Hostility greets Blue and Grey

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History being the way it is, it often happens that the greatest advances of man appear unbidden and unnoticed, neglected by even the most sagacious of those who live at the time history is being made, and recognized for what they are—great, marvelous advances destined to lead man from the mud to the stars, from barbarism to paradise—only generations later, after the proper time gap, to quote the celebrated Marshall McLuhan, has passed, illuminating that which once was obscure, and clarifying that which once was shrouded in seemingly impenetrable clouds. Such a great advance occurred Friday night.

I refer the seeker of knowledge to contemplate the Blue-Grey game of last week, in which there appeared a major innovation, which shows promise of surpassing the greatest wonders of modern science.

Those who attended the annual spring clash between the opposing factions of the football team, or, for that matter even those who did not deign to attend, no doubt were aware SOMETHING WAS HAPPENING, owing to the lusty cheers emanating from the fond dell where the mighty warriors engage in restless strife; nay, no doubt the entire world could not but be cognizant that there was a new spirit, the dawn of a New Era in Rice athletic endeavors.

A Fever Pitch

Without a doubt, dividing the colleges into two groups and assigning each group a team to support increased student enthusiasm to a fever pitch.

This noble experiment succeeded so mightily that it should be expanded, even to include the regular season.

It is patently unfair to ask a group of superbly-conditioned visiting athletes to compete in an atmosphere of HOSTILITY. Furthermore, the very spectacle of hundreds of vociferous persons wildly cheering for them would so unnerve any visiting team that a Rice victory would be assured.

Some changes would seem to be in order, however, and one of the most essential ones would be to allow each college a voice in deciding whether it will support Rice or the visiting team. My plan is as follows: a majority vote of each college shall determine to which team that college shall commit its support; the results of this election shall be binding upon each member of the college, such that he shall be forbidden to cheer for any other team.

Kudos

Of course, there will be some who will maintain that this procedure would deprive the individual of his freedom of choice, but such objections are invalid because it is certainly unfair to allow an individual to partake of the advantages of belonging to a college without sharing the responsibilities which such membership entails.

This plan, I feel, should certainly be promulgated, and the Rice Athletic Department should receive the kudos of all those men of knowledge scattered throughout the world for their efforts to create light out of darkness, to bring order out of chaos, to bring peace out of strife.