

# Diggs closes in on record

By Jeremy Walker, Raider Review Staff

Conrad Diggs, #12 of the Rice Raider football team, has rushed for 1,312 yards this season with a single game high of 266 yards against the Columbus Cardinals.

Conrad is leading the Tri-County area reported by *The Banner Press* as well as the Houston area in 3A and under.

Rice's school record for a season is

1,402 yards set by Warren Scott in 1998. Conrad could break this record against the Sealy Tigers Friday night.

Only a few have ever rushed for over 1,000 yards in a season at Rice High School: Warren Scott, Reggie Donner (twice), Dennis Hemphill, Cleve Scott and Mickey Scott. The single game rushing record is held by Reggie Donner with 340 yards.

At the end of this season, the Raider Review Staff will publish a Rice Football Record Book covering

the 1970-2000 seasons. Contact Melody Grigar to order a copy.



Raider #12, Conrad Diggs, during his season high 266-yard game against Columbus. *Raider Review Photo*

## Upcoming Raider Action!



**Date** Team, Place & Time  
 Thurs., Nov. 9 ..... Raider freshmen vs Sealy\*, 5 p.m.  
 Friday, Sept. 8 ..... Raider varsity vs. Sealy\*, Here, 7:30 p.m.  
 \*District competition

# Powder Puff game is intense competition

The Powder Puff football game, sponsored by Project Graduation, was held Thursday, Nov. 2.

The rivalry between the seniors/freshman and the junior/sophomore teams began the week of Oct. 30 with each team having the three days of practice.

Guys and gals exchanged roles for the exciting game at Rice High School Stadium at 7 p.m.

The game started off with the junior/soph. team kicking off, the receiving team of senior/freshman made the first touchdown on the first play of the game.

Throughout the evening, the game was very intense. At one point, the jr./soph. team took a two-point lead.

But, in the end, the senior/freshman won the game 26-24.

If you did not make the game, you missed a very exciting one. Just ask the referees.

The senior/freshman team consisted of Rhonda Peroni, Amber Washington, Sundraih Evans, Stacy Schneider, Courtney Diggs, Kristin Wesselski, Lori Smith, Ella Edwards, Erica Dunmore, Letesha Banks, Jamie Christ, Leslie Waddell, Cindy Osornio, Ashley Waligura, Daniel Hemphill, Martha Rodriguez, Misty Morales, Carla Upson, Margie Leopold, Johana Lopez and Amber Mahalic.

Coaches were Jacob Little, Chris Schuirring, Anthony Salinas, Adam Baird and John Rucka.

The junior/sophomore team consisted of Kayce Wilkerson, Kinsey Hoffman, Odyssey Johnson, Crystal Alcalá, Marquita Johnson, Tiffany Stern, Shelley Boenisch, Meagan Staff, Andrea Contreras, Lana Engstrom, Nikki Maxie, Leila Baggett, Erin Gold, Rebecca Lopez, Erica Garcia, Leslie Woolard, Heather Shanks, Melanie Brown, Aimee Bubela, Meiosha Barrow, Kristin Thompson, Tiffany Moore, Jessica Spahel.

Coaches were Ben Ortiz, Patrick Milentz, Norris Powell, Nick Sharp and Jason Barrow.

Refereeing the game were Rusty Roark, Shannon Permitter and Derrick Dietrich.

Up in the press box were Jonathan Houser and the one and only announcer Mr. Wayne Bowen.

Running the chains were Koehl Cranek, Matt Hentzel and Isam Brisco.

Doing the water duties were Jenna Hoffman, Sarah Gould, Trent Kornek, Adrian Middleton and Korene Vasquez.

And, to lead the fans in spirit, the cheerleaders were Cliff Keith, Andrew Powers, Kurt Coldevey, Jeremy Walkre and Jason Ishee.

Project Graduation would like to thank everyone who attended the game, or made any type of donation towards our project. Without your support, this would not have been a big success.

Thanks again.

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## Spalingers' grandson places in golf tourney

Kyle Phillips, nine-year-old grandson of Charles Lee and Kate Spalinger of Eagle Lake, took home the third place trophy in his division in the Montgomery County Junior Golf Association's Championship Tournament (MCJGA).

With a score of 47 on the 9-hole course, Kyle was only two strokes shy of tying for second place in the championship tournament held Oct. 24.

Annually, MCJGA hosts the eight weeks of tournament play, which culminates in the championship tournament. The tournament season is open to the public.

Kyle is the son of Mike and Susan Phillips of The Woodlands.



## Grigar named to academic honor roll

Relatives and friends of Katie Grigar, a sophomore at the University of Arkansas and a member of the Arkansas Ladyback soccer team, are mighty proud of her academic and athletic accomplishments.

Katie competed for the second year on the Ladyback soccer team in the Southeastern Conference.

She was one of eight members of the Ladyback team named to the Academic Honor Roll, maintaining a

3.0 grade point average or better for the past year.

The Ladybacks competed last week in the Southeastern Conference tournament in Athens, Georgia.

Unfortunately, they met the nationally ranked Florida Gators in their first game.

The Ladybacks battled the Gators to a one-to-one tie in the first half of play before giving way to Florida with the game ending 4 to 1.

Katie is the daughter of Janet and

J.J. Grigar of Lockhart and granddaughter of Eunice and Fred Frnka of Eagle Lake and Angie Grigar for East Bernard and the late J.J. Grigar Jr.

# Acclaimed writer to visit Nesbitt Library next Thursday

Acclaimed Texas fiction writer Donley Watt will appear at the Nesbitt Memorial Library Thursday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. to discuss and autograph copies of his books.

Watt's most recent book, *Haley, Texas 1959*, has been hailed by critics as a "precise rendering of the little-bitty daily doings of mid-century middle-class life" with "unexpected twists, and perfect nostalgic touches" (*Texas Monthly*), a "surefooted, eloquent" book which "reminds us of the cruelty and hate that in the 1950s were juxtaposed with more heartwarming scenes" (*Houston Chronicle*), and "an important book that powerfully confronts father-son and mother-son relationships as well as greater social issues of racism, conscience, honor and truth" (*Parabola Magazine*).

The book features two novellas, one concerning a teenager's attempt to clear 70 acres of mesquite trees with

an axe and an unending supply of peanut butter sandwiches in a week's time; the other concerning the attempt by a group of teenagers to hide a dastardly crime arising from an appalling custom which they engaged in on a lark.

The novellas are a mixture of fact and fiction, drawn from Watt's own life. In that regard, *Haley, Texas 1959* is similar to Norman MacLean's formidable classic, *A River Runs Through It and Other Stories*. In fact, the comparison to MacLean might be taken deeper. Like MacLean, Watt got a late start as an author.

It wasn't until 1987, when he was 47, that Watt decided to pursue a childhood dream and become a writer. Until then, he had worked as a landman in the oil business, owned an herb farm and been the dean of a community college. For the last few years, he has taught writing at Trinity University in San Antonio.

As he studied the craft of writing, he began producing short stories and working on a novel. The novel, *The Journey of Hector Rabinol*, was published in 1994. It tells the story of a peasant who is driven from his home in Mexico by the military. He finds his way to Texas, where he prospers beyond expectation, and puzzles over the curious customs of his new employers.

The same year, a number of Watt's short stories were collected into a volume entitled *Can You Get There*

from Here? The title story, and the 11 other stories in the collection, deal with the experiences of all sorts of Texans. Watt's characters eat in barbecue joints, argue about the Astros, court women with Whitman's Samplers, fish on Caddo Lake, hunt ducks in east Texas, drink from garden hoses, work in the oil patch, and threaten people with 30.06s.

Watt's appearance in Columbus is sponsored by the Friends of Nesbitt Memorial Library and the Nesbitt Memorial Library Foundation Inc.

Everyone is invited. There is no admission charge.

## Community Service reported

Linda Smith, director of the 2nd 25th Community Supervision and Corrections Dept. (CSCD), reported for Sept. 1999 through Aug. 2000, her department recorded 18,222.50 hours of Community Service Restitution.

The hours were performed by 354 offenders serving various governmental or non-profit agencies in Colorado County with an estimated labor cost savings of \$93,846.

The CSCD collected \$32,848.32 in victim restitution from offenders that was disbursed to victims.

Now, some new help is available for parents, teachers and speech-language pathologists at the Eula and David Wintermann Library in Eagle Lake in the form of a videotape designed specifically to help school-age children who stutter.

"It's meant to give speech-language pathologists the tools they need to deal with stutterings in this age group, but it also offers good ideas for parents and teachers," said Professor Peter Ramig of the University of Colorado at Boulder. Ramig is one of five nationally recognized experts appearing in the video produced by the nonprofit Stuttering Foundation of America.

The video features students from first through sixth grade, some of whom talk about their experiences with stuttering. They talk about the teasing they face from classmates and how their stuttering sometimes makes them feel about themselves.

"We focus on demonstrating a variety of therapy strategies that are appropriate in working with children who stutter," adds Ramig. He appears in the video along with speech-language pathologists Barry Guitar, Ph.D., Hugo H. Gregory, Ph.D., June Campbell, M.A., and Patricia Zebrowski, P.D.

These five experts answer questions about stuttering, refute myths and misconceptions, and present examples of therapy sessions showing how stuttering can be reduced. "More than three million Americans stutter, yet it remains misunderstood by most people," said Jane Fraser, president of the Stuttering Foundation.

The 38-minute video, *Therapy in Action: The School-age Child Who Stutters*, is being distributed free of charge to public libraries. For information about getting a copy, contact the Foundation at P.O. Box 11749, Memphis, TN 38111-0749; or call toll free at 1-800-992-9392.

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