Enteritis Strikes Across Campus

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The malady which so deeply affected many Rice students Wednesday has been diagnosed as acute enteritis by Dr. Ray H. Skaggs, Health Service physician.

Symptoms of diarrhea sent 45 students rushing to the clinic for doses of vile tasting kaoppec by 3:00 Wednesday afternoon. One student was kept at the infirmary with acute stomach cramps. Wiess, Will Rice and Jones reported most of the cases.

The symptoms became manifest for many very early Wednesday morning. According to Dr. Skaggs there is reason to believe that there were many who suffered in silence. Over 40% of Wiss college reported definitely having the symptoms.

While the source of the infection is not definitely known, the luncheon meal is suspected.

The Health Service has collected specimens from a number of patients and from food service personnel. Cultures will be grown in these to be compared with cultures grown in food leftover from Tuesday’s meals.

Hopefully it will be possible to trace how the germ was carried. According to Skaggs it will take at least 48 hours to prepare the cultures and by then all the symptoms will have disappeared.