WITH SPATS, YET!

'New Look' Owl Band Shows Off Saturday

By PAT PIPER

As the Rice Owls prepare to embark on what promises to be their most successful season, the Owl Band prepares to support the team and to represent the school in a fitting way.

The band will present a new look Saturday when it takes the field at halftime and makes its first public appearance in its new uniforms.

THE BAND'S new uniforms are an innovation from anything seen here before. The marching uniform consists of a basic blue suit but at this point all similarity to any past uniform vanishes. An overlay of bright blue and white will be worn over the coat.

The net effect of the uniform, when all of the accessories are worn, is one of a flashy marching band. In contrast to this, when only the basic uniform is employed the effect is that of a stage band.

Accessories to the uniform include spats and a reversible blue and gray vest.

The uniform is the result of much discussion and deliberation on the part of Mr. Holmes McNeely, director, and several of last year's members. After much deliberation and some contention the present uniform was finally decided upon.

Funds came primarily from the proceeds of several years' Blue-Gray games.

WITH THESE new uniforms is an increased membership of close to 100 including about 50 freshmen recruited from some of the best high school bands in the state.

After football season this year, the band has plans for some new ideas in the way of entertainment for the basketball games. Also included in the spring plans is a program of more intensive concert work.

This year's officers include Barry Moore, drum major; Pat Piper, president; Ed McDonald, vice-president; Fred Goff, business manager; and Franklin Baldwin, librarian.