**First Grid Test for Owl Eleven Saturday**

**Big Crowds To Attend School Picnic**

**Founder's Statue To Mark Location Of Student Gathering**

By Joyce Pounds

The biggest all-school picnic on record will be held Saturday, September 25, from 5 to 7 p.m. It will be held on the campus grounds behind the William Marsh Rice statue, where there will be plenty of room for eating, yelling and entertainment.

The gathering will end shortly before our first football game of the season against Randolph Field, of San Antonio. Brown Bragging, chairman of the

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**Methodist Leader Gives Lecture On Immortality**

Mr. J. Lee Allen, Director of the Methodist Student Union and Assoc. Pastor at St. Paul's Church, spoke upon the subject of "Immortality" at the regular meeting of the Methodist Student Union Tuesday. This lecture was the beginning of a series of four lectures on the same subject. Mr. Allen quoted the beliefs of various well-known theologians on the question of immortality, and further stated that there were three levels from which immortality may be regarded. The first is lower level from which the individual has little or no knowledge of the question and expresses an opinion without a great deal of consideration, thought, or study. The second progresses to a higher level from which the individual has studied and pondered the subject and is therefore capable of giving it a more mature evaluation.

The question of immortality was chosen from a list of four subjects by the students who wished to hear the speech. Mr. Allen discusses that topic.

The Methodist denomination is the

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**Men Change Rooms In Two Battalions**

Upon approval of the executive officer, Lieutenant Commander Ketten, USNR (Ret.), the rooms of the second and third battalions will be renumbered so that they will have their own rooms. This change will affect all members of the class.

The first battalion is placed in rooms according to the standing of the individual members in the Navy.

**Rice Line, Please Note...**

Glenn Dobbs

**Phy Beta Kappa Elects Nine New Members**

The campus chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, national honor society of scholars, met last Friday to nominate the new members of the senior class.

"Claudia" Tryouts Continue Friday At Autry House

Tryouts for the feminine roles in "Claudia," Girls' Club presentation, will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at Autry House. The meeting called for last Friday was postponed on account of the pending storm.

Ronnie Johnson, director, is discussing the prospects of the play, saying that the parts for the male roles would be difficult to cast because of the galaxy of talent. Boys who read parts are Glenn Baxter, Clifton Rea, George Johns, Hayne Korey, Lew Brown, and Chris Hansen.

Director Johnson requests that anyone who knows anything about stage lighting to get in touch with him. She also states that suggestions or help of any kind from the members of the former Dramatic Club would be more than welcome.

Dr. McAllister, president, presided over the meeting.

The list of new members released by Dr. Floyd B. Lane, Assistant Professor of History, was composed of the following students: Doris Clark, Munece Cohen, Katherine Fisher, Neil Joan Ranson, Edwin Reddick, Helen Segal, Billy Skypow, Mary Summerv and James Terrell.

The initiation for these new members will be an event of October 1, according to the report given by Dr. Lane.

The nine members taken in this time exceed the usual amount taken in to Phi Beta Kappa, which is either six or seven. Possibly there will be some new members added to the list after the mid-quarter exams, and there is a slight possibility of some being added after the finals in February. The total amount of members, however, cannot exceed the upper ten per cent of the class. This brings the maximum to 14 members possibly 10.

Members have also been named to the list of recent graduates and fellows who did their preliminary academic work elsewhere.

**Season Opener Pits Owls Against Tough Randolph Ramblers**

**All-America Glenn Dobbs Leads Army Flyers' Bid For Recognition In First Southwest Conference Tilt**

By Mildred McCull

Saturday night marks the opening game of the 1943 football season here, Rice vs. Randolph Field will be the sole home game under the lights that the Owls will play this year.

Coach Jess Neely, counting heavily on inexperienced players, sends his team out to what may be an all-revealing contest against the Randolph Field Ramblers. With little or no idea about how his charges will come through in this opening game, Neely may well look forward to the tilt as an opportunity to find out what he really has.

Randolph's All-American offensive tackle, previously rated as an almost certain victory for Coach Neely, may well find himself in a position of head cheerleader, the Council was authorized by its Constitution to appoint a successor. Graham was supported by the two remaining cheerleaders, Bryant Bradley and Chill Richards, and was thoroughly approved by the Council.

Cotten turned in his resignation because of the conflict with football. He had not expected to go out for football last year, but when he was asked to come out for fall training, he felt he could try harder for the school out on the field. As Jimmy put it, "I would be kinds hard to hold down both positions at the same time."

The Council also announces that this week, the student tickets to all the football games may be obtained by bringing your blanket and assuming the set laid aside for you.

**Engineers Present Alumni Speaker**

The Engineering Alumni will present their first speaker of the year at the Engineering Society meeting Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the Chemistry Lecture Hall, stated President Ray Simpson today.

"The purpose of alumni speakers," said Simpson, "is the betterment of the relations between students and industry."
The all-school picnic was originated by the Student Council under the leadership of former President Earl Wylie in the fall of 1941.

This year's picnic should be no exception. The fact that it is scheduled to take place before our first football game will further bolster the school spirit that we need to encourage our big eleven.

From past experience we can prophecy that everyone will have a good time. So come on over to the picnic, students, and join in the fun. You won't regret the two hours you spend because you can make many new acquaintances and obtain an opportunity to chat informally with your instructors. You will also contribute indirectly to the main purposes of the gathering— that of promoting good school spirit and that of unification.

By Bobby Sabol

Misses Alice Lofland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude R. Alford, became the bride of Lieut. Richard Graham Musgrove, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Musgrove. The ceremony was held at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Richmond, Va., on the morning of October 17, 1916. Miss Lofland is a native of Lexington, Ky., and Musgrove is the son of a Lexington physician. The wedding was a couple of nights ago, and the couple is now in Florida on their honeymoon.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Musgrove. The ceremony was solemnized at 8 Saturday night by the Rev. Mr. P. J. Musgrove, Sr., and his son, the Rev. Mr. P. J. Musgrove, Jr.

The former ex-Rice men, among them Johnnie Wells, a snapshot of himself with a steely look, looks fine—has gained 10 pounds!

And don't forget that the Junior Class is putting on a very fine show on the morning of Saturday, October 22, at 10 a.m., to give you a view of the new Link trainers. He got his pilot's license in this course the other day. As soon as he receives his new address, we will publish it. Another pilot who is flying a Civilian training Stearman is Ernie Bugay, who is also flying a Civilian training Stearman. They will be flying to New York in the near future.

By Joan Logan

From classroom to an Arabid's palace in a few short months—that's what Captain Andre C. Boudet, USN, said when he left here last week to report for duty with the 6th Fleet. He will be aboard the USS Buxom, a five-deck, 5,000-ton cruiser, as a midshipman for the duration of his tour. fertilizer.
By Mildred McCall

I do not derive any particular joy from disagreeing, but I find myself in no position to agree with the predictions Woody Dreydon and Joe Duf-fel made last week about the "43 Southwest Conference races. My choices are:

1. Rice—plenty of reserve strength, the best coaches in the conference, plus the ever-present "Rice fight" which "never dies" should make our Owls double-tough by the time they start the conference grind. (Hey, put down that axe! This limb is fairly comfortable.)

2. Texas—Need I explain?

3. SMU—A fast backfield and occasional passers and some glove-fingered receivers make the Mustangs seem a team capable of taking care of itself.

4. TCU—The first string line looks like something to scare any opp-

ponent, but lack of reserves will cloud the picture considerably. Coach Meyer and his aides, said coach, incidentally, always has something up his sleeve, so do not sell the Frogs short.

5. . . . It looks like a fight for the cellar spot between A&M and Ar-

kansas, with the Husks notting and because of the fastfall of high-
school talent they graduated through their state. Frankly, there is little known about the share-croppers.

Back to my choice of the boys in blue and gray—some critics may have been taken with the Texas galaxy of talent, but remember, Coach Bible can only put eleven of them on the field at once, and it just is not logical that there should be a team this year with no one or two weak spots. War and sea.

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Annual Guessing Game

Sports Scribes Predict Longhorns
Victor Team In '43 Grid Wars

Fort Worth, Sept. 23—There's not much use in playing out the 1943 Southwest Conference football schedule. Practically all of the newspaper and radio sports experts are convinced that the Texas Longhorns are going to walk away with the honors in this year's race.

Coach Dana X. Bible's boys received 43 votes for first place out of 69 cast in the regular pre-season poll taken by J. Wilfred Ridings, director of the TCU News Services.

At other extremes, the Arkansas Razorbacks were relegated to the cellar position in the six-way race by an even stronger majority. Arkansas received 66 votes for last place, none of the 69 placing the "Hawks higher than fourth.

"Never has there been such unani-
mous unanimity of opinion on the strength and weakness of the conference," Ridings reports.

"On the other hand, the 69 ballots received constitute the smallest num-
ber of votes since the poll was inaugurated in 1934. Apparently there

is so much uncertainty about it all that even the experts are afraid to venture an opinion."

"Even if you're right this year, you should be classified as a screw-

cap, for trying?" one sports editor wrote.

But if there is unanimity of opin-
i on in Texas and Arkansas, there is confusion concerning the remain-
ing four entries.

TCU, placed second by the poll, received votes for all positions. Rice, predicted to finish third, received votes for all spots but sixth place. SMU and A & M, placed fourth and fifth, respectively, were ranked in every position but first place.

The predicted order of finish, as indicated by the pre-season poll, is given below, with the number of votes for each entry (first place, 1 point, second, 2 points, etc.):

1. Texas  79
2. TCU  336
3. Rice  215
4. SMU  552
5. A&M  279
6. Arkansas  609

Trainees Practice Cheers On Friday

There will be a yell practice for the navy trainees at 7:15 p.m. Fri-
day in the Senior Commons, an-
nounced Acting Director Ham Bolton. Yell sheets will be dis-

dtributed to the men.

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THE ONLY INK CONTAINING SOLV-X
By Frank King

As the first sign of fall crept into Houston last week and the city donned its first cold wave of the year, the football-minded trainees in the V-12 unit here at Rice took the pajink down off the shelf and indulged in their first touch game of the season.

In the 30-minute period which the men get from mess until call to quarters at 7:30, the cadets showed up, took and to the drill field, which serves as a gridiron. This touch football played by the trainees has proved to be a lot of fun. The big advantage of the game is the fact that the only equipment needed is a football. The game is played according to intercollegiate rules of play, the only difference being that the offensive ball carrier is touched instead of tackled.

Touch football has become a popular sport around the campus, and, if the strong interest in it and the intramural touch football may be organized and take its place in the world of sports at the Institute. If intramural football is organized, teams will be composed of both civilian and navy students. The sport should draw many participants.

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largest denomination on the campus. The United States Christian Solidarity has taken over the supervision of all religious questions by the students themselves.

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