Athletics To Be Abolished

By BUDDY

In keeping with the Rice tradition of always catering to the whims of the students, all intercollegiate sports will be discontinued beginning with the school year 1959-60. In a letter addressed to Athletic Director Jess Neely which was intercepted by alert Thresher reporters, Dr. Houston stated:

We, meaning George R. Brown and a couple of others, feel that

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further participation in intercollegiate sports is unbecoming to an intellectual institution like Rice. Your proposed 150 lb. football team will be a good cover up until we abolish it and we'll sneak this proposal past the students who will undoubtedly not give a damn. Cheering at pep rallies and games, entusiasms for a winner and hate of the Aggies does not tend to create a real intellectual atmosphere for the intellectual snobs which Rice is hoping to entice (or seduce). Also, tall basketball players do not blend with the trees which the proposed all-purpose plan compasses.

The stadium is to be torn down. Brown and Root men who built the stadium in six months who have had nothing to do since moving Fondren Library over two feet will once again get a chance for another record. The parking lot is to be done away with so that students will not have to gripe about parking cars way down there. Also physical training classes will be done away with because nobody cares about the President's plan for rebuilding the youth of America. This institute was set up for the advancement of Letters, Art, and Science and not to have a million people trampling over the campus, paying two million dollars to sit in a six million dollar stadium to see a team which gives Rice the appearance of being a normal school. All money which is now in the athletic fund will be placed in a special George R. Brown Charity Fund for people who don't know where their next million is coming from.