

RAIDER REVIEW 2002

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And the winners are...

By Amanda Burrow
Once again, the senior class has picked their Best and Most.

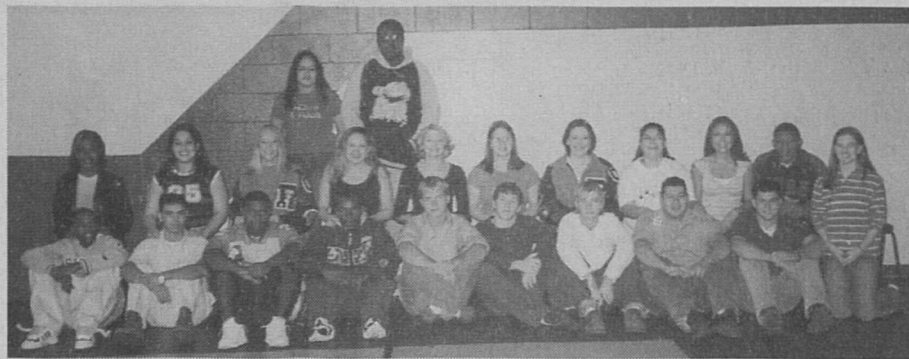
This year's selections, pictured at right, are: Most Flirtatious, Raynee Rangel and Alma Tapia; Most Dependable: Reggie Ford and Julia Llanos; Most Outspoken: Elizar Zepeda and Angelica Molina; Most Athletic: Tyreance Dabney and Amanda Burrow; Most Spirited: Matt Hentzell and Leslie Woolard; Most Like-

ly to Succeed: Nick Sharp and Amanda Kaiser; Most Handsome and Most Beautiful: Patrick Milentz and Erin Gold; Most in Need of An Alarm Clock: Jason Godley and Andrea Contreas; Friendliest: Jeffrey Leopold and Heidi Hammermiller; Best Sense of Style: Michael Cooper and Sandra Rodriguez; and the Class Clowns: John Lee Spears and Ebony Prince.

Also, this year's class favorites were decided. Fresh-

men: Layton Gold and Kristen Danklefs; Sophomores: Robert Shaw and Rachel Peterson; Juniors: Garrett Flores and Jessica Allmond; Seniors: Michael Sosa and Lisa Rangel.

Congratulations to all who were selected!



Spirit Week

By Tarrah Stern

Friday, Nov. 8, marked the last home game for the senior football players at the "swamp" against their rivals, the Wharton Tigers.

Since report cards went out, it was an early release day and the pep rally was held that morning. Seniors Michael Cooper and Ricky Cunningham gave speeches. Coach Russell Roark commended the seniors on the football and volleyball teams for their outstanding performance this year.

Then, in keeping with a long-standing tradition at RHS,

the senior class assembled on the gym floor for a special tribute and led everyone in singing the school song.

But perhaps the most exciting event came when Coach Dumont had his head shaved because of losing a bet with the Raider defense. Jason Godley and Tyreance Dabney, senior starters on the defense, were quick to get this job done!

As the pep rally ended, the sound of cheers and the "Raider Fight Song" could be heard ringing throughout the gym.



Coach Dumont getting a "buzz" from Tyreance Dabney during Spirit Week.

Playoffs 2002... we're back

By Erin Gold

Football, football, football! No one can get enough. Raider fans are even more excited about traveling to games now that the Raiders are back in the playoffs for the third consecutive year.

Fans have lined the streets in early morning hours to send-off the football team.

They bring signs, clappers, bells and anything else that will show the guys how much support they have.

The cheerleaders are also working hard to ensure a

spirit-filled experience for everyone.

Large signs decorate the commons and halls at RHS. Friday, the cheerleaders made a "Spirit Cake" which was very large and resembled a football field. It was enjoyed by everyone during A, B and C lunches.

Football season always brings excitement to the halls of RHS.

It gives students something to cheer for, something to stand for. Everyone is very proud of the football team for making season last longer.

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tually apply what you're studying." For her, the opportunity to apply coursework to the workplace took place during an internship in the technology department of the George Memorial Library, which supports all nine Ft. Bend County Libraries.

During her internship, Abdullah helped with the upgrade of a switch and hub to an all switch network. She also worked with the router for the Katy Library and helped troubleshoot other computer problems.

WCJC student Robert Eastin is one of 41 in his third semester of the college's Cisco Academy program. A big fan of the hands-on classroom learning, he enjoys crashing computers and problem solving to make them work again. However, he feels his recent internship at Intertex Information Systems provided the confidence he needs in his chosen profession.

Previous experience as a security system installer/technician and a computer technician normally had Eastin working with one customer. Working on the help desk at Intertex "was a totally different world" because he simultaneously assisted two, three and sometimes four customers.

"You need to get your confidence up because a lot of times customers are calling you and they're irate. You need to remain calm, be able to talk to them and tell them you're going to fix it now, and go through and do the repair," Eastin said.

That kind of confidence also came to Abdullah when the library upgraded its Flash image on its router. Although the manuals indicated there was sufficient memory, there wasn't and the system crashed. A procedure that should have taken a few minutes resulted in the computer network being down for several hours.

"Never depend on manuals. Never do that!" Abdullah said laughingly as she recalls the practical experience she gained that day. "I learned I'd never do that now. I'd make sure I have more memory than the manual says."

The next step for both Abdullah and Eastin is to earn their Cisco Certified Network Association (CCNA™) designation. Passing this rigorous exam will rank them among a select group of skilled network professionals and open more doors to employment.

According to Lo, those jobs may be as LAN field or help desk technicians, network administrators, technicians or support engineers, or even as LAN/WAN system engineers or support technicians.

In Texas, annual starting salaries for these jobs range from \$30,000-\$45,000.

Abdullah says it all boils down to this final certification test. She believes Lo has "gone out of his way" to prepare students and applauds his energy, which motivates students. "He's helped us out so much. Even now, I know I can always go back and ask him questions," she said.

Lo's energy and desire to help his students be successful was born out of his own struggles as the child of immigrants. His parents moved to the Iowa City, Iowa, from Laos in 1979 when he was only 10 years old.

Knowing no English, he struggled to grasp the language, as well as the culture, and admits, "It was very tough. I went into fifth grade; I wish I'd gone into fourth grade."

In Lo's days, English as a Second Language classes were not the norm. Instead, he only received English instruction during the designated English class and was lost in other classes like math, science and social studies.

Tutorials helped, but he said it was "hard work and dedi-

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cation and wanting to succeed and better myself that led me to where I'm at today."

Lo holds a bachelor's degree in business from Luther College in Iowa and a teaching certification from the University of Iowa. Prior to joining WCJC, he served as coordinator and instructor of the Cisco Networking Academy in the Sealy ISD. Lo holds his CCNA certification and is pursuing the Cisco Certified Network Professional (CCNP™), level two, certification.

He has big plans for the WCJC Cisco Networking Academy. In addition to offering the classes that lead to CCNP™ certification, he hopes to add courses relating to security.

He also hopes to add an associate's degree that would include more courses in computer hardware engineering.

Most of all, Lo wants WCJC to become a regional Cisco Academy, so it could be the source of training and support for other academies.

Wharton County Junior College's spring semester begins January 13, 2002.

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 was to be held Nov. 1-27 at the Wharton campus, Sugar Land campus and WCJC Fort Bend Technical Center.

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

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general and one integrated pest management.

Producers need to mark their calendars for Jan. 23-24, 2003 if they are interested in attending the 6th Annual Con Til Cotton & Rice Conference to be held at the Radisson Astrodome in Houston. With more and more farmers seeking ways to trim inputs while boosting yields, producers are finding this conference is very good for honing their production methods. A number of producers from the County have attended before.

Efforts are being made to coordinate travel with Wharton County. A bus is planned to cut down on producers having to drive in Houston traffic. Once arrangements are made, we will let producers know.

Also, Jan. 28, 2003, is the date for the annual Upper Coast Grain Handlers Conference.

If you need more information, please feel free to give me a call at 979-732-2082

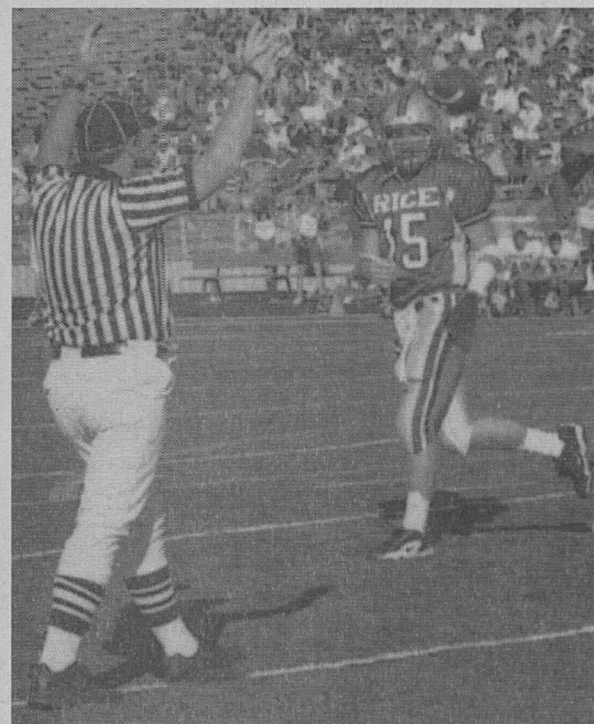
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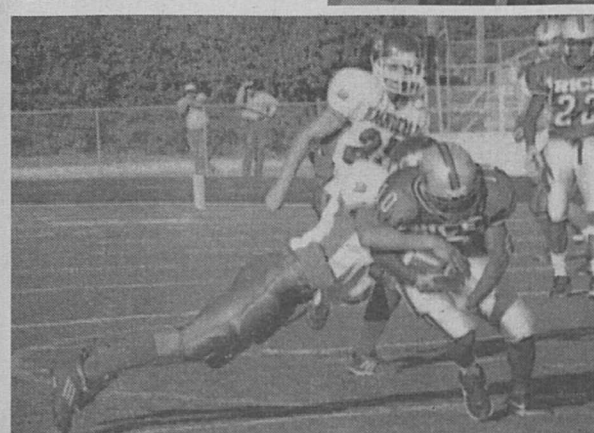


Losing battle

Above, Rice senior quarterback Patrick Milentz tosses the ball to the ref after scoring the Raiders' third TD. He also added the PAT kick to give Rice the lead at that point in the game against Bandera.

At right, Milentz waits on the sidelines, hoping the defense can stop Bandera and give his offense one more shot at the end zone. But, it was not to be.

Below, senior Ricky Cunningham catches a pass from Milentz late in the third, giving Rice a third and one.



Good luck, Raiders



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Children are often the primary carriers of cold viruses both during and outside the cold season. They get colds mainly through contact with other children/adults in day care or at school. Children can catch a cold by touching a virus-infected object like a doorknob, book, or toy and then placing their hand in or on their mouth, nose, or eyes. Nasal congestion (the most common symptom of a cold) can be a greater concern in children because infants tend to breathe through their nose when bottle or breast-feeding. Small children may not know how to clear their nasal passages by blowing.

Pseudoephedrine (Sudafed) is commonly prescribed as a nasal decongestant for adults and older children. Pseudoephedrine is not recommended for children under 2 years of age. Nasal moisturizers containing sodium chloride (Baby-Ayr, NaSal Spray) can be used safely, even in infants, to rehydrate crusted nasal secretions and open passages. Nasal strips such as Breathe Right Children's Nasal Strips can be used in children age 5 and older to open the nostrils. As the strip attempts to "straighten out" to its original shape, the pressure exerted helps open congested nasal passages.