

RAIDER REVIEW 2002

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Rice Special Olympians compete in Austin

By Judy Pustejovsky
On Oct. 26, the Rice Raider Special Olympic Bowling Team traveled

to Austin to compete in Area 13's tournament. Competing in the singles division were Roman Herek and

Clifford Miller. Competing in the youth age group was Herek who bowled a game average of 75 to capture a second place. Miller competed in the senior age group and rolled a 79 average to claim

third place. "The Raider team performed great when you consider that they were competing in the tournament with 34 area teams," said Coach Judy Pustejovsky. "Since our athletes placed in the top three awards and qualified for the state meet, we will now concentrate on practicing for that meet which is scheduled for Jan. 23-26, 2003."



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Trip to Kentucky

By Lauren Spanihel
Eight members and two advisors of the Rice FFA left Wednesday morning from Houston and headed to the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

Laura Engstrom, Bernadette Jurica, Haleigh Jurica, Camille Staff, Mandy Staff, Jamie Till, Andrew Varley, Tiffany Varley, Mrs. Christie Michalcik and Mr. Monte Williams arrived in Louisville to some much cooler weather with temperatures being in the upper 20s.

While at the Convention, the members took their turn working at the Texas Booth in the Hall of States, attended a Career Fair with 900 exhibitors, and heard Dr. Rick Rigsby, a motivational speaker for the Texas A&M

football team. Saturday, Jacob Little, a 2001 graduate of Rice High School, received the American FFA Degree. Special guest attending the presentation were his parents, David and Debbie Little of Garwood.

In their spare time, the members and advisors enjoyed browsing through the FFA Shopping Mall, bowling, ice-skating, an open carriage ride in downtown Louisville, and touring some caves.

They returned home Sunday having enjoyed their trip and saying it was an experience of a lifetime.

They would like to thank everyone who helped make it possible for them to attend this Convention.

DAR Contest

By Jessica Allmond
DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) holds a nationwide contest that is held for the seniors and consists of a Good Citizen Award and a Scholarship Award.

In order to compete students must receive faculty nominations. The top three nominated seniors are then voted on by their senior class. The winner competes in a contest that consists of a 500-word essay, which usually covers American History.

The three nominees this year were Amanda Burrow, Erin Gold and Nick Sharp. This year's DAR winner is Erin Gold. She will attend an awards presentation in Jan. that will recognize the contest of all three Colorado County high schools.

Who's Who

Every two years, members of the Academic Community are recognized for educational excellence. Below are members of the Rice High School (RHS) staff who are honored in this year's edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers 2002*.

This is such a great honor, because these teachers have been chosen by

their students as the most influential educators within the school.

RHS is proud to celebrate with the following teachers who are distinguished in this year's edition:

Wendy Koenig Dietrich: Resource Math teacher; Head girls' volleyball and track coach.

Melody Farris Grigar: Speech,

Government and Economics teacher; Head tennis coach and cheerleading sponsor.

Susan Warren Sharp: English III Regular, AP and English I AP teacher; Assistant volleyball, basketball and track coach.

Vilma Ann Vavrusa: Spanish I, II, and III teacher; FTA sponsor.

Deadline nearing for dental hygiene program

High school seniors and others who plan to enter the dental hygiene program at Wharton County Junior College (WCJC) in the Fall of 2003 should take note of the Dec. 1 first selection deadline and other pre-requisites.

Enrollment in this, and most WCJC allied health programs, is limited due to guidelines set by the programs' accreditation boards.

The two-year dental hygiene program leads to an associate in applied science degree. Applicants must score a minimum composite score of 19 on the ACT. They also must show evidence of two semesters of high school chemistry, or the equivalent college credit, plus eight hours of college credit in anatomy and physiology, with a minimum grade of C in these courses. Subsequent admissions selections are made until May 31, 2003.

WCJC's dental hygiene graduates boast a 100% passage rate on licensure exams. They are very highly recruited, oftentimes solely on the program's reputation, said Leigh Ann Collins, dental hygiene department head. She often hears graduates say, "This dentist said you're a Wharton graduate; you got the job, and I didn't even have to interview."

The program's solid reputation comes in part from its faculty, all of whom have 20 or more years experience. Among their ranks is a full-time supervising dentist. Program longevity is a plus, as WCJC's dental hygiene program was the first in a Texas community college when it originated in 1969.

Another strong program component is the extensive hands-on experience afforded students through a spacious, state-of-the-art dental clinic housed on the Wharton campus.

The clinic includes 24 dental units which accommodate both right and left-handed hygienists. Even the chairs (designed with faculty input and replicated for use in numerous U.S. schools) are designed specifically for student teaching.

Each year at the clinic, students provide oral health and preventive dental care to more than 1,200 patients. They reach even more citizens through community health programs presented to area schoolchildren and other residents.

Today's dental hygienists serve as preventive agents as they take vital signs, perform oral cancer screenings and give nutritional counseling to patients.

Oftentimes, they are the first to detect patients' high blood pressure. In fact, said Collins, they serve a critical role in promoting overall general

health because there is a connection between oral health and conditions like heart disease and low birth weight babies.

Dental hygienists continue to be in high demand. Those who excel in the profession enjoy being caregivers and possess strong communications and fine motor skills. Abundant part-time opportunities make it an ideal career for those who wish to devote time to their families. Hourly wages, said Collins, range from \$24 an hour in rural areas to \$32 an hour in Houston.

Prospective dental hygiene students who would like more information or who would like to discuss admission requirements, should call the dental hygiene department at 1-800-561-9252, ext. 6429.

WCJC's spring semester begins Jan. 13, 2003.

Registration appointments are not required for students registering at the Wharton campus.

However, registration appointments are required for students registering at the Sugar Land campus or WCJC Fort Bend Technical Center.

Registration will be held through Nov. 27 at the Wharton and Sugar Land campuses and WCJC Fort Bend Technical Center.

Registration appointments may be made by calling 1-800-561-9252.

TxCVCS nomination forms available

The Texas Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service (TxCVCS) is pleased to announce that nomination forms for the 2003 Governor's Volunteer Awards are available. These awards, administered in partnership with the Governor's Office, acknowledge Texans whose commitment to community and service to others is exemplary.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others in one of 11 award categories: youth, adult, senior, family, group, small business, corporate, volunteer manager/administrator, media, national service, and a category representing a lifetime of achievement, the Lonestar Achievement Award.

A governor-appointed blue ribbon panel will choose finalists in March. Each participant will receive a \$1,000 donation to the charity of his/her choice, courtesy of HEB. Recipients will be honored at a recognition ceremony in Austin May 1, 2003, during National Volunteer Week.

During the upcoming holiday season when community, family and giving are important, nominate a person or organization that you admire for their service to others.

For more information or to download a form, visit www.txserve.org or call the governor's hotline, 512-475-4432. Forms must be received by 5 p.m. Dec. 31, 2002.

Rebates

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\$75,335.79, down 19.47%. Wharton County received \$109,649.88, -24.03%. Year-to-date figures for these counties are: Colorado, \$596,030.51, down 5.51%; Austin, \$762,864.00, +2.48%; Wharton, \$1,306,320.18, -9.57%. The next sales tax allocation will be made Friday, Dec. 13.

Recognition

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for Historic Preservation web site at www.nationaltrust.org.

The THC's Texas Main Street Program is a revitalization program for historic downtown and neighborhood commercial districts. It is based on a four-point approach (organization, design, promotion and economic restructuring) all within the context of historic preservation. Implemented in 1981, the program has assisted more than 130 communities throughout the state.

For more information, contact Kay Harvey-Mosley at 512/463-6092.

The Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historic preservation. The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archeological, historical and cultural resources of Texas.



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