

RAIDER REVIEW

Volleyball team receives donation

By Valerie Galvan

Dr. Russell Thomas donated a medical bag fully stocked with necessary medical supplies to the Rice High School volleyball team.

The donation, given on Oct. 27, was made through the Booster Club. It

was presented to the team by Denis Hentzell and Dr. Thomas.

The volleyball team, along with Coach Heard, would like to thank those who helped make this donation possible.



Front row, left to right, Patricia Najera, Cori Gertson, Stacy Schneider, Rebal Canaris; back row, Amalie Kucherka, Lori Grigar, Stacy Rodriguez, Amy Moore, Martha Rodriguez, Fausta Rodriguez.

Put on Your Armor

By Kim Lott

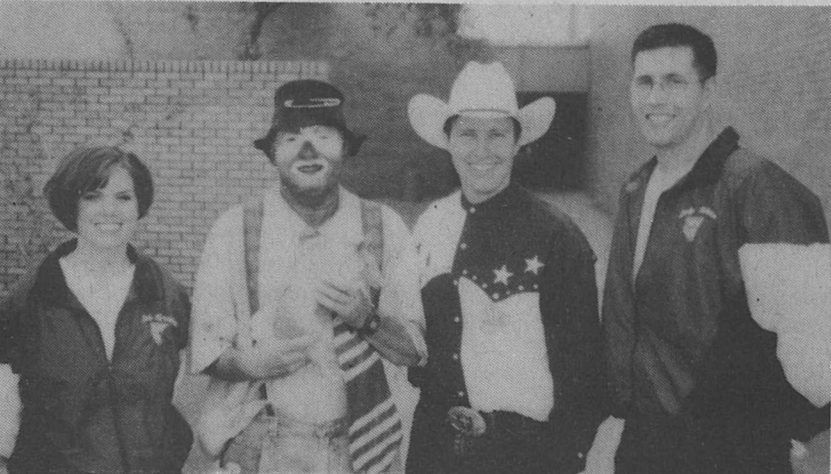
On Wednesday, Nov. 4, Rice High School students got a break from their classes to attend a "Put on Your Armor" program held in the gym.

The guest speakers, Armadillo Jim and August the Clown, also spoke at the elementary and junior high schools in the area. They have been speaking at schools in 29 states for 12 years. Their goal is to teach students that there is more to life than just drugs, alcohol, and violence. They also teach that the number one reason students get into trouble is that they do things too quickly without asking questions and they hang around with

the wrong people.

Armadillo Jim asked for volunteers to race a pair of armadillos. Barrett Thomas, Rebecca Lopez, Temeka Jones, Kevin Hoffman, Coach Politsch and Mrs. Hill were chosen from the audience. At the end of the race, which the boys won, each volunteer was given a gold armadillo pin and was asked to say who they thought loved and cared for them the most. Answers ranged from their parents to God.

Armadillo Jim said that regardless of who that person is, you should try your best to protect yourself and keep yourself free of alcohol and drugs.



Barrett Thomas, Rebecca Lopez, Temeka Jones, Kevin Hoffman, Coach Politsch and Mrs. Hill raced the armadillos at RHS. Volunteers in all the schools were given gold armadillo pins. Shown with August and Armadillo Jim are RHS coaches Dana and Paul Goetzski.

Band students qualify for All-Region Band

By Kim Lott

On Saturday, Nov. 7, Rice Junior High and High School band students had the opportunity to show off their talent at tryouts for the Association of Texas Small School Bands (ATSSB), All-Region Band.

In all, 60 band students traveled to Sealy High School to compete for a chair in the All-Region Band and play at the All-Region Concert in Bellville on Saturday, Nov. 14.

Eleven junior high students earned a chair in the All-Region Band. They were:

Bass: Jennifer Fletcher, 2nd chair; Chantle Joe, 3rd; alto-saxophone, Andrea Contreras, 3rd; trumpet, James Phillips, 10th; trombone, Dustin Schlauch, 8th; French horn, Amanda Kaiser, 8th; baritone, Alma Tapia, 2nd; Felipe Rangel, 4th; Aimee Bubela, 5th; tuba, Adrian Axell, 8th; and mallets, Reggie Ford, 2nd chair.

In the high school division, 14 Rice students qualified for the All-

Region Band. They were:

Flute, Susana Silva, 9th chair; clarinet, Angela Phillips, 6th, Cecelia Ruiz, 7th, Betty Gutierrez, 10th, Tiffany Stern, 12th, Rebecca Lopez, 13th, Selena Sykowski, 14th and Stephanie Sommerlatte, 16th chair.

Maria Najera earned 3rd chair alto saxophone.

Bernardo Vazquez (11th), Dustin Brisco (12th), and Brian Cardenas (13th) earned a place in the trumpet section.

Christopher Rodriguez earned 1st chair trombone and Abraham Diaz was 5th chair tuba.

Alternates were also chosen from those who tried out for All-Region Band. Kevin York is the junior high oboe alternate.

The high school alternates are: Chrissy Leopold, oboe; Amy Fearing, flute; Desanie Axel, clarinet; and Misty Jones, mallets.

Angela Phillips, Cecelia Ruiz, Maria Najera, Christopher Rodriguez and Abraham Diaz will also advance to Area, competing in Waco Jan. 9.

Congratulations to the Rice bands for having more students qualify for All-Region Band than ever before!

Class of 2000 orders rings

By Chrissy Leopold

It is that time of year again. The members of the junior class pulled out their checkbooks and ordered a class ring to materialize the memories obtained at Rice High School.

On Tuesday, Nov. 3, Mr. Tommy Smith, a representative from Balfour, visited with the juniors to expose them to the different styles of rings Balfour carries. He said that there are many more styles now than when their parents ordered rings. Most parents were amazed at the large selection which included the traditional Academy Series with a choice of stone and side panels to indicate interests.

Also, the Legend Series had a "vintage look with a timeless style" which was popular with last year's juniors. Other styles included the sporty Letterman Series and stylish Reflection Series. For a more feminine approach, the Essence Series was a more delicate choice for the ladies.

Prices ranged from \$159.99 to \$489.95 in the Academy Series; \$159.99 to \$429.95, Legend; \$189.95 to \$459.95, Letterman; \$129.95 to \$399.95, Reflection; and \$129.95 to \$329.95, Essence. Students were given a week to look over the brochure.

Tuesday, Nov. 10, Mr. Smith returned with a display case of rings and another Balfour representative. Juniors and their parents met with the representatives from 5 to 7 p.m. Students also ordered rings Wednesday, Nov. 11, during the three lunch periods.

The class rings should arrive at the end of Jan. Juniors are anticipating their arrival.



From left to right, front row, Stephanie Sommerlatte, Selena Sykowski, Tiffany Stern and Rebecca Lopez; second row, Dustin Brisco, Betty Gutierrez, Cecelia Ruiz, Bernardo Vazquez; third row, Brian Cardenas, Susie Silva and Chris Rodriguez. Not pictured are Abraham Diaz, Maria Najera, and Angela Phillips.

Special Olympics advances

By Olivia Mendoza

From Nov. 6-8, the Rice Raiders' Special Olympians joined over 2,200 athletes from across the Lone Star State to compete in the second largest Special Olympics Texas Competition of the year.

The Rice Raider athletes participated in bowling.

Erika Ellenbogen received 6th place and Eric Guthrie placed 2nd.

These athletes advanced to the Summer Games because of their performance at the area level.

Special Olympics is a privately funded non-profit organization which

provides year-round sports training and competition to over 21,000 adults and children with mental retardation in the state of Texas.

Special Olympics is "training for life" as the athletes' participation enhances self-esteem, promotes independence, strengthens families and facilitates social competence, while encouraging fitness.

If you would like to know more about Special Olympics in the Rice CISD area, call Judy Pustejovsky at 234-3535.

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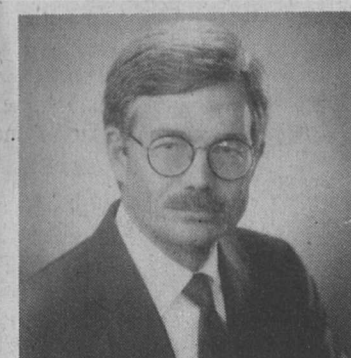
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