

RAIDER REVIEW

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A Raider is down

By Kayce Wilkerson

As the players knelt on the field, the crowd was quickly hushed. A Raider was down. Thoughts danced through their heads. Who could it be? In a matter of seconds, everyone knew it was #66.

Being the first game (Sept. 7) and no programs available, the fans began to question who the young player was. They were answered with the name of Lance Bittner, who assumes the position of tight guard.

With worried faces, we all wondered what could be wrong. Coaches were all crowded around and Lance was met on the field by his father. Players coming off the field spoke of a rumor that his leg could be severely broken.

The paramedics wheeled Lance off the field on a stretcher in the first quarter and he was seen off by some of his teammates.

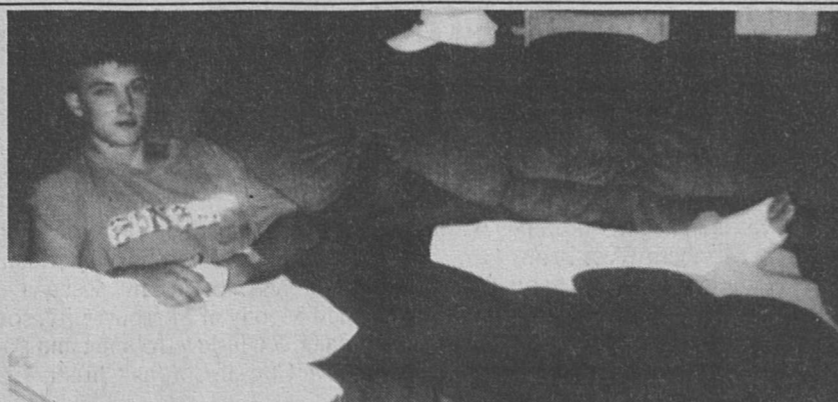
In an interview with Lance, he revealed that the two lower bones above his ankle in his left leg were completely broken and were to be set Monday.

Due to the severity of the injury, he will be out for the remainder of football season.

Lance is an active member in the National High School Rodeo Association and will have to put off plans until his leg is fully rehabilitated. He's expected to be out four to five months.

Although Lance can no longer play under the lights of the stadium, he plans to support the Raiders on the sidelines. He has high hopes that Rice will "go all the way!"

We wish you the best of luck in a full recovery! We're all behind you, Lance!



Lance tries to relax on the couch at home.

Body art

By Tiffany Stern

From tattoos to body piercing, these fashion trends have hit Rice High School (RHS).

Are these procedures safe? Most students seemed to have no problems, however Jessica Thomas seemed to have some difficulties. "After getting my belly button pierced, I noticed a little infection, but treated it with antibiotics and antibacterial soap and had no problems after," she stated.

Dustin Meyer chooses to pierce himself with a needle and no numbing devices! Why? "Just to do it," he answers.

Not only are students sporting the tattoos, but also a few teachers. Because of RHS policy, all tattoos are covered. "I just felt like doing it, and it was something new," comments Ben Ortiz who had his arm tattooed last year.

Where are students going to get this done? Flashes is a place favored by most students who get their body pierced or tattooed.

Many people have been to De'Yon Batiste, RHS junior, who does tattooing as a hobby. "I have done about 56 tattoos and have had no problems. I charge them on how big they want it, and I do it free for certain people," comments De'Yon.

Although many parents would rather not have their kids be tattooed or pierced, this trend is showing up throughout RHS. Kids will be kids, and it IS the 21st century!!

What?... UNIFORMS!

By Amanda Burrow

When asked the question, "Does Rice need uniforms?", this is what was uttered by students and faculty.

Brandy Meitzen, a senior, said she doesn't think there should be uniforms, but she did say that uniforms would be less expensive.

"I think that the high school should have uniforms because in high school you start to become an adult, and as an adult, you do have to wear uniforms in certain jobs," replied Ada Ruval-

caba, a junior.

Mrs. Volkmer added, "For teachers, heck yea. But as for the kids, I think the school should go to the dress code of neat, clean, and non-distracting."

"It would be good, but boring wearing the same thing every day and you could not express yourself," sophomore Chad Mahalic commented.

Lindsey Thomas, a freshman who attended ELMS where uniforms are

worn, said she doesn't think the high school needs uniforms, but wearing uniforms was easier because you knew what you were going to wear. It also was boring, seeing the same thing the whole day.

As you can see, most of the students and faculty do not want uniforms.

But, the big question is still, "Do we NEED them to better our school?"

Broken record

By Amanda Burrow

Not many people pay attention to school records, but it seems in the past few years, students and community members have been paying more attention to them as our sports teams excel.

Last year, the football team went

to the play-offs and the girl's basketball team missed by one win.

But this year, the volleyball team aimed at and passed another school record. The record for our school was nine wins in a season set by the volleyball team of 1998.

Coach Wendy Dietrich commented she thinks this year's team will pass the record by far. The Varsity volleyball team is already 2-0 and 11-10 for the season after Tuesday night.

The team hopes to advance to the Play-Offs!

Tragedy becomes a high school memory

By Kinsey Hoffman

Last Tuesday morning, tragedy struck our beloved country.

I could have never imagined such horror could strike our strong nation.

Working in the office early Tuesday morning, I, along with Mrs. Ma-

chac, was one of the first people on campus to know of the tragic events.

The phone rang, and Mrs. Machac listened as the person described what was going on. She looked at me with disbelief. Minutes later the phone rang again and Mrs. Sykowski described to

her in detail what had happened.

At first, I couldn't comprehend how intense the situation was. We turned on the radio and listened.

I went to class with anxiety, not knowing what exactly was going on.

Coach Mike Sharp and I looked on the Internet and found that it was true. Within minutes, two planes had hit the World Trade Center and another had hit the Pentagon.

We notified many teachers about what had happened. Within one class period, students and teachers all became aware of the horrible tragedy.

Throughout the halls you heard students voicing their feelings of disbelief and astonishment. Teachers allowed discussion in the classrooms and by lunch CNN was playing in almost every classroom.

It's so hard to comprehend this tragedy in a country where we feel so safe. It's hit the hearts of all Americans. Innocent lives have been lost and many families have been robbed of their loved ones.

This horrible terrorism isn't over and the effects will forever live deep within us.

Talking with children about terrorism, war

By Sally Garrett, County Extension Agent, Family & Consumer Sciences

The events of Tuesday, Sept. 11, will certainly be in the news for quite some time, and many of our lives may be disrupted in different ways for a long time, says Sally Garrett, County Extension Agent for Family and Con-

sumer Sciences. As many of us watch the news and talk about the day's events, our children will be aware of what is going on. Parents may want to talk with children about the events and what it

might mean, but young children (under the age of 7 or 8) may be disturbed by witnessing scene of destruction on television or by listening to adult conversations.

It may not be unusual if young children react by being more clinging, seeming a bit more concerned or having difficulty at bedtime.

Although it might be important to allow older children to participate in viewing and talking about the news, it might be wise to limit young children's exposure to TV news.

It's important that young children be reassured about their own safety and the safety of their parents and

loved ones.

Subtle changes in parents' moods and behaviors can have an affect on children, especially if they witness reactions in their parents that they have not seen before.

Be prepared to spend extra time with children if necessary and continue normal routines and activities.

Use the opportunity to explain how and why people are reacting the way they are, says Garrett.

In the days to come, we may witness preparations for retaliation (or at least threats of retaliation). Certain groups of people may be identified as

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Senior Class

By Jeremy Walker

The senior class is full of a wide variety of students of all backgrounds and cultures.

Everyone has their own stories and is different in their own way but some of them have a characteristic that separates them from everyone else in that

they are very noticeable.

For instance, the longest hair in the senior class belongs to Janna Janish; the biggest feet are those of Norris Powell; Robert Hassin drives the oldest car; Latoya Pipkins has the most gold teeth; and the tallest senior is

Quentin Whitfield.

The senior class of 2002 is diverse and full of great kids who are not just people with big feet or long hair, they are individuals who are proud of who they are and the things that make them unique.



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