

RAIDER REVIEW

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Meet the Teacher

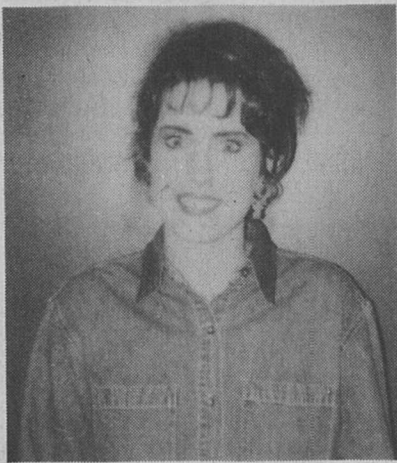
By Kim Lott

One new teacher at Rice High School (RHS) is trying to expand the artistic abilities of the students. She goes by the name of Jodi Jack. She is teaching three Art I classes, one Art II class, one Art III class, and two Basic Skills classes. This is her first year teaching art.

Mrs. Jack is from Lubbock. She says that schools today are the same everywhere. "All students need close supervision to obtain an adequate education and I intend to do that each day at RHS."

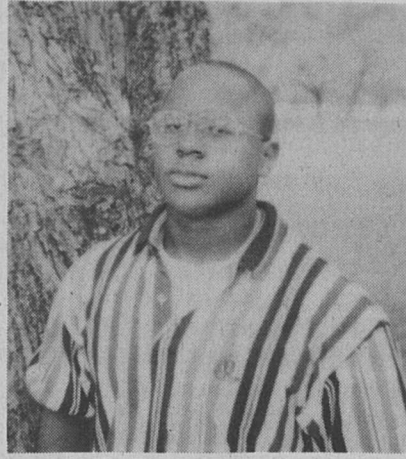
When I asked Mrs. Jack what she plans to do for Rice she said, "I am working the expansion of our students minds educationally and artistically. Our students need to be prepared for the world today and I am trying my best to help them on their way. We actually work as a group because my progress would be zero without the student cooperation."

Mrs. Jack says she enjoys working



for Rice Consolidated High School. "Every day presents a new challenge, but I love my job and I'm ready to take each challenge as a growing and learning experience."

Jodi Jack, a graduate of Texas Tech University in Lubbock, is married to Richard Jack and lives in El Campo.



Meet the Lady Raider

By Angie Leopold

"This volleyball season has been the greatest," states the senior Lady Raider, Amalie Kucherka, as she shines in this week's spotlight. Wearing jersey #9, Amalie plays back court and outside hitter for the varsity team.

"We didn't achieve all our goals this season," says Amalie, referring to her team, "But we definitely proved we were not to be taken for granted." Throughout practices and games, varsity players always showed potential. She comments that the teammates worked with "excellent team chemistry, always pulling together during the tough times." As for the influence of Coach Heard, Amalie adds that, "she was always there to support us."

Her favorite part about volleyball is enjoying a win, specifically after "playing a good game." Although she admits that her position in the back court does not always receive due glory, she still finds her duties "a blast, especially digging up an extremely hard spike." "Without a good back court," added Amalie, "You couldn't have kills."

Through four years of long volleyball seasons, Amalie feels that the majority of her encouragement and support came from her family, particularly from her mom. Amalie was encouraged by her mom to attend volleyball camp at Texas A&M. It is also her mom who is "always in the stands supporting me, even all the way to Hitchcock."

Even though the final season for Amalie has reached a closure, she can never forget her volleyball days as a Lady Raider. Her most rewarding

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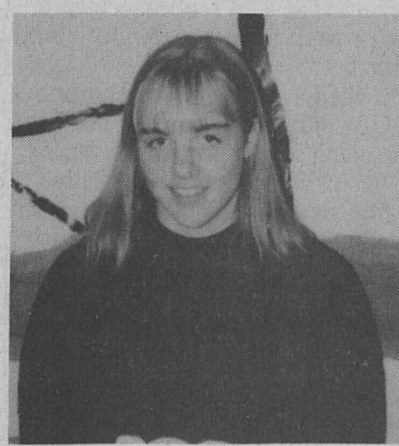
"Good" is how this week's Raider, #22, Jay Knight described the football team this season. Jay plays the position of tailback and defensive end.

The Raiders had a few low points this season. Jay, reflecting back on the year, felt that the worst part of the season would have to be losing to a team that we should have beaten. When asked how the coaches did this season he said, "They were great. They really motivated us to do what had to be done."

After high school, Jay plans to attend Prairie View A&M University. He has not decided if football is in his college future.

Jay is the son of Jay and Gwen Knight of Altair.

In his spare time, Jay likes to be with his girlfriend, friends and family.



Amalie Kucherka

memories include "breaking the single season wins record for Rice, and doing it with such a great group of people."

Amalie is the daughter of Dave and Melinda Kucherka of Eagle Lake. Aside from volleyball, she is involved in softball, band, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Future Teachers of America. She is also 2nd lieutenant in the Flag Corps and reporter for the National Honor Society.

In her spare time, she likes to hang out with her friends and family and watch football or other sports on TV.

She plans to attend Texas A&M University in the fall to major in Biochemistry with hopes of one day helping find a cure for a disease or virus that plagues America.



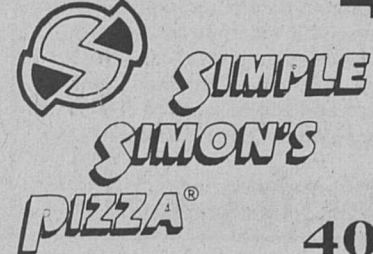
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Hispanic students motivated to further their education

By Olivia Mendoza

On Friday, Oct. 16, the Hispanic Organization of Mentors and Educators (H.O.M.E. Club), had the opportunity to meet with Lorenzo Cano, a professor at the University of Houston (U of H).

Professor Cano discussed the different problems that the Hispanic Community is encountering these days.

Education was the main issue in this meeting.

Cano made the audience aware that the number one problem facing the Hispanic Community today is the lack of an education.

Professor Cano reviewed the different programs available at the University of Houston to help pay for a college education.

"Many of you believe that your parents can not afford to send you to college, but there are many different ways you can receive financial assistance. You may qualify for grants, loans, scholarships, or campus jobs to help you with the cost. The help is out there, you just have to ask for it to receive it," said Professor Cano.

There are more than 4,800 Mexican-American and other Hispanic students currently enrolled at the U of H.

They are found in every field of study including business administration, education, computer science and many others.

Several organizations have been established to provide students the opportunity to interact with other Hispanic students.

Rice High School's junior and senior H.O.M.E. Club members, were invited to attend a college day being scheduled for Nov. 13 at the U of H.

Plans were made by the Rice students to attend this college day.

"I feel that we should accept the invitation since the students behaved so well and they showed a lot of interest at the meeting," said Mrs. Villafuerte.

If the students continue their good behavior, this will not be the only speaker that comes to talk to them.

The H.O.M.E. Club's goal for this year is to motivate as many seniors as possible to attend college.

Meet the Lady Raider

By Kim Lott

This week's spotlighted Lady Raider has a lot of spirit and is very proud of her team. She is senior, Fausta Rodriguez.

Fausta wears jersey #6, and plays all-around on the varsity volleyball team.

Fausta feels that their team is the best. "We gave it 100% all the time. We were dedicated to do our best, but most of all, we had fun."

She feels Coach Heard did a great

job keeping the team together. "She taught us to believe in ourselves. She would always say "I believe in you."

This year's varsity Lady Raider volleyball team set the school volleyball record for most victories.

Fausta says, "I feel very proud to be one of the players to contribute to set a school record."

Fausta feels she made some great accomplishments this season. "I did things that I didn't think I could do. I got digs that really surprised me. I

finally got a kill in the last game. That made me feel good."

Fausta is the daughter of Mario and Ignacia Rodriguez of Nada.

On the weekends, she likes to go dancing, hang out with her friends, but "most of all, take the weeds out of the plants and wash dishes."

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Fausta Rodriguez

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