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Osiris Seek First Win Saturday

Conference Opener In Dallas in Renewal of Long-Standing Feud

By Mildred McCall

Saturday afternoon, when the Rice Institute Osiris Invade Ft. Worth for a game with Southern Methodist University at Dallas, will mark the annual renewal of rivalry which dates back to 1916.

This, the first conference go of the season for both teams, pits two as yet un-victorious squads against each other. The Owls have last had a victory to boast of and NTAC, and the Owls have suffered defeat at the hands of Randolph Field, LRS, and Tulane.

Early Data Restored

This year finds the date of this tilt in mid-October rather than early December. In the last eight seasons because war conditions, have forced the participants to cancel inter-scholastic matches which otherwise would have found them far afield at this time. It was decided, therefore, by the powers that be, to schedule the Owls-Mustang game at the point of the year it concluded prior to 1918, when it was changed to enable SMU to play a game on the field.

Coaches in Derby

Because of the cancellation of the Southwest's NAATC vs. SMU tilt last week, Owls coaches have had no oppor-tunity to study the other team, and consequently must depend on a speedometer of somewhat sketchy defense to defeat SMU. On the other hand, SMU has had a week in which to recover from injuries (Continued on page 4)

Souvenir Booklets Of Rice Institute On Sale Next Week

Souvenir booklets of Rice Institute will be on sale next week in the Co-op and the ship store, officials announced today.

The booklets will contain eight photographs of buildings on the campus, aerial view of the cam-pus, and pictures of battalion formations awaiting inspection. Some of the campus were selected by Mr. William Ward Winkin, Professor of Art, back in 1916.

There will be two types of booklets, each with a different cover. One cover--will feature an embossed design of the Cameron Bell, and all booklets will be the same size and will be furnished with envelopes for mailing purposes.

"These booklets will be very appropriate for use in sending to their families and friends or to keep as a memento of those happy days at the Institute, says Photograph-er, "Winkin."

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Captain T. A. Thomson

The closing of the first semester of the Navy V-13 training program marks the departure of Captain Thaddeus A. Thomson, Jr.

Captain Thomson came to Rice on May 7, 1942 as the successor of Captain Dallas D. Dupre when the latter was transferred to Marines College.

His retirement, due to physical disability, terminates a long and colorful naval career, beginning in 1907 when he was graduated from the United States Naval Academy and ending this year when he was withdrawn from his post as commandant of five Navy V-13 units.

Captain Thomson's work here is ample evidence of his administrative ability in coordinating and facilitating the activities of the Navy V-13 Training Program. Noteworthy were his efforts to promote fellowship and cooperation between the naval cadets and civilian students.

Best of wishes, Captain Thomson.
The following Saturday pits Rice against Del Morgan's Red Raiders, always a scrappy team. Too much can happen between now and then to say much about what will or will not occur when the two face each other on the gridiron, but I will venture to predict that the Owls will give a good account of themselves in that game, and in all those played before the Thrasher next appears.

After that disastrous 21 points' pickin' the winners last week I am sure to try it again especially on the conference titles, but here goes anyway:

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**Texas Meets Arkansas at Austin**

Fayetteville, Ark., Oct. 13—Ar-

kansas and Texas will continue their first conference battle of this season Saturday. Arkansas is the only remaining Owl team member from last year, and has seen almost unfettered service on the team this year.

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**STANDINGS**

**SEASON’S STANDINGS**

A & M  | 3 1 0 0 0 80 19
SMU  | 1 0 1 0 0 15 0
Texas  | 2 1 8 0 7 27
Arkansas | 2 2 3 3 71 32
SMU  | 2 0 0 0 13 40
Rice  | 3 3 0 0 7 59

**LAST WEEK’S SCORES**

Texas 13, Oklahoma 7, Dallas.

A & M 26, LSU 13, Baton Rouge (Night).

Tulane 35, Rice 6, Houston.

Arkansas A & M 19, Arkansas 12, Fayetteville.

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**THIS WEEK’S GAMES**

(With Last Week’s Scores)

TCU (7) vs. Texas A & M (2), Fort Worth.

Rice (13) vs. SMU (7), Dallas.

Texas (47) vs. Arkansas (6), Austin.

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**Letters to the Editor**

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**To Whom It May Concern:**

It is the general opinion of the student body that the letter published last week in this column deserves additional comment.

It seems that a disappointed as well as sadly disillusioned, trainer is a bit disturbed to find that the Rice Institute will not give him a degree. This trainer has forgotten that schools don’t give degrees, but award them to those who have satisfactorily completed the work necessary to receive a degree.

The question that comes to my mind, however, is whether the writer of last week’s letter would ever really merit a degree from any college in the United States. My doubt is based on this question: “Should we who have attended Rice faithfully for three or four years lose the right to share in the fruits of our efforts, just because our country needs us so much?”

It appears to me that the war is being fought just for his benefit. Possibly our ‘discouraged’ trainer has lost (or never had) his perspective of the relative importance of present-day activities.

I don’t see how anyone who is so full of “Ives and survival” for the Rice Institute, for our fine-feathered friend says him is, could have such an warped imagination. He seems to think that his country’s needs are the least of things which should stand in his way of getting a degree.

The United States has never required that one thing in the way of personal service, this nation’s greatest and necessary services. To my way of thinking this obligation does not even begin to compare for the benefits we receive simply by being a citizen of this country. This nation needs us, and their degrees! Is the “hardship” of returning to college after the war too great a sacrifice for a nation to ask? —T. J. M.
Dead Leaves Good For Forlorn Student In Victory Gardens

Berkeley, Calif. (ACP)—"Keep your matches in your pockets when you rake up the leaves this autumn." This suggestion was made by Ralph M. Easson, University of California Agricultural Extension specialist, who is in charge of the Victory garden program.

"This year of all years, the autumn leaves should not be burned," Easson declared. "Anyone who does not have a Victory garden can find a neighbor who will be glad to get them and who can make good use of them next spring."

Leaves make a quick-cutting compost and can be piled away, preferably in a pit dug in the back yard or garden, to be worked into the soil next spring, Easson said.

A simple plan for composting the leaves, he pointed out, is to pile them into a small pit, cover them with a layer of soil and let the winter rains do the rest.

The leaves will rot better if a small quantity of nitrogen fertilizer is added, he said, but if the supply is scarce good results still will be obtained from the natural decomposition.

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Owls Seek—

(Continued from page 1)

suffered so far this season, and an opportunity to look over the Rice store of plays. Consequently, when the two tangle in Dallas Saturday it will be with one of them slightly handicapped by lack of information, but with both eager for the first win of the year.

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Psychology Professor Says Good Students Complete Exams First

Hays, Kansas (ACP)—The best college students finish their examinations either first or last, says Donald M. Johnson of the Fort Hays Kansas State College psychology department. mediocre students, he says, usually complete their papers in the middle third of the period.

It's Dr. Johnson's theory that the first third of the students are speedy because of superior intelligence; the last third are the plodders who get good grades by pains and perseverance; the middle third are the students who aren't very much interested in the subject.

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Men In Service

By Jesse Leary

Looking the campus over week before last was George Or, College, who's now in the administration branch of the army. He got to see the town over Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Then he left for Salt Lake City and his orders. Or has been down at Yale, at the army's expense. Good luck!

Peas Plumley, Ralph Noble, Tod Stephenson, Chet Palmer, Bert Seeman, Weldon Hulse, Ike Eikenberg, Pete McDonald, George Armstrong, and Perkies rounded the Rice bench at the LSU game Saturday before last. The Maroons were back in their old places, and wished for and wished that they were out in the game. But we are sure that their support was of the heart, anyway. We wish they could make all the games, and give the football players pointers and encouragement, as the Maroons, they are in these pitching, too.

Ed Curry (Ph. M. 2nd class, T. E. Curry, U.S. Navy, Bethesda, Nebraska) has been affiliating over oxygen indoctrination, taking fliers and aerial gunners through the high compression tank, and teaching them how to use oxygen at high pressures. A cheap drink for nothing! There's plenty of excitement going on in two—'at least there was the other day when 24 depth charges exploded on the field! Ed was 75 yards from the explosion. He was thrown to the ground, but was not hurt.

Dick Jones (A.C. Richard J. Jones, 23134644-N, Navigator Training Sqd. Class 43-17-2, AAFNS, Hondo, Texas) was in Houston, stationed at Ellington Field about a month ago. He's in Hondo now, and would appreciate mail.

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