearing jersey #10 for the Lady Raiders volleyball team is senior Chazara Scott. She plays the position of spiker.
Chazara fees that the team is made up of many talents. "If we just put all those talents together, we WILL become an undefeatable team," she added. "I think the coaches are great. Although they make us work hard, they only do it to benefit the team." Chazara replied when asked about the coaches. She thinks that if the team continues to work hard, there is no doubt that they can make a good showing in district.
She is also involved in the Mighty



Raider Band, basketball and track. In her spare time, she likes to hang out with friends.
Her parents are Rev. Truman and Mae Scott of Garwood.

Homecoming '97

By Valerie Galvan

Rice High School (RHS) students were asked to show their school spirit in very unique ways. It is tradition at Rice for students to dress up during the week of Homecoming.
On Tuesday, everybody came back from their extended weekend thinking they were not fully rested because everywhere they looked they saw doubles.
It wasn't too much partying that made the students see doubles because Tuesday was "Twin Tuesday" dress up day.
On Wednesday, RHS students really lived up to the "I just woke up and put something on" syndrome when "Clash Day" came around.
Thursday it was time to show school spirit by sporting the school

colors on "School Spirit Day".
On Friday, it was time to bring back a tradition that students haven't done since grade school.
In the spirit of Halloween, RHS students got the chance to wear their costumes, turning Rice into an array of ghosts and goblins.
Other Homecoming festivities included a pumpkin carving contest. Students were also asked to participate in a car decorating contest.
On Thursday, the real celebration began with the red wagon parade followed by the bonfire on the school grounds.
As always, Homecoming was a very spirited week. Students and faculty got the chance to find creative ways of supporting our team.

Hoppin' bonfire

As the homecoming bonfire blazes in the background, the Rice Flag Corps performs a routine to "Louie, Louie" played by the Mighty Raider Band Thursday night, Oct. 30.
The festivities got off with a bang as fireworks crackled and sky rockets and Roman candles went off as the flames reached them.

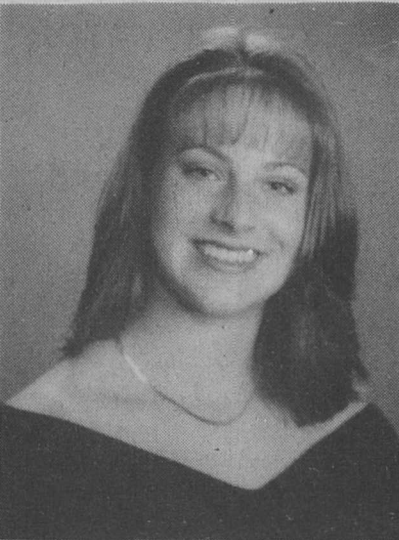


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Waddell chosen as DAR rep

By Valerie Galvan

The Rice High School (RHS) faculty nominated three students for the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Award based on the following characteristics: leadership, dependability and service and patriotism in school, home and community. The students were then asked to vote on the student that they wanted to represent the school.
This year's nominees for the DAR Award were Jenny Hajovsky, Stephanie Thompson and Risa Waddell.
This year's recipient of this prestigious award is Risa Waddell.
When asked how she feels about winning, Risa replied, "I feel very honored to represent RHS. I would like to thank those who nominated and voted for me. I will try my best to represent the students well in the upcoming competitions."
Rice is part of the John Everett Chapter of the DAR organization. Risa will now be competing at area competition. She will be judged on a resume and essay that are worth a total of 100 points and will be competing against other representatives at different levels of the contest.
Good luck, Risa!



Risa Waddell

NHS prepares for new year

By Jenny Hajovsky

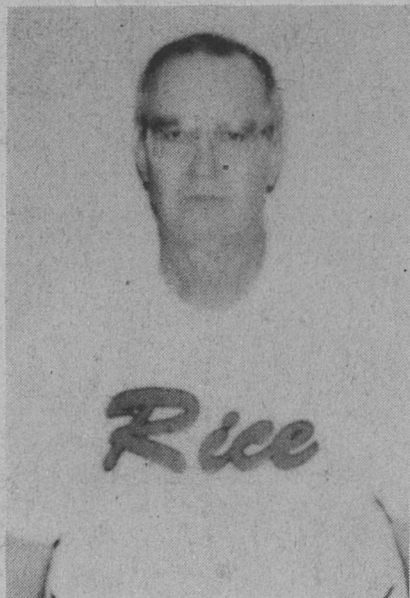
The Rice High School Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) held its first meeting of the year on Oct. 15.
Topics discussed were paying dues, decorating a red wagon for the Bonfire and their service project for the year.
It was decided that the NHS will become involved with the County Child Protection Agency and focus on helping the Rainbow Room.
New members received their NHS letter-jacket patches.
NHS also discussed several possible locales to visit on their annual spring trip.

Meet the Teacher

By Amalie Kucherka

Among the new faces at Rice is that of Coach Doug Roark. He is commonly known as a "Big Grandpa" to many of the students. Coach Roark came to Rice from Cuero.
He is married to Serena, a former cheerleader, and has three sons, Randal, Ryan and Russell who is the Rice Athletic Director.
Coach D. Roark attended Ranger Jr. College, West Texas State and the University of North Texas.

He teaches American History, World History, and World Geography. When asked about Rice, he said, "Rice is a very simple place. The country setting is remarkable."
Coach Roark has been involved in athletics all his life.
He feels athletics has made a huge impact on him and he wants to contribute what he received through athletics to others.
He was also inspired by his grandmother who taught for 46 years.
Coach Roark said he wishes to instill in others positive mental beliefs, such as, "Respect for others... never give up... you are always better than you think... be a TEAM person. There's no "I" in team!"



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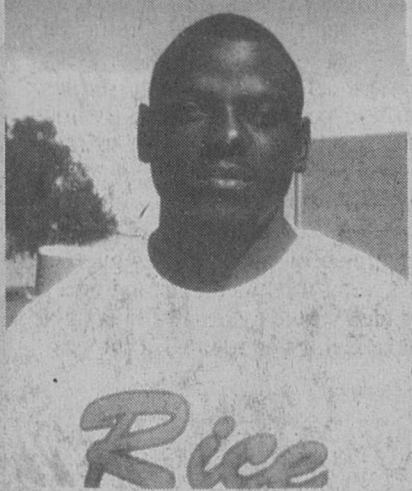
By Namita Verma

This week the spotlight shines on jersey #1 worn by junior Lori Grigar.
When asked about her thoughts on the coaches, Lori replied, "The coaching staff we have this year is very good and they have a real positive attitude."
When asked her thoughts on the season, she stated, "I think we have had an okay year. We are about to begin the second round of district play and I hope we are able to compete to the best of our ability."
Lori is involved in powerlifting, tennis, softball, Student Council, National Honor Society, cheerleading and is the Junior Class Secretary.
After high school, Lori plans to go to college and major in sports medicine and nutrition.
Lori, daughter of Mike and Melody Grigar of Eagle Lake, likes to spend time with her friends or just stay at home and watch movies weekends.

Meet the Teacher

By Jenny Hajovsky

This week, the Raider Review introduces one of the new coaches at Rice, Coach Patrick James Willis.
Coach Willis teaches math of money, Algebra I CD, coaches football and is the head powerlifting and track coach.
Coach Willis attended Monahans High School and Jarvis Christian College in Hawkins, Texas, where he majored in physical education and minored in math.
Before coming to Rice, he taught at Munday and Kerens High Schools and Fairfield Junior High.
When asked about what he thinks about Rice High School, Coach Willis said, "It is an okay place to be. I just wish everybody would pull together and have more school pride. That includes everybody... faculty and students. It is a very divided place, but other than that, we have good kids here."
Coach Willis has a daughter, Lyric Jade Willis, who is 15 months old.
In his spare time, he likes to work out and listen to music.

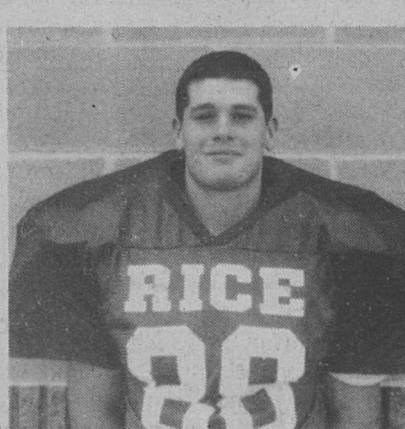


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Meet the Raider

By Lisa Valigura

Shining bright in this week's spotlight is senior Kyle Korenek. He wears jersey #88 and plays defensive tackle.
When asked about his thoughts on the team, Kyle commented, "We have a good team with lot of talent, but we need to play as a team instead of as individuals." Kyle thinks the coaches are great and they really care about the players, but the team has to do its part to be successful.
"We could still have a shot at district if we play like we did at the beginning of the season and give it 100%," Kyle replied.
Besides playing football, Kyle also participates in FFA. In his spare time, he likes to hunt, fish, party and



be with friends.
Kyle's parents are Buddy and Jennifer Korenek of Garwood.

Columbus VFW hosts college day for area students

By Jenny Hajovsky

On Thursday, Oct. 16, several college and university recruiters met with seniors from Rice, Columbus and Weimar high schools.
Some of the institutions represented included the following: Texas A&M, Stephen F. Austin, Southwest Texas, Wharton Junior College and Blinn Junior College.

Each college had a booth and students were encouraged to talk to the representatives.
Topics discussed were financial aid, admission, living quarters, and college life.
Students gained valuable information that will be beneficial to them as they plan what they will do after graduation.



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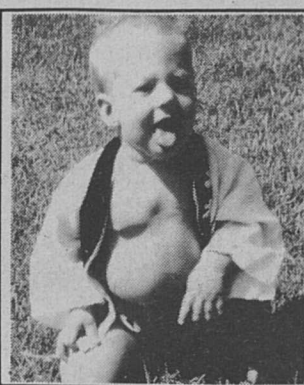
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