

RAIDER REVIEW

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Events planned for Homecoming

By Lisa Valigura

The theme this year for Homecoming is "Homecoming Heroes".

Activities have been planned throughout the week of Oct. 12-16 to celebrate Homecoming '98.

Monday, students were encouraged to wear crazy hats and socks. Tuesday was "Twin Tuesday" and students were asked to dress alike. Wednesday was "Hero Day". Students were asked to dress like the hero they admire. Thursday will be clash day and Friday is "Tight-White" day, when students should wear white. Prizes will be given each day for the best dressed.

On Friday, there will also be a car decorating contest. Prizes will be given for first, second and third place.

The Bonfire and red-wagon parade will be held Wednesday starting at 7:30 p.m. Judging for the red-wagon parade will be at 7:15 p.m. There will be trophies for best use of the theme, best spirit, most original and Principal's award.

The week-long festivities will lead to Friday night when the Raiders take on the Hitchcock Bulldogs at 7:30 p.m. at Raider Stadium.

Good luck guys!

Meet the Lady Raider

By Kim Lott

Playing volleyball takes a lot of dedication, concentration and endurance. One Lady Raider who definitely possesses these three key characteristics is Angela Phillips. She is a junior and plays back court/setter on Rice's varsity volleyball team.

Angela told me that the reason she plays volleyball is because "...I like it. Volleyball is a sport that takes total concentration. Not many people have the concentration to play volleyball well."

Apparently everyone on the team

feels the same way Angela does. "I think our team is great. Everyone on our team tries their best and keeps the team spirited."

The volleyball coaches try their best to make sure the girls on their teams are on the court and ready to play when the whistle sounds. Angela says, "The coaches are the backbone of our team. They encourage us to be spirited and have faith in our abilities."

Angela's future plans definitely include attending college, but she is still not completely sure if she will continue to play volleyball.

On the weekends, when she's not playing volleyball, Angela likes to visit her boyfriend or go to the movies.

Angela is the daughter of Byron and Regina Phillips and is from Eagle Lake.



Angela Phillips

Drama Club hosts party

By Chrissy Leopold

"Pizza Party", exclaimed signs posted around school to help draw in new members for the Rice High School Drama Club.

On Monday, Sept. 14, the Drama Club held its first meeting to recruit new members. Pizza was offered to those members who brought their club dues of \$5. As of this date, the Drama Club has 16 members.

That same day, the Drama Club held its first fund-raiser of the year. There were about seven pizzas left over so pizza slices were sold for 50¢ each. The smell brought hungry athletes and teachers who quickly disposed of the leftovers. This is a great start for the Drama Club.

If any high school student would like to join, you can come to the next meeting with your club dues. As a reminder, all members who have not paid their dues can give their money to Chrissy Leopold or Valerie Galvan.

Meet the Raider

By Lisa Valigura

Wearing jersey #16 is senior, Barrett Thomas, who plays the position of linebacker.

Barrett says he plays football because he likes defense.

Barrett thinks the team is doing well. "We just need to keep practicing hard and lifting weights," he added. His expectation for the team would be to make the playoffs. "The coaching

staff has turned Raider football around. The positive changes are definitely beginning to show," Barrett commented.

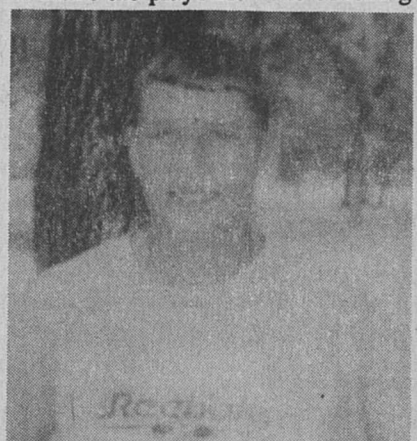
Barrett says the best moments of playing football are right after winning a game. The worst are after the games when the Raiders are defeated by a team they should have beat.

Barrett is a member of the National Honor Society and Student Council and participates in tennis.

In his spare time, he likes to fish and have fun.

His parents are Dr. Russell and Robin Thomas of Eagle Lake.

After graduation, Barrett plans to attend the Naval Academy in Maryland.



Barrett Thomas

Meet the Teacher

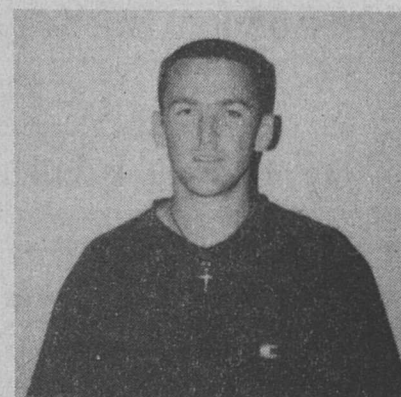
By Cecelia Ruiz

If you were to walk around the Rice High School campus, you are bound to see new faces. Shannon Permenter is one of them.

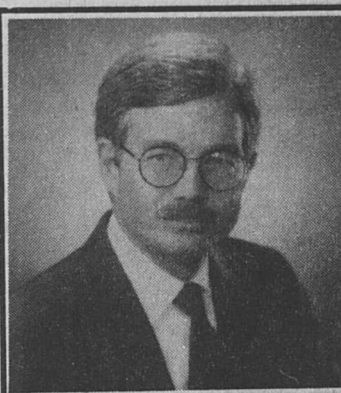
Coach Permenter is a graduate of Joaquin High School and Stephen F. Austin State University and teaches Integrated Physics and Chemistry.

When asked how he plans to improve the school, he said, "Since it wasn't very long ago that I was a student myself, I think I can relate to the kids and bring a more youthful approach to teaching."

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Coach Shannon Permenter



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Show your Raider spirit

By Lisa Valigura

The Booster Club is currently selling T-shirts and baseball caps for \$10 each.

The shirts are white and have "Rice Raiders" written in blue on them. Sizes offered are adult small through extra-large.

Any odd size can be ordered.

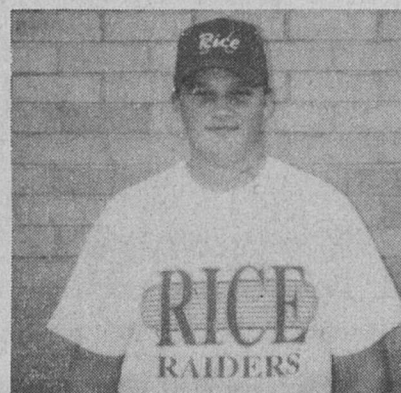
The baseball cap is blue with the new Rice logo (two swords and "Rice") embroidered in silver thread.

The T-shirts and caps may be pur-

chased from Denis Hentzell, Melody Grigar, Lisa Hoffman or any other Booster Club member at any of the football or volleyball games.

Antenna balls with the two swords emblem have been ordered. These have not come in yet, but ask Mr. Hentzell or Mrs. Hoffman if you're interested in purchasing one.

Mrs. Hoffman also worked on the Homecoming Page for *The Headlight*, which is in this week's issue.



THE TWO FACES OF "DOCTOR NO": RON PAUL

Liberal or Conservative? Republican or Libertarian?

No one knows for sure. Ron Paul talks one way in our District and votes another way in Washington. We need a Congressman who is more interested in common-sense legislation than Libertarian mumbo-jumbo. Ron Paul is the former Libertarian candidate for President and certainly has the record to prove it. He even called George Bush a "bum." Paul has taken trips to speak to the California and Florida Libertarian Parties and the John Birch Society. No wonder Ron Paul receives less than 5% of his campaign contributions from the District he claims to represent. Here is just a small sample of his out-of-touch, bizarre votes and positions:

* Paul voted to make police officers' jobs more dangerous by voting against the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Act of 1997.

* Paul has not been fighting for Texas farmers. He voted against the Agriculture Research, Extension and Education Reform Act and crop insurance for our farmers.

* Paul voted against protecting our elderly from telemarketing scams by being the only Congressman to vote against the Telephone Solicitation Act.

* Paul wants to legalize drugs like marijuana and cocaine. Paul was the only member of Congress to vote against the Drug Free Community Act and even said he doesn't support the War on Drugs to protect our children.

* Paul voted against the constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration of the American flag, to cut veterans programs by nearly \$4 billion dollars and refused to declare Saddam Hussein an enemy of the United States.

* Paul endangered our children by refusing to support the Child Protection and Sexual Predator Act that would increase the penalties associated with sex crimes against children.

* Paul voted against a bill that would make it easier to adopt foster children, bills that would provide funding to fight birth defects and cancer research, and a law that would crack down on deadbeat parents.

* As a Libertarian, Paul favors privatizing Social Security and abolishing Medicare and Medicaid.

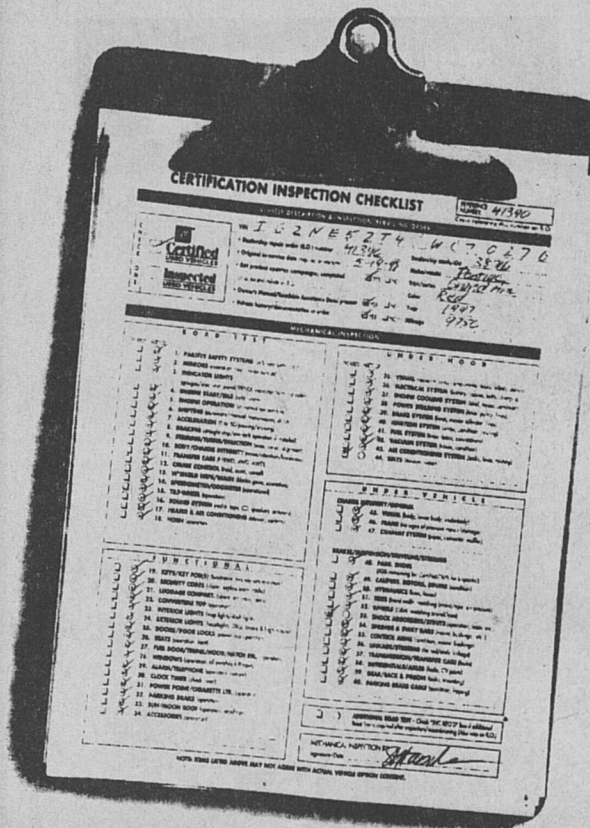
We need a common-sense Congressman with integrity like Loy Sneary, not Ron Paul's hypocritical Libertarian rhetoric.

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