

## Live Sammy Debuts At LSU Game

Rice's new Sammy, a great horned owl, seemed unruffled as he made his debut before 70,000 fans Saturday night.

"Feathered Sammy," as he is called to distinguish him from "Plastic Sammy," will appear at all Rice home football and basketball games in the custody of the cheerleaders. He will not accompany the team out of town, with the possible exception of the SMU game.

The owl was purchased at age two months from a Houston pet shop by Harry Holmes and Ann Holland. The Student Senate last week approved the purchase, but left care of the mascot to the cheerleaders.

### Nine Mice Weekly

Sammy will grow to two feet in height and have a four foot wing spread, according to Holmes. He sleeps days, like many Riceites, but should eventually learn daylight habits.

In his cage in the Wiess College courtyard, Sammy eats three live mice three times a week. The mice ("Swiss mice because they are bigger and fatter") are obtained from Texas Mice Inbreeding, Inc., a laboratory supply house. He also eats steak and chicken.

### Students, Alumni Agree

Reports that Aggies have already been seen "casing" the cage have alerted the cheerleaders to the possibility of theft. Elaborate defenses are, therefore, being prepared by a

group of Wiess Electrical Engineers.

Alumni and sportswriters greeted Sammy with enthusiasm. He has already been interviewed by press, television, and radio reporters.