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ROAD TRIP FINISHED WITH GOOD SUCCESS

TRIP STARTS BADLY, BUT ENDS IN HAPPY FASHION WITH PAIR OF VICTORIES.

Loss to S. M. U. is Questionable Affair—T. C. U. Mops Up on Owls—Rice Takes Two From Trinity.

The road trip, begun so disastrously, saw a finish of three games lost and two won—a very decent per cent for an Owl team away from home. Considering the questionable manner in which the S. M. U. game was lost, and the splendid exhibition staged the first day at T. C. U., you see the team came very close to making it a highly successful trip.

The first S. M. U. game was rained out and the second went to the home team on a confusing decision in the ninth inning by the umpire giving the Mustangs the winning run.

Hathorne pitched a splendid game and was due to win. This gave S. M. U. two out of three from Rice.

The T. C. U. game at Ft. Worth the next day was a neat exhibition of consistent pitching and good fielding for ten innings. At several periods the Owls threatened to score, but failed to connect with Meyer's offerings for the needed hit.

Atkinson permitted ten hits to his opponent's seven, but kept them well scattered through ten innings, although a little wild, and tightened up when a hit or sacrifice play meant a run. Opening the eleventh, Nash singled, but was forged at second by Vilbig. Capt. Heywood hit for his second single and Vilbig came home with the first run of the game on a hit by M. Heywood, D. Heywood being held on third. The Owls were retired on infield outs.

In their half the Christians delivered when the second man up hit safely for a single and was brought in by the next man, Wiggins' triple. Wiggins scored the winning run on Rat's bunt.

The line-up:

T. C. U.—	AB	R	H	PO	A
Raley, c	3	0	0	5	2
Stovall, 2b	2	0	0	1	3
Hale, ss	5	0	1	5	4
Haden, cf	4	0	0	2	1
Prenzing, lf	5	0	1	0	0
Vaughn, 1b	5	1	3	13	0
Wiggins, 3b	5	1	2	3	2
Hill, rf	4	0	1	1	0
Haire, p	4	0	1	1	3
McKee, 2b	2	0	0	1	1
Baker, rf	1	0	1	0	0
Meyers, p	0	0	0	1	1
Totals	40	2	10	33	17

Rice—	AB	R	H	PO	A
Nash, 2b	5	0	1	2	3
Vilbig, cf	5	1	0	2	0
O. Heywood, 1b	5	0	2	15	0
M. Heywood, lf	5	0	2	1	0
Harlan, rf	4	0	0	0	0
Bell, 3b	5	0	0	3	0
Waltrip, ss	4	0	1	0	1
Gerlach, c	3	0	1	5	2
Atkinson, p	4	0	0	2	5
Totals	40	1	7	31	11

Errors—Stovall, Hale, Prenzing, Vaughn, Nash. Two-base hit—Wiggins. Three-base hit—Wiggins. Base on balls—Off Atkinson 4, off Haire 1. Struck out—By Atkinson 6, by Haire 5. Double play—Haire to Wiggins. Sacrifice hit—Harlan. Umpire—Miller.

The second T. C. U. game was a regular mixup—a riot, in T. C. U.'s favor. The Owls seemed to have purged themselves of all their baseball ability in the first game and permitted their opponents the track practice attendant on sixteen runs. The Owl pitchers were unable to fool the hard-hitting Christians, and with three fingers attempting, the result was even then disastrous.

At Waxahachie the Trinity team was encountered twice and successfully each time. In the first game, Hathorne pitching, the Owls won 8-1, while Atkinson won the second, 4-2.

The friends of Miss Elsie Pfeuffer, who attended Rice last season, have received the announcement of her marriage on April 23 to Udo C. Hanmann of San Antonio. Her new home after May 15 is at 124 Adams Street, San Antonio.

OWLS TRIM TIGERS IN CLOSE CONTEST

RICE BEATS TRINITY IN LAST OF TEN-INNING AFFAIR ON RICE FIELD.

Owls Seem Sluggish Until Last of Game, When One Run Lead is Overcome—Game is Third Victory Over Trinity.

Rice, again on home grounds, snatched victory from defeat in the tenth inning of their third encounter with Trinity.

Having won twice from the Tigers on their home diamond the Owls were extremely sluggish and the ninth inning found the visitors leading 2-1.

The Owls had repeatedly been out-guessed by the old-timers in the Trinity box, hitting safely but three times. However, Bailey, batting for Waltrip, walked and Harlan delivered the double that brought in the tying run. The side was retired on infield outs.

Trinity was unable to connect safely with Atkinson in the tenth and retired without threatening, one, two, three.

The Owls, filled with new energy, made short work of the tenth. Nash singled and came home with the winning run while Vilbig sent Seely's first pitched high over the grand stand in right field.

The line-up:

Trinity—	AB	R	PO	A
Estes, ss	5	1	0	0
L. Wileman, cf	5	2	0	0
Guest, 2b	4	0	0	8
T. Wileman, 3b	4	2	0	4
Seely, p	3	1	0	2
Petigo, rf	4	1	1	0
Middleton, 1b	4	0	14	0
Nun, cf	4	0	0	0
King, c	4	0	12	0
Totals	37	7	27	14

Rice—	AB	R	PO	A
Nash, 2b	4	1	1	2
Vilbig, cf	5	2	3	0
Matthewson 1b	1	0	8	1
Heywood, lf	4	1	2	1
Bell, 3b	3	0	2	0
Gerlach, c	4	0	11	1
Waltrip, ss	2	0	0	1
Harlan, rf	4	2	0	0
Atkinson, p	4	0	0	4
Bailey, rf	0	0	0	0
Morgan, ss	1	0	0	0
Totals	34	6	30	9

Score by innings—

	R	H	E			
Trinity	.002	000	000	0-2	6	2
Rice	.100	000	001	1-3	7	2

Umpire—Chandler.

SUMMER TRAINING CAMP FOR STUDENTS

Camp Will Be Open to Students of All Classes—To Be of One Month's Duration—Probably Will Be at Austin.

Although only partial information has been received as yet, it has been definitely assured by the Government that there will be a summer training camp of one month's duration for college students of Texas. Unlike the coming Fourth Officers' Training Camp, this will be open to students of all classes. The purpose will be to give training similar to that of the first part of the Officers' Training Camp in order that the younger material may be looked over. Undoubtedly a good showing at this camp will be a great advantage, for it is probable that at the end of one month recommendations will be made for future officers' camps, which will in the future be much harder to get in than previously, because of the experience of the men already enlisted.

The location of the camp has not yet been designated, but it is altogether probable that it will be at Austin. Wherever it is, transportation will be paid to and from the camp and also uniforms and rations will be furnished by the Government. Instruction will be in the hands of able army officers and will be rather intensive and under strict army discipline. It will be a month of hard work, but a patriotic duty, especially for men just under age, and in the end it is certain to prove a great asset.

JUNIOR DANCE WAS ELABORATE AFFAIR

DANCE SUBSTITUTED FOR JUNIOR PROM IS STAGED WITH SUCCESS IN COMMONS MESS HALL.

Rainbow Decorations Transform Mess Hall—Punch is Excellent—Social Activities of Institute Still Up to Former Standard.

That the social activities of our University have not fallen below the standard is very obvious from the dance given by the class of '19 Friday, April 26. It was somewhat more elaborate than an ordinary dance, since it took the place of the annual "Junior Prom."

The mess hall presented a very different appearance from its usual state. Gay colors were draped around the lights and between the windows. Over the entrance hung the "Stars and Stripes."

To quench the thirst and relieve the fatigued feeling of the dancers, a delicious punch was served in the commons.

A special feature of the occasion was the several "moonlight extras," which are explained in themselves.

Not one word of regret has been heard from those who attended.

TRACK TEAM TAKES MEET BY BIG SCORE

Houston High School is Smothered by Lop-Sided Score—Owls Take 11 Out of 13 First Places.

The Rice track team rather ran away with the High School boys in their practice meet. Out of a possible 12 events, Rice took 11 first places. The final count being Rice 87 and High 25.

The Owl team showed fine form for such an amount of training as they have done. Some good material was brought to light, and with a little more work for form these new men will do Rice credit.

Several old men were back and easily carried off the first places in all events they entered. Dowell took first place in the three dashes he entered and displayed much of his old time form. This year Dowell is going to lower the record already made by him in the 440-yard dash. Lillard is back again showing up good on the weights. He is expected to secure several points in all meets. Kingsland easily took the high jump and will set a new mark for this year.

Men like Rothrock, Clotz, Moler, Tallafarro and others, new men, came out first in their respective events. Rothrock clips off a mile in good time now, but when the big meets come he will be cutting the corners off of all the seconds. Moler is in top condition for the hurdles and much is expected of this man.

Six men will be sent to Warman, Okla., in a few days to participate in a meet composed of colleges of the Southwest. These men have not been chosen yet, but the old men are sure to be taken.

The results were:
Dash, 100 yards: Dowell, Rice, first; Powell, Rice, second; Swank, High, third. Time, 10:03.
Mile race: Rothrock, Rice, first; Mutersbaugh, Rice, second; Armistead, High, third. Time, 5:29 1/2.
Dash, 220 yards: Dowell, Rice, first; Swank, High, second; Dayvault, High, third. Time, 23:04.

Pole vault: Duckett, High, first; Powell, Rice, second; Andrew, High, third. Distance, 10 feet.
Shot put: Lillard, Rice, first; Duckett, High, second; West, Rice, third. Distance, 37 feet 1 inch.

Half mile race: Tallafarro, Rice, first; Cunningham, Rice, second; Parker, Rice, third. Time, 2:16.
Javelin throw: Klotz, Rice, first; West, Rice, second; Lillard, Rice, third. Distance, 134 feet.

Race, 440 yards: Dowell, Rice, first; Weaver Moore, High, second; W. Moore, Rice, third. Time, 53:01.
High jump: Kingsland, Rice, first;

ANOTHER PROF. LEAVES TO JOIN OLD GLORY

GRAUSTEIN, OF MATH. DEPARTMENT, GOES TO SAN ANTONIO TO ENTER NATIONAL ARMY.

Faculty Service Flag Contains Many Stars Already—Several Departments Furnish Soldiers—But One Full Professor Left.

W. C. Graustein left on May 1 for San Antonio to enter the National Army. Mr. Graustein has been instructing Rice students in the intricacies of mathematics for four years, and the men and women whom he has had under his tutelage all feel regret at his leaving. His highly trained mind will be of great service to the United States.

Graustein's departure adds another star to the Rice professorial service flag. This flag has already several stars. Just recently another member of the mathematics department, Professor G. C. Evans, joined the Aviation Corps for work in the research department. It is reported that Evans is now in France.

Among others of the faculty who have left are T. L. Blayney, A. L. Guerard and J. H. Pound. Blayney was professor of German here for several years. He left to enter the service just after the first tocsin of war had sounded. He attended the first officers' training camp at Leon Springs, and secured a Major's commission. Guerard was the head of the French department here, until the second officers' training camp was opened. Attending this he secured a lieutenantancy and was immediately sent to France. He is now attached to General Pershing's staff some where on the Western front. Pound was in the engineering department, but last spring he left with the first bunch of drafted men. He is now in training for a commission. Stockton Axson, formerly professor of English Literature, is doing war work in Washington.

The faculty has been equally as patriotic as the students in furnishing men for the Nation's armies. As a matter of fact, there is now but one man at the Institute with the rank of full professor.

SOPHOMORES PRESENT WATCH TO GRAUSTEIN

On Mr. Graustein's departure from the Institute he was presented with a radio watch-bracelet by his Sophomore mathematic classes, namely, 210 and 220.

Mr. Graustein has received a great deal of attention this year. His 210 class gave him a dainty Easter basket not long ago. The basket was an elaborate gift, blue and gray, filled with eggs, covered with integroo and calculus symbols. "Life's too short," said Mr. Graustein, "to give the class their just reward."

The watch was but a symbol of the real affection we had for him. Those of us who are optimistic, hope to have him back again before we graduate.

To Mr. Graustein:
"When memory summons bygone days,
And visions of Old Rice appear,
Just think of those you left behind
Who wish that you were here."
"Should, auld acquaintance be forgot?"
"Nay, nay," say you and I,
Then may this simple little gift
Remind you of times gone by.

Henley, Rice, second; Andrew, High, third. Height, 5 feet 9 1/2 inches.

Broad jump: Duckett, High, first; Powell, Rice, second; Swank, High, third. Distance, 19 feet 7 inches.

Low hurdles: Moler, Rice, first; Henry, Rice, second; no High entry. Time, :31.

Discus throw: Lillard, Rice, first; Moore, Rice, second; Shaw, Rice, third. Distance, 92 feet 3 inches.

Relay race: Rice first; time, 3:53; Brown, Moler, Dowell, Tallafarro. Rice 87, High 25.

Starter, Staples; timer, Ayres; scorer, Fraught.

MEDAL AND CUP TO BE CONTEST AWARDS

DEBATE AND ORATORICAL CONTEST WILL BE HELD AT END OF YEAR BETWEEN SOCIETIES.

Shotwell's Offers Medal and Lechenger Offers Cup—Affair Deserves Student Support—Interest Shown in Former Years.

As a part of the commencement activities at Rice, there is held an annual oratorical contest and inter-society debate. These will take place this year on Friday night, June 7.

Friends of the Institute have donated prizes to the winners of these annual contests, and the literary societies will no doubt show the usual interest by a large representation this year. Shotwell's offers a handsome gold medal to the better speaker on the winning debating team. These teams will be selected from their respective societies by elimination contests. The Lechenger silver cup, the gift of Mr. L. Lechenger, goes to the society whose representative wins the oratorical contest, provided that this society wins it three years in succession. This contest is open to any member of either of the three societies, and is held immediately after the debate.

Much interest was shown last year at this part of the commencement, and while Rice's literary societies have not been running up to their old standard this year on account of abnormal conditions, they promise to give a good "peppery" representation at this annual society affair, and to continue showing their appreciation for the interest taken and the prizes donated by friends and patrons of the Institute.

SOPHOMORES WILL BE HOSTS AT BOAT RIDE

Great Expectations Have Been Satisfied by Announcement that Annual Affair Is To Be Given.

The much postponed Sophomore boat ride that has been planned since the opening of the war is really to be given on May 11, according to persons in authority in the second year class. The trip has been an annual affair heretofore and it is to be staged according to precedent this year. The party will foregather at Harrisburg at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Thence a boat will be taken to the San Jacinto battleground, where inspiration—along with several other things, for instance, red bugs—will be received among the historic landmarks.

Also, according to precedent, there will be taken along with the party several colored brethren to provide the music for those who desire to spend the evening in tripping the light bombastic. An excellent floor is available at the battleground. It is likely that there will be none desiring to start homeward until well along toward morning. Mothers, do not take fright. The bunch will leave the battleground about 10 o'clock.

The good ship "Nicholaus" has been chartered for the marine excursion. The "Nicholaus" is a staunch, seaworthy vessel, and Mr. George Brown, president of the Sophomores, declares that he has personally supervised the overhauling of the craft in especial preparation for this trip. Before Mr. Brown made inquiries concerning the vessel there were a few parts missing from its interior anatomy, but after some frantic telegrams to several Northern points the absent organs were replaced, and the "Nicholaus" is once more ready to take its place alongside the other vessels in America's merchant marine. "Anyway, the trip will be given on May 11. A really large expense will be incurred, and the Sophomores deserve the hearty support of the students. Buy a ticket.

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OUR DANCES.

The exclusiveness of college dances gives them a high and unique place in social affairs, and any reckless deviation from this feature would detract from the dances themselves and their usefulness. However, the best rule ever made by man would necessarily in some instances merit exception. And especially no rule of society can be absolutely ironclad and at the same time be the most satisfactory and beneficial. As a general rule, therefore, we would say that the exclusion from Rice Institute dances of all but Rice Institute students, is good, for it is a protective measure and necessary to keep the hall from becoming overcrowded.

But as to the arbitrary, dogmatic bar which has heretofore been placed at the dance door, we cannot say that we see how any good can come from it when it places the reputation of our hospitality on a minus basis over the State. It is another argument in the minds of those who might contemplate coming to Rice, that there is no semblance of democracy here. Notorious cases have occurred this year where former students, with as much as two and three years' residence at Rice, have been put off the floor and not allowed to dance. Students visiting friends are regularly denied, and visitors or athletes from other colleges have been asked to leave.

For these instances of inhospitality the students themselves do not assume the blame or responsibility, and express their regret that they have occurred. The dogmatic order is operated from above under the pretense that it is a student decision. One instance will show the students' position. The particular class giving the dance had through the mouths of its officers invited certain former members of the Institute. Coming in good faith upon the invitation, the persons were surprised and naturally indignant at being ordered off the floor, and members of the class were embarrassed by the position in which they were placed.

It is our idea that a rule of exception to the rule might be made on the order of this—that there be a regular form of invitation to outsiders to be brought by their student friends to be signed by the president of the class or organization giving the dance; that these invitations be given in such cases as out-of-town visitors or relatives of students, students or representatives of other colleges, and the like, and that former students of Rice who have been in residence here at least one year be allowed to come at their own will.

It is one of the dark thoughts of the future to think that if one, after leaving college, were to come back to visit old friends, and happen to be here on the night of a dance, he could not attend it. Also it is an embarrassment when one's friends are in the city on the night of a dance, and he is not able to invite them. The whole arrangement smacks of inhospitality and should be remedied by giving the power of invitation to the class or organization giving the dance. It is a social affair of students, and students should have the control.

OUR TIME.

Physiologists claim that the human body needs ordinarily eight hours of sleep out of every twenty-four. If this be true, the average Rice Institute student falls about sixty hours behind on sleep each month. It is absolutely against college human nature to start the evening study before it becomes dark, and at this time of the year by the new time, it is barely dark by 9 o'clock. Since we rise at 6:10 a. m., it would be necessary, in order to get the standard eight hours of sleep, for us to retire at 10 p. m., or, in other words, after one hour of study. One hour, as everyone knows, is not sufficient to keep up in the courses offered at Rice Institute. Consequently, retiring must be put off ordinarily till about 12 midnight, or sometimes later. Twelve o'clock is the customary college bed hour, and this leaves but six hours before reveille sounds.

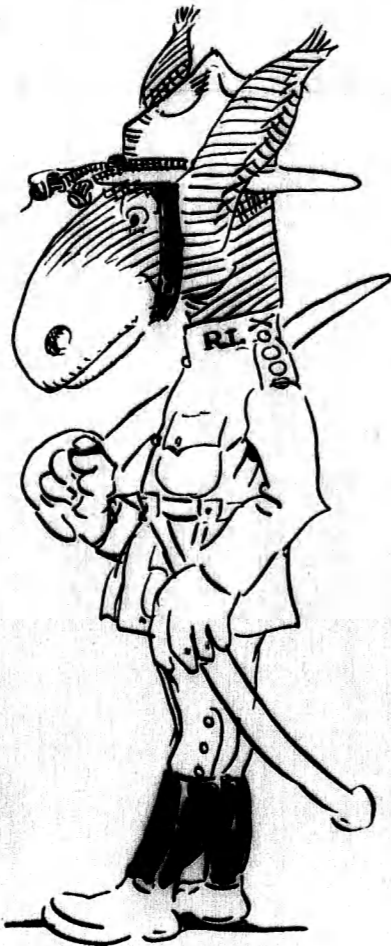
If the Institute schedule were changed so that first classes would come at 9, no more electricity would be burned and the students could get about one hour more sleep. Drill could then be put at 8 and breakfast at 7:15 or 7:30. Reveille itself is not at all a military necessity with the R. O. T. C. we have—it is not mentioned in the Government requirements—and it is a nuisance to college life and schedule. It might be argued that the morning calisthenics are good, and indeed they would be if preceded by sufficient sleep, but it is granted that sleep is more essential than exercise where there is any mental work to be done, and furthermore, exercise is gotten out of other pursuits throughout the day, while sleep is not. In this instance, therefore, it is reasonable to believe that the sleep would be more beneficial than the exercises. Before this year no student has been known to break down physically from lack of exercise, but now many a one finds it impossible to keep his eyes from closing after his long wait for the 11:30 class. If reveille must be, it should not be before 7 a. m., and if done away with more strictness could be carried out for attendance at drill, and less drowsiness throughout the day would be experienced.

THE POETRY PRIZE.

The Thresher poetry closed on May 1. The judges are now considering the poems submitted, and the award will be announced in the next issue. Many contributed were received in the contest. It is likely that the judging will be no easy matter, for some of the productions were really of considerable merit. The judges are F. T. Blanchard and R. P. Lingle, both of the English department. Their ability and fairness are unquestioned.

J. H. Potts, the once famous "Freshman Jim," was circulating about the campus for a while ten days ago. Potts is in the medical corps, and is stationed at San Antonio. He entered with Ed Brown, Festus Carroll, and the others of the bunch of football players who joined together last summer.

Who's Who at Rice
Capt. Meul of Co. J.



MILITARY NOTES

By J. Meers



HOW THE RICE ROOKIE FEELS WHEN ONE OF 'MOMMERS PETS' PICKS HIM UP.



Necessary Aid.

Car (upliftingly): "I can see good in all things every place."

Bine (shooting): "Can you see very good in a fog?"

And There Are No Operas.

Score: "And you say Jimmie is pushing her very much here lately?"

Book: "Sure thing! The doctor has advised her against chocolates and the movies hurt her eyes."

About Forgotten.

Mr. Whitmore (Chem. 100): "Arsenic is used in making 'Paris Green' and 'London Purple.'"

Jap. M.: "How about 'Memphis Blues'?"

Trouble Brewed.

Two co-eds were discussing mutual happenings when they both dissented a certain Loganite, and finally Robbie said to Mabel, piously:

"You should heap coals of fire upon his head!"

"I will," Mabel replied. "I have tried boiling once or twice."

By the Way.

The Rice boys have been treated lately by some of the town janes, they are practically offered dates on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays. So Charlie, an excellent student of generalities, said: "That sure is easy for us."

When Juhn said, "Charlie, that is pretty good, but what about the day a holiday is declared at Logan?"

The Laziest.

Dri: "Is Niland lazy?"

Zone: "So lazy he stood in the revolving door in the Carter building and then waited until Patten came along and pushed him out."

Particular Manners.

After the people had taken home a Freshman for a soldier he was very mannered who nasked by his hostess "What part of the chicken do you wish?" for he answered:

"Some of the meat, please."

Why has an elephant more sense than John Ansley?

Answer: Because an elephant can keep track of his trunk and John can't.

Patent Applied For.

Mr. Whitmore (in Chem. 100): "There are various kinds of matches, but the commonest matches made are parlor matches."

Yam Thomas (interrupting): "Why, Doctor, the commonest known today are porch swing matches."

PERSONALS.

Festus Carroll was recently seen at Rice. He had just returned from the training camp at Fort Worth, and he is now awaiting his commission.

Kenneth Cunningham attended the officers' camp at Fort Worth, and successfully completed it. He came through Houston for a short stay a week ago.



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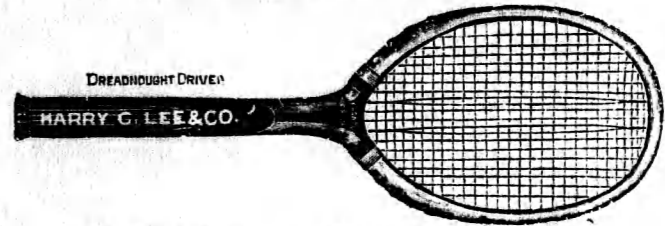
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[Editor's Note:—We print the following communication which was handed us, with the same intent in which we think it was written, not to benefit us especially this year, but in interest of the university and the students of next year. There is no malcontent on our part or that of the author as, we think, to arouse any trouble, for it is not intended to be muckraking. The administrative mistakes of which it makes mention, we think have been acknowledged, and the plea for information concerning the coming year is nothing more than should be expected in view of the conditions this year. Therefore, we print it because we feel that we are in a position to know from the student sentiment that such information given out now would insure a more successful year and satisfied student body next year.]

The year that is to follow—what sort of a year will it be made for Rice Institute? Will the administrative evils, that have so undermined the life of the University for the past seven months, be remedied so that the coming session may be a success? Will the people who have come to doubt the value of a university training at Rice be convinced that the year 1917-18 has been an administrative mistake—rather than a true example of what a year at Rice really means?

In the hands of a few men there rests the responsible duty of assuring for this University a successful year in 1918-19. Unless the extreme evils that have injured Rice this year are removed, the year to come can be beneficial neither to students nor to institution. "The powers that be" should convince the people who are interested that next year will be vastly unlike this.

The military plan for Rice was untenable for a university; the stiff-neck, honor-questioning, undemocratic attitude that was made the very backbone of the whole system made the permanence of the scheme an impossibility; and if it could have continued as it was first undertaken, the few sad humans that would have remained in the tolls until today would be a type that no university would wish to acknowledge as its own product. The goal of this inapplicable system was the maximum amount of militarism—because our Nation is at war. The results of the system were making every man disgusted with what was uselessly inflicted upon him as "military training," placing before the "cadets" a most astoundingly inefficient, arbitrary, haphazard system that was never intended or hinted in the Government R. O. T. C. requirements. This caused many men to stop their university education, something which was directly in conflict with the war interests of our Nation. And all the time this was going on, was there any observance by the University Commons of the food conservation measures that were then being followed

TEXAS AGITATED OVER EJECTION OF STUDES

Texas University has been considerably agitated over the recent expulsion of several prominent upper-classmen who were concerned in the publication of an anonymous paper on April 1. The sheet, called the "Blunderbus," has been edited annually on All-Fool's Day since 1914, although it has been continually under the ban of the faculty. Published principally for fun and mirth the editors nevertheless took the opportunity to make public complaint through it for all the grievances of the year.

In this respect it took on somewhat the aspect of our own "Red Tape" but with quite different results. But, strange to say, none of the "kicks" registered were directed directly at the military features recently installed in the University. Most of the troubles were inter-frat difficulties and protests against co-ed domination of the school.

As a reward for their action four prominent men are suspended from the University, two for a month and two until next September. This removes a star debater from Texas' team, takes a baseball man off the squad and ruins a degree for a third.

Petitions signed by groups of individual students asked for leniency. The students' council met and adopted resolutions asking that the sentenced men be allowed to return to school. Just now the case is not finally decided.

by nearly all hotels? No, not at all. Were the women being given instruction in, or facilities for, Red Cross or first aid work? Not one hour of instruction, not one item of equipment. And were the academic standards of the University improving? The records show that the standards of the academic work was lower than it had ever been. And in the military drill itself, was there any progress made, anything really learned? Hardly; in January the "instruction" was begun again just as it had started more than three months before. Was the evil given prompt administrative attention? Was the mistake acknowledged and corrected? Well, let us see.

Now, this is not argument; it is not criticism—it is simple descriptive narration. Four months—four months and Other Things—were required before any marked changes were made in the system. And the changes that have been made—the bulk of the ritual was thrown away; the "Code" was condemned—and reason now played a part in shaping that code; the hours of reveille, drill, et cetera, were changed, re-changed, and changed again; there was begun a course of military instruction lectures that was supposed to have been in existence for six months. Many changes have been effected, but—has there been any change in the really fundamental part of the system? Has that mincingly, lofty, vivisectionist attitude toward the students been altered? Not materially!

This year Rice should have been a university with a military feature; instead, it has been a university that featured the military. One high Committee—distinctly martial—has had control of every student's every action; a disgustingly inefficient militarism has been allowed to permeate the entire university—with an effect that we admit only to ourselves—and the error has not yet been fully corrected. A student called up before the "Tribunal" comes not to a hearing, not to a trial—but to a sentence; a sentence that is sometimes just. He is intimidated from the very start of the proceedings; he is made to feel that he is considered guilty until he proves his innocence—and even then he may not be allowed to offer any proofs; if he is permitted to say anything, his honor is often questioned; he is treated more like a barbarian criminal than a college student who is as yet only accused of a violation of the regulations. To make a long story short—many of the actions of that lofty "Tribunal" would have been scorned for their injustice by the hardest men of the old Inquisition. And no official assurance has yet been given that next year, and the other years to follow, will be different from this year; no official steps have been made to insure that people shall not judge Rice Institute by what they know of this troubled year at the institution.

It is this ironclad, ungenerous, even unjust and arbitrary attitude that has so injured Rice; it is that, which has caused many to grieve for the Institute—and many others to leave it; it is that, which must be removed if the welfare of the university is to be safeguarded, and democracy be yet an entity here.

A grave mistake was made—there is nothing culpable in that; but there certainly should not have been so much delay in correcting the error. It never should have been necessary for four months to pass before the gross evils were remedied. Why has the destructive influence been so long permitted to endure? Cannot we be assured that the frightful mistake will be corrected, and that Rice will be restored to the place it formerly had in the hearts of all?

Let those who can, assure us all—and the mal-informed public—that Rice shall know no other year like 1917-18, that men may still look to this university as a happy environment for academic advancement; that the years that are to come will be like those that have gone before—happy chapters in the history of a noble institution. Let there be a full statement of the plan for next year, so those who come may know to what they are coming better than did we last September.



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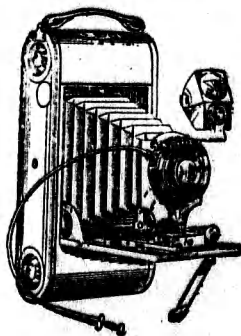
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LONGHORNS SHUTOUT OWLS IN FIRST GAME

Initial Contest is Taken by Texas, 7-0—Owls Get But One Hit and Make Ten Errors.

The Longhorns romped all over the Owls Friday afternoon in a nine-inning game in which the Owls showed how baseball ought not to be played. Bobbles were many and frequent on the Owls' side. Texas played errorless ball in the field, and the Longhorn pitcher, Gillett, held the Owls to one lone hit. But two Owls got on first and neither of these got past the initial sack.

The final score was 7-0. Atkinson pitched a fair game, considering the discouraging support behind him. Texas got only two runs that were earned, although they gained seven hits. All these hits were singles with one exception, a double by Falk. Atkinson was the man who touched his opponent for the only hit gathered off Gillett's delivery. Atkinson was relieved in the eighth by Duffy, who pitched the remaining two frames in good style, getting a pair of strike-outs and allowing no hits and no runs.

In addition to holding the Owls to a single hit, Gillett made eleven batsmen fan the air. The Owls seemed to be absolutely off, both in fielding and batting.

The score:

Texas U.—	AB	H	PO	A
D. English, rf	5	0	1	0
Bolan, ss	1	0	2	2
W. English, lf	1	0	1	0
Falk, 1b	1	3	8	3
Greer, 3b	4	1	1	1
McCullough, 2b	1	2	0	2
Collins, cf	2	1	2	0
Hart, c	2	0	11	0
Gillett, p	4	0	1	1
Totals	33	7	27	7

Rice—	AB	H	PO	A
Nash, 2b	4	0	5	0
Vibiz, cf	1	0	1	0
Mathewson, 1b	3	0	1	2
Heywood, lf	2	0	1	0
Bell, 3b	2	0	6	2
Gerlach, c	3	0	9	3
Waltrip, ss	3	0	1	3
Harlan, rf	3	0	0	0
Atkinson, p	2	1	0	0
Duffy, p	1	0	0	0
Totals	27	1	27	10

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Summary: Runs—Falk 1, Greer 2, McCullough 1. Errors—Collins, Atkinson, Waltrip, Bell 2, Mathewson 2, Nash 4. Two-base hit—Falk. Innings pitched—By Atkinson 7. Stolen bases—Falk 2, McCullough. Struck out—By Atkinson 6, by Duffy 2, by Gillett 11. Bases on balls—Off Atkinson 5, off Duffy 1, off Gillett 1. Umpire—Darby. Time 1:50.

HOW YOUR RED CROSS MONEY GOES OVERSEAS

From the Daily Texan.

A special contributor, who is a member of the University faculty, sent a contribution some time in December directly to the American Red Cross in France. In February he received an answer from Homer Folks, director of Civil Affairs Department, Red Cross, informing him that his money had been received, and relating to him the story of the two boys it had gone to help. These boys were taken in charge by the department in care of French children when they were sent to the Red Cross by General Lambert in November, 1914, after the Germans had taken Ostend, where the Muller boys lived with their father, a hosteler. The children, one 15 and one 12, were piled into a German prison train and taken to a prison camp at Darmstadt, up the Rhine, just across from Schaffhouse, Switzerland. Here they were at hard labor for three years. Their daily fare consisted of dog meat and potatoes. They had no bread. They could hear nothing from their parents, nor from the French. In October, 1917, the younger brother, Georges, because he was under weight and under age, was sent back by the Germans. Then in January Maurice, with a friend, escaped from the prison camp and made his way at midnight to the banks of the Rhine. He floated for an hour in the swift current before he could reach the Swiss shore at Schaffhouse. There he was found by the Swiss officers who sent him on the French border at Evian. Upon his return he was taken in charge by the American Red Cross. He was quite sick after his long swim and is still weak. He was in a hospital for a month before he came to Paris. There his brother joined him and they spent their first night in comfort found for them by the Red Cross; they had a first-class meal for the first time in months, and they smoked American cigarettes from American Red Cross stores. A Red Cross representative is helping find work and permanent quarters.

The money sent by the special contributor from the University of Texas went to aid these two victims of the war.

Two weeks after the letter thanking this contributor and enclosing the story of how the money was spent reached Austin the same information was printed in the newspapers as dispatches from special war correspondents in France. There is no doubt that the money given to the Red Cross is used directly to aid in this war. It fills a definite need and the contributor may rest assured that his money is performing the acts that he would perform were he on the scene.

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