Board Considers Football Prayers

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Invocations at Rice home football games this year have aroused charges of "too long," "Content too denominational," "altogether out of place in the irreverent atmosphere of a football crowd."

ALTHOUGH NOT too numerous, complaints on the part of Houstonians attending the games have evidently been strong enough to cause consideration of the problem. At present the Board of Governors has the matter under advisement.

Student Association president Bob Clarke said that several students had voiced complaints to him. Selection of ministers to give the invocation was the responsibility of SA Vice-President Ken Carr.

Although the SA has not formally considered the matter, Clarke said he felt that ministers should be invited with the understanding that their prayers will be (Continued on Page 6)
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CLARKE ALSO suggested that choice of ministers might be better handled by a committee instead of just one person. He mentioned the possibility of the Interfaith Council’s taking over the job.

SA Vice-President Carr stated that he personally had heard no complaints. In asking ministers to give the opening prayer, he did not ask more than one minister from any one denomination.

Rice played six home games this year. Invocations were given by Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopalian, Catholic, and non-denominational ministers.