Baker’s harriers prove no tarriers, capture first place in college meet

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Sunday afternoon, while the Houson Oilers, cordoned off within the confines of Rice Stadium, were losing another football game, a sporting event of far greater dimensions was encompassing the whole campus.

In a tremendous show of strength, the Baker cross-country team demolished the three other men’s colleges, winning seven of the first ten places.

Taking the four best places of each college, Baker’s team score was 12, Will Rice 35, Hanszen 56, and Wiess 999 plus (penalty points). Wiess, the “chicken college,” failed to field a team.

Jack Lippincott took first for Baker, with an excellent time of 15:57, nearly a minute faster than last year’s winning time of 16:41. Davis Phillips of Baker was second in 16:03, and Robert Olson (Baker), third in 16:27.

Fourth and fifth places were Bill McHarg of Hanszen (16:32) and Will Bickley of Will Rice (17:14), followed closely by Bill Pickel, Baker (17:17).

One factor involved in the much better times this year was the participation of a few “unattached” track men, Rice students who were ineligible to run for a college because of current or past varsity “track jock” status at Rice or elsewhere. (Would you believe Harvard?)

Only one of them (he remains nameless because presumably he was running “just for kicks”) was able to finish ahead of Baker’s first three men.