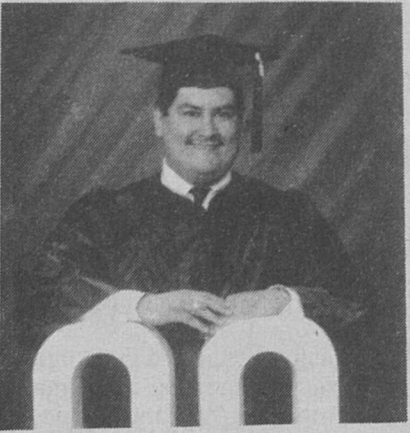


Comptroller launches final phase of Fund enrollment period

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander recently kicked off the final phase of the current enrollment period for the Texas Tomorrow Fund, the state's pre-paid college tuition program. Enrollment ends June 5.



Cardenas is U of H graduate

Saturday, May 13, Romaldo Cardenas graduated from the University of Houston-Downtown. The ceremony was held at the AstroArena.

After four and one-half years of attending classes at night and working full time, Romaldo earned his Bachelor of Business Administration with a major in Purchasing and Supply Management.

Following the ceremony, he was joined by family and friends for a party in his honor.

Currently employed by the Texas Cooperative Purchasing Network in Houston, he resides in Sugar Land with his wife, Bernadette, and son, Adam.

He is the son of Refugio and Olivia Cardenas of Eagle Lake.

Rylander enrolled her five-year-old granddaughter Kathryn Keeton McClellan in the program during an Austin news conference.

"Like most folks, I have waited until nearly the end of the Texas Tomorrow Fund enrollment period to sign up my eldest granddaughter," Comptroller Rylander said. "But now is the time to lock down Kathryn's 2013 college tuition and fees at today's prices and ensure that, when she is ready for college, those expenses will be covered."

"Nothing is more important than education," she said. "This generation will have to compete not only with those from New York and California, but from Europe and Asia as well."

"The Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts that by the year 2030, nearly 60% of Texans will have only a high school diploma or less," Comptroller Rylander said. "Yet in the next decade, 25% of the state's new jobs will require at least a bachelor's degree. The Texas Tomorrow Fund can help close the education gap by giving families a convenient, affordable way to ensure that their children and grandchildren get the college education they will need to plug into the jobs in the new information-based Texas economy."

"Even if your child is a high school senior, it is not too late to enroll him or her in the Texas Tomorrow Fund, and avoid the tuition and fee increases some universities have announced for next fall," Comptroller Rylander said. "Obviously, the earlier you enroll your child, the more affordable the program is. If you start saving when the child is a newborn, one year of community college starts at \$15 per month, and one year at a public university starts at \$26 per month."

"Texas college tuition and fees have risen 460% since 1985. There is no way to predict how much higher those costs will be by the time your child is ready for college," she said. "The beauty of the Texas Tomorrow Fund is that you don't have to worry

about rising costs, and you don't have to worry about whether your savings and investment will keep pace. The Texas Tomorrow Fund is absolutely guaranteed to cover your child's college tuition and required fees, and it is (See Fund, Page 6)

SHERIDAN LIBRARY NEWS

The Sheridan Memorial Library is sponsoring the 2000 Texas Reading Program. The theme is "Invent the Future...Read!" and the library will offer many activities that promote reading and fun. These programs will begin June 13 and end on July 25.

Register now at the library. Call 234-5154 and give your name and age to Mrs. Peterson.

Encourage your child to participate in the Texas Reading Club! By

doing so, you will help your child retain hard-earned reading skills acquired during the school year.

The library has books, cassettes and videos available for check out.

Your family can explore the darkest jungles and the deepest oceans and highest mountains with an inexpensive trip to the library! Your library card is free!

See you at the library!

Phillips to graduate May 26

Jennifer Phillips, daughter of Paul and Denise Phillips, will graduate from Deer Park High School May 26.

An Honor Graduate, she is ranked in the top 15% in her class of 757 with a GPA of 4.11.

She is a member of the Mu Alpha Theta math club and the National Honor Society. The 6'2" senior lettered in basketball for four years, was selected to the All-Tournament team in Austin, and was selected First Team All-District.

Jennifer has been awarded a full basketball scholarship to Angelina College in Lufkin and was recently signed with the Neil Hamill Modeling Agency.

Jennifer is the granddaughter of Clyde Phillips and Maudie Phillips,

formerly of Eagle Lake, and the niece of Susan Gertson of Eagle Lake.



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RAIDER REVIEW

Prom 2000

By Heather Henske

This year, prom was held in the commons of the Rice High School, April 15, starting at 8 p.m.

The theme was the "Secret Garden" and the colors were green and gold.

A waterfall and river were the focal point of the decorations.

El Campo High School provided the bridge, tree and wishing well to make the finishing touches look perfect!

Thanks to D.J. Saucedo of El Campo, everyone had a great time dancing.

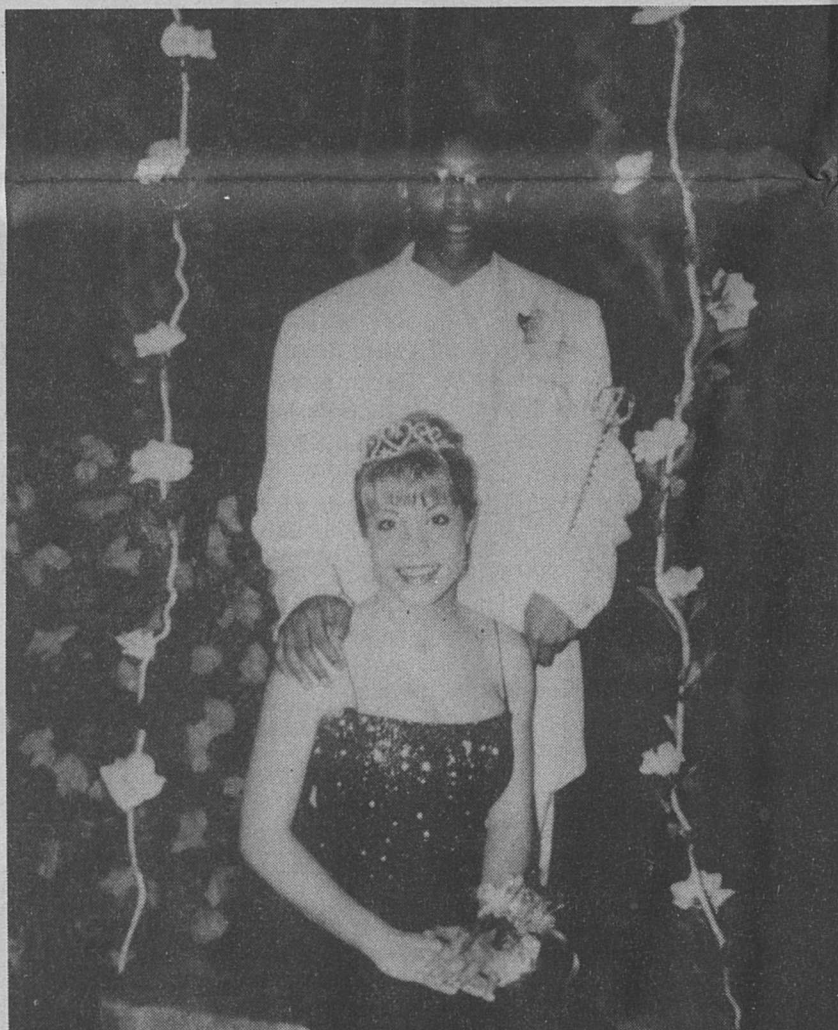
Food and door prizes were donated by junior parents, sponsors and businesses.

Pictures were taken by Connie's Studio of El Campo.

Highlight of the prom was the grand march, led by Senior Class President D.J. Sosa and his date, Tiffany Stern.

Following the grand march was the crowning of the King and Queen.

Prom King and Queen for 2000 were Stephanie Braden and Tremaine McGrew.



Prom 2000 King and Queen, Stephanie Braden and Tremaine McGrew.

Who's Zat?

By Jamie Christ

Students were asked to identify this adorable little cutie.

This picture was passed around the halls to the students and faculty of Rice. The only clue given was she is a senior.

Everyone knew that this was none other than Amanda Engstrom.

Amanda participates in band where she is parliamentarian and captain for the color guard. She was president of the FTA and FTA District AAA Secretary and is also involved in the Annual and Newspaper Staff.

In her spare time, she enjoys swimming after school with her friends and socializing with close friends at local gatherings.

Amanda plans to graduate with the class of 2000. Her plans are to attend Blinn College in Bryan and pursue a career in elementary education.

Her proud parents are Kurt and Susan Engstrom of Garwood.



NHS elects officers

By Lori Smith

May 10, the Rice High School National Honor Society (NHS) held a meeting to elect officers for the 2000-2001 school year.

Before elections, new members were given NHS patches for their letter jackets.

Senior members received NHS collars to wear over their gowns at graduation.

Nominations were then made and votes were cast and counted for the new officers.

The officers elected for next year are President, Johana Lopez; Vice-President, Sarah Gould; Secretary, Stacy Schneider; Treasurer, Lori Smith; and Reporter, Rebecca Lopez.

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