'60-'61 Owl Cagers Are 
Short, Numerous, Hopeful

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On October 15, the Rice cagers, under Coach John Frankie, opened with probably the shortest team in the Southwest Conference.

They are not lacking in numbers, however. With 18 varsity players and 12 frosh, this is the biggest squad that Rice has assembled in a long time.

PREPARING for their opening game December 1 against Lamar Tech in Beaumont, the Owls have been hard at work smoothing over the rough spots. The team is divided into five groups, and hard scrimmages and drills are the players' daily formula.

Experience will be one of the main problems with eight one-year lettermen supplying the total. Although the team may be somewhat better balanced defensively, the loss of David Craig leaves the team with a strong need for better shooting, especially from the outside. The addition of Galloway, the Kelly twins, and several promising sophomores will give needed strength in all departments.

TEXAS A&M, Texas, and Arkansas will be the top contenders for the SWC crown won by Texas last year. After ending up in last place for the 1959-60 season, the Owls have a long way to go, but they have lots of room.

The Owls will play their first home game against Trinity University on December 3. This will be one of ten games that the Owls will play prior to their Southwest Conference debut here against Baylor on January 3.