Three Muggers Rob Sophomore; Loses Prize Flute, Wallet, Watch

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A student was knocked down and robbed of more than $500 worth of personal belongings Monday night on the Rice campus.

Ron Brown, Hanszen sophomore, was struck on the back of the head and knocked to the ground by three unidentified Negroes as he was walking from Jones College to the Physics Amphitheater Monday evening.

The attackers fled with Brown’s five hundred dollar flute, his watch, and his billfold.

Brown then returned to Jones South where he called the campus police and other authorities.

A brief examination in a hospital emergency room indicated that Brown had not been seriously injured.

Flute Insured

The Hanszen sophomore said later that he would be unable to identify his attackers. He added that his hand-made flute was insured, but it would require two years to obtain a comparable replacement.

Four weeks ago unidentified assailants robbed four other Rice students on the campus.

One of the students victimized, Wiess sophomore Pieter Cramerus, explained that knifewielding Negroes surrounded him near the William Marsh Rice statue, but demanded only his billfold.

Taking Steps

Dr. Paul Pfeiffer, Dean of Students, said that the University is taking extra measures to protect the students. He added that one more Pinkerton detective has been added to the night patrol.

“Rice needs additional campus security,” Pfeiffer said. “At the present time we are looking for a professionally trained man in police work, who has university experience, to alleviate this need.”

Pfeiffer concluded that one of the requirements for a new security official is that “he understands and likes the students and is capable of protecting them.”