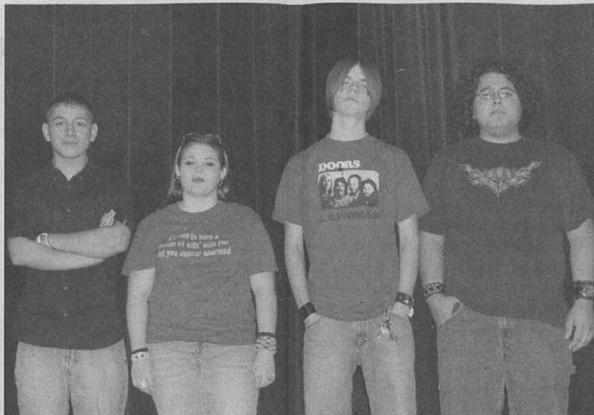
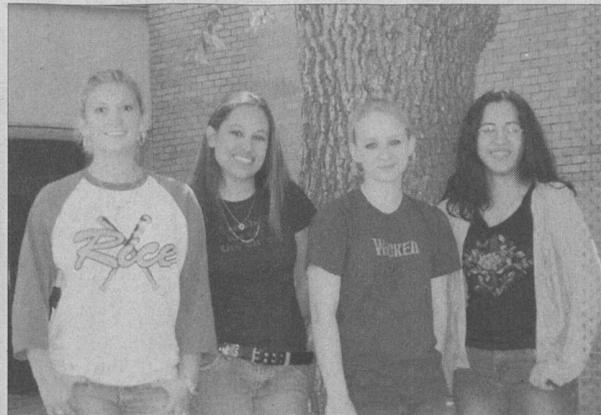


Jeremy Hill makes a nice play coming off the mound to snag a ground ball.



One Act Play medalists, Marco Lopez, Courtney Moccabee, Victor Brewer and Lorenzo Marsical.



UIL medalists, Kacie Smith, Krysti Sepulveda, Farah Ellenbogen and Yolanda Cisneros.

## Rice Students Advance To Academic Regional

By Sabrina Cavazos, Raider Review Reporter  
Last week, UIL and One Act Play competitions were held at Blinn College in Brenham and two advanced to Regional competition in Editorial Writing; Yolanda Cisneros, District Champion and Farah Ellenbogen, third. Regional will be held later in April.

Two other Rice students were medalists. Kristi Sepulveda placed fourth in Headline Writing and Kacie Smith was sixth in Poetry Interpretation.

Several students won recognition in One Act Play. Lorenzo Marsical was awarded All Star Cast, Victor Brewer and Courtney Moccabee received Honorable Mention All Star Cast, and Marco Lopez received the Crew Award.

Students who participated were: Clayton Bowen, Editorial Writing; Yolanda Cisneros, Editorial Writing, Ready Writing and Number Sense; Farah Ellenbogen, Editorial Writing and Prose Interpretation; Katie Hoffman, Amy Rouse, and Kristi Sepulveda, News Writing and Headline Writing; Sandy Preather, Ready Writing and Number Sense; Courtney Moccabee and Kacie Smith, Poetry Interpretation; Courtney Andrejak, Hillary Johnson, Marco Lopez, and

Nick Riley, Science; Kristen Danklefs, Ready Writing and Social Studies; Sean Korenek, Danny Shimek, and Luke Shimek, Social Studies.

Participants in One Act Play were Victor Brewer, Eddie Losoya, Courtney Moccabee, Farah Ellenbogen,

Keith Kallina, Lorenzo Mariscal, Marcus Hernandez, Ashley Donnelly, Kali Hammermiller, Marco Lopez, Guillermo Lopez, Audrey Drlik, and Jessica Engstrom.

Coaches for UIL and One Act Play are Jane Clipson, UIL Coordinator

and Editorial Writing; Melody Grigar, News Writing and Headline Writing; Glenda Beall, Poetry Interpretation and Prose Interpretation; Theresa Kalina, Ready Writing; Dennis Jurek, Science; Jeanette Volkmer, Number Sense; Jonna Besch, Social Studies and One Act Play.

## Blinn Schedules HVAC, Electric Classes

In response to demand in the two industries, additional mandatory continuing education classes for electricians and a new course for heating, ventilation and air conditioning contractors have been scheduled this spring by Blinn College Workforce Education.

The new eight-hour continuing education requirement for licensed HVAC contractors will be offered on the Brenham campus over two nights — May 30 and June 1 from 5:30-9:30 p.m.

Law and Rules, Pride and Professionalism, Fall Protection and Running a Successful HVAC Business meets the requirements of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulations for license renewal.

The cost is \$99, plus \$20 for the course book.

Additional licensed electrician continuing education classes have been scheduled for April 20 from 5:30-9:30 p.m. and again on May 30 from 5:30-9:30 p.m. on the Brenham campus. The same course is also offered on the Bryan campus on April 22 from 8 a.m. to noon and on May 20 from 8 a.m. to noon.

The four-hour National Electrical Code Overview of Revisions, Grounding and Calculations course is also designed to meet the state's requirement for mandatory continuing education for license renewal. The cost is \$55 per person.

Each participant in the classes will

be issued a certificate of completion at the end of the class, and Blinn will report all completions to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulations within seven days of the class.

Registration is required and may be done by telephone with a credit card by calling 979-830-4027 in Brenham or 979-209-7205 in Bryan. Registration may also be completed in person in the workforce education offices on the Brenham campus in the Schmidt Building at 706 College Ave. or in Bryan at the campus annex on Post Office St., Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

More information and course registration forms are available at [www.blinn.edu/workforce/index.htm](http://www.blinn.edu/workforce/index.htm).

## School Grant Renewed For 2006

By Claudia Morales, Raider Review Reporter  
Recently the Rice School District was informed that it would once again be receiving the Comprehensive School Reform (CSR) Initiative Program for 2006.

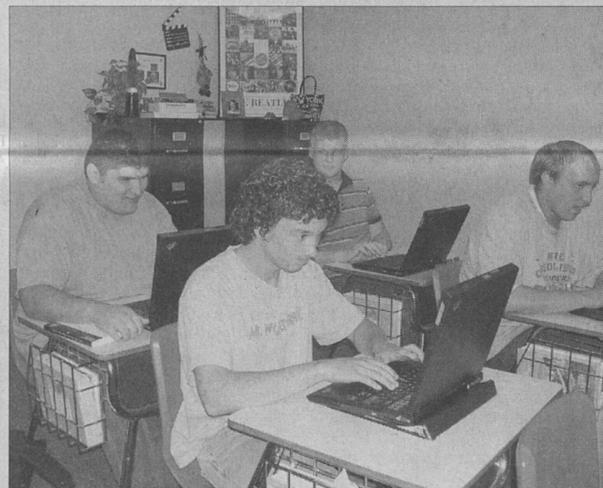
The CSR program is designed to support the following goals: (1) Substantially improve student achievement on the high school campus; (2) Implement a comprehensive school reform program that is based on reliable research and effective practices; (3) Include an emphasis on parental involvement and the foundation curricula, aligned with the TEKS and TAKS.

The CSR grant in 2005 was for a total of \$150,000. It was used to buy a mobile computer lab unit of 30 laptops. This allows students to work on a computer in the classroom.

The money also paid for a mentoring program. Teachers who volunteer for the program are assigned to mentor students who have been identified as at risk of failing.

The grant also was used to pay for the bus rides home after tutoring.

The CSR grant that the district will receive in 2006 will be used similarly



Junior English students Amador Elizondo, Danny New, Brent Botard and Paul Francis make use of laptop computers paid for through a grant program while working on a research paper for Mrs. Jonna Besch.

with the difference being the amount. The grant for 2006 will be \$105,000.

According to Principal Leroy Stavinoha, to benefit from the CSR grant, students have to be at risk. Adminis-

trators are enjoying the advantages the grant provides. Stavinoha is appreciative and believes that "so far it's been a great success."



Chelsea Ray puts the tag on a runner at second base as Violette Villafuerte backs up the play.

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