**Nichols Plays In North-South Tilt Next Week**

An invitation to participate in the annual Blue-Grey classic at Montgomery, Alabama, on December 30, was received last week by Rice's hard-charging All-American, Ham-and Jimmy Nelson of Alabama. The ESPN notice states this will be one of the best post-season games in the nation and both the Kansas coach and the coach of the Johnny Raba are confident of victory. Both teams have shown strength and in top condition.

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**Religious Council Holds Program Today at 12:15**

The Student Religious Council will have its annual Christmas service this Thursday, December 23 at 12:15. The program promises to be worth the interest of all Rice students. Dr. G. L. Hermance will lead the prayer, Mr. Velma Runyon will sing the Christmas hymn, and Clint Bradwell will give the scripture reading. Jolli Baggett will sing, and the organist will be Martha Gaddill.

The Religious Council, a student representative body, planned the program in a way they think the students will like. An invitation is extended to everyone to come and make their Christmas season more complete. Let's see that this old custom is still continued.

**Herman Replaces Dr. Harry Scott In P.E. Department**

Mr. G. L. Hermance, temporarily in charge of the P.E. department, has been appointed instructor in physical education. Mr. Hermance is commonly called "laughing boy" because of his big, friendly smile, succeeds Doc Scott recently appointed head of physical instruction at Brooklyn College.

Mr. Hermance received his education at the University of Oregon and Columbia University. He studied under the professorship of Doc Scott while at the University of Oregon. He has a B.S. degree in 1927. While attending Oregon, he also attended graduate school at Columbia during the summers and received his M. A. degree in the fall of 1928. He returned to Rice at the same time that Mr. Scott did. From then until his recent appointment, he has been an instructor. He has had continuous service since then.

During the summer vacation, Mr. Hermance has visited various positions in the South. This spring he was at the University of North Texas State College. At this time he spent at Lubbock at Texas Tech. He also taught for last summer at post-graduate school at Columbia University. Most of his other summer positions were with recreational programs of one type or another in various academic departments. He has been the Houston Tennis Club for several years. He also has served several individuals.

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**Four New Members Elected Recently To Phi Beta Kappa**

Five new members were recently elected to Phi Beta Kappa, one of the best post-season games in the nation. The list of new members is composed of Marilyn McCurdy, Betty Moll, Mary Ellen Doolittle, Beverly Meyers, and William Ward Jones.

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**Student Directory Sponsored by OWLS Available for Sale**

The student directory, compiled with the telephone number and address of every last student that I noticed, was received this week. Rice was due to come off the press yesterday, December 30. And so, as the printer, "300" of us said "goodbye" to get a seat, and buy a directory or you can get one from any member of the Owls. The price is twenty-five cents (25¢), and this little book will pay for itself many times during the year. So every one—buy one, and quick!

**CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**

**FOR THE APPROACHING HOLIDAY SEASON**

I WISH YOU ALL GOOD WISHES FOR YOU AND YOURS: THE REMEMBRANCES, MEETINGS, REUNIONS, LONG DISTANCE AND NEIGHBORHOOD CALLS, AND THE SILENT COMMUNICATIONS WITH THOSE WHO ARE GONE, FOR WHICH THERE ARE NO WORDS. AND FOR THE NEW YEAR I WISH YOU GROWTH IN KNOWLEDGE, FAITH, LIBERTY, COURAGE, GENTLENESS, JOY, AND A SENSE OF KINSHIP WITH ALL MEN.

—EDGAR ODELL LOVETT.

Navy Band Scores Again at Jingle Ball Wednesday Night

"And everyone was there." This is an old saying but it certainly applies to the Navy Band's Saturday night engagement at Assembly House. Yes, everybody who is anybody came out to Assembly House to dance to the music of Navy March. The dance was sponsored by the Candlestick Club, with the help of the other clubs, mainly the girles, in providing refreshments. Each of the clubs provided twenty-five dozen cookies and contributed toward the purchase of the punch. Truly it was a gala occasion with the festivity of Christmas in the air. Admission was 25¢. An additional present to be donated to the Good Fellow's Home was "Beginning to Feel Good," so unless, quoting the printer, "one to replace our lost group." And every one was there. This was the second "Jingle Bell" for the Candlestick Club to sponsor. Congratulations to all those hard workers who added to its success, and especially to those who came to see it. It was with true regret that the surfice of some brought their evening to an end and reluctantly they left.

Champion Named Senior Representative To Honor Council

At a meeting called recently by Chairman Harold Row, the Honor Council elected Alan Chapman senior representative to the council.

Phillon Craig was appointed chairman in place of Laurence Davis.

Plans were made for a picnic at Memorial Park. The tentative date is January 14. Ann Martin is in charge of refreshments.

**CHRISTMAS SPIRITS**

Christmas Comes But Once a Year—Fortunately

To the Reader (I don't make that plural): Merry Christmas! I'm only a little bit, but I'm the one you call Dinah. Dinah means, "Get it. Ain't a thing ever passes by this here Institute that I ain't on— that includes fountains and beards, and I'll bet there ain't a crust, Termite, who eats sweaters. He's an ever analyzing, ever studying Termiter. My Uncle TNT has a party going on, too. He blows holes in things. (I've been meaning to ask him if he had anything to do with the "low" house>Sales department. He's out getting the punch out at Rice by giving them only four measly layoff days for Christmas.)

This reminds me that it's almost "Jingle Bell" time. Hell! It never snows in Houston! But for the benefit of our little Yankee boys who ain't all got 'em on your phone; I'll yield a few bars of "White Christmas." By the way, Bowflash is in one huge mess. I noticed that Rice buildings ain't the only ones that've got two-way radio, for watching the Rice kids doing their shopping. Yes, it's quite more business than that building's dealing a mile of burling itself these days. And White Christmas? No! No! We've been keeping our eyes open for White Christmas, too.

Money's scarce with all the shopping to be done round Christmas. Only twenty-five cents ain't too much to carry. Hart says you may think you're an "uptight" citizen, but should you stop as low as

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**Four Holidays at Christmas; None in March**

By Mariel Wirts

"Rice students can have only four holidays this year, as compared with the ten days of vacation at Christ- mass, 1943," stated Registrar S. G. McCains, Tuesday, "because of the number of hours required in the speedo-up wartime programs. There will be no March holidays, because of the extra days of vacation last July and November."

According to Navy plans, trains, and therefore Rice students, must spend school 30 days of each term. Authentic figures reveal that the 1943 July-November term included 93 school days; the 1944 November-March term consisted of 97 school days. The 1944 March-July term was made up of 66 school days, while the first August-November period was composed of 97 days.

This fall period shows a weeks' increase over the original 90-day plan, but liberal vacations redesigned are to be expected, at least sometime this term, this having four Christmas holidays and none in March, we will record, according to a summary of approximate term estimates include exam week.

Last year at Yuletide Season, virtually every Yankee, even those hail- ing from Seattle or Boston, temporarily at Rice, could sing, "I'll Be Home for Christmas." But now, with a limited number of holidays and almost unobtainable transportation, a Christmas trip is hardly extend further than August. Augie and the boys will go to the northwest, Chicago to the northeast, and Miami to the east. Our benevolent Christmas Eve sleigh ride to these southern boys burned in the dear ones who are spending the holidays without the old customs of holly, the fireside which pays for the huge tree that was lighted and dedicated at the program.

Elka McDaniel and Ml John Johnson helped on the planning com- mittee, as did Pat Jarman with costumes.
Is There a Santa Claus?

The editorial which follows is taken in its entirety from the New York Sun, 20 September, 1897. It was written by Francis P. Church.

"Dear Editor: I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?"

Virginia O'Hanlon

115 West Ninety-fifth Street.

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the scepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whichever of men or of children, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the Boundless world about him, as measured by its intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge. Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to our life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Such a thing as Santa Claus! The way to reach him is not by believing but by children. Oxford Dictionary...

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from the Mill of Dikes. Locking around for a ride to a less congested area, I climbed into Lens- wood's street-speed bus and stood about on Montgomery- way's. (Suggestions to Woody: Special on hair ribbons—five cents a pair. We stumbled around for a white and accidentally ran onto Bob Turner option some of these shirts. Oh, yes, now I know where Woody's getting over.

Now I'm thinking, cause Christmas is a happy time around. I'm everybody. Anybody who can imagine the time or not. I'm thinking, that Virginia. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Shere ev'rybody gone? Redgraves used to be a church party! Tsk, tsk, matching pennies at the basketball court. We won't say they didn't travel by broom. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whichever of men or of children, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the Boundless world about him, as measured by its intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge. Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to our life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Such a thing as Santa Claus! The way to reach him is not by believing but by children. Oxford Dictionary...

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Sports Grover Noonan, Editor Charlie Meyers

The latest word is "Smile!" cause even if it is more blessed to give than to receive, what food doesn't melt if you get a gift once in a while. You know, Birthdays, Thanksgiving, New Year's Eve. Had to move out though—too many travelers. Nearly everyone who goes to the theater has to be a church party! Tsk, tsk, matching pennies at the basketball court. We won't say they didn't travel by broom. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whichever of men or of children, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the Boundless world about him, as measured by its intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge. Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to our life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Such a thing as Santa Claus! The way to reach him is not by believing but by children. Oxford Dictionary...

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INTRA-MURALS

Even though the official football season is over, a few hardy souls are left on the gridiron, and, in the case of many "immortals," the loss of two to three hours of practice a day is a little harder to bear.

Teams of from 2 to 15 men each form the game and group having divided into two divisions. After the championship division is determined—on a purely percentage basis—a play-off game between the two will determine a team championship.

Winners are welcome among these scattered souls. In fact, last week the sidelines were graced by the presence of halfback Phenicie, Martin, and Hanes, who came to give their moral support to the Rally Club, and a few other of the more subtle reasons.

The games are played on the Rice grounds, and the "laughing boys" den starting at two o'clock, some on down and join the fun. The results of the games so far played are given below with team standings in each division, but a few of the games warrant further discussion. So far the team to beat seems to be the Bag Rag, coached by that sterling football player and "brain-association"-Dewitt Bagnell. Led—in the field—by Tommy Hopkins, Jahn, and "Hawk" Marvin, they have won seven games this year, only losing two. A record of稳健 play and a hardly passing attack. The two teams fighting it out for running attack or possibly the championship, are the Rally Club and the Hack. The latter, coached by Relié McPherson, McMillan, and Ray, have won seven games this year, only losing one, the loss being to the Bag Rag in a hard-fought game played last Saturday, the Rebels are possibly the best balanced team in the league, boasting a fair running attack and a pass to pass attack. Featuring the running of Jimmie Moore and the passing of Morgan Grimsby, they play a two-platoon system of two running backs and a running back in the road to victory for the title. This game which may well decide the championship will be played the first Saturday after the Christmas vacation.

Leagues I

Saturday, 9 December

1. Bag Rag
2. Williams' Joy Boys
3. Rally Club
4. Wows
5. Hartsook's Boys
6. Horned Frogs

League II

Saturday, 9 December

1. W. C. T. U.
2. Slippery Slime
3. Somers
4. Van Dusen
5. Masons
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League III

Saturday, 10 December

1. Ragnots
2. Bag Rag
3. Rally Club
4. Westside Country Club
5. Sack Rounds
6. Petty's Boys

The games have no set schedule at the present time. Better luck next year, however.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

December 21, 28—Oklahoma City Tournament
January 6—A. M. at College Station
January 13—B. M. at Houston
January 15—T. C. U. at Houston
January 30—New Orleans College
February 6—A. M. at Houston
February 13—Texas at Austin
February 14—Texas at Houston
February 17—A. M. at Ft. Worth
February 20—B. M. at Dallas
February 23—Texas at Houston
February 27—Texas at Austin

NICHOLS—

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In order to be placed on All-American from Rice.

One of his best games was the Owl-Tulipogger game where his terrific line play and superb blocking broke up the Texas plays and enabled Sheffield to break away for long gains. Nick played nearly 50 minutes in every game and was a stellar performer on both offense and defensive play.

Before coming to Rice, Nick played football for Lamar High School in this city. Last season he was virtually unanimous choice for All-Southwest Conference, and this year his fine play earned him an All-American rating. Now in his Senior year, Nichols has played his last game for the feathered broad. He is a member of the track team and a fine runner.

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DUNHILL LIGHTERS
COSTUME PINS
Buy War Bonds

By Ellen Picton

PALS and EB's Win Last Game of '44 Girls' Basketball

Resulting in a few minor casualties, the second session of the girls' intramural basketball showed the girls proving themselves more before.

These were the last matches for this year of '44, as we can say "Hurry Christmas." No admission of seeing a bruised, battered player will be recognized hereafter.

The starting teams were the OWLS vs. the ERLS. Victorious OWLS had a close one for the final score—27 to 28. Molly Alexander nabbed the OWLS and sent in a score, as OWLS forwards were Burnell, Walker (Rally Bank), and Lila Lee Johnson. Scott, Thompson and Fox were the ERLS guards for these, and Wicks, Dickers and Kelley forwards, with Ellis and Elle.

Chief casualty was Hally Both -Walker's injury to the leg, which put her out of the game for a while. Johnson of OWLS took a hard fall during the game, but nevertheless was the first week.

Characterizing these last games was the first week. Let's not mention any names, but nevertheless, those twenty points, Gorgeous Woody-doo best beats across the goal line twice and nabbed four slim passes. Could be those slim passes thought Dale was a freshman. That beautiful boy, Jack Trotter, who has a better build than L'il Abner, made a touchdown, and smilling into the bowl more FRIDAY NIGHT UPPERCLASSMEN WIN (at least until after initiation).

The City Recreation will be alive and dancing when the Bills Hornby Band is in full force at the Navy Recreation Downtown on the 13th. Monday at the Wipprecht Building on their last term and was sent to boot camp to be a junior, but he joined the navy the present time. Ernie entered in Venezuela for two years and then returned again to the States. He will continue his work at a radio school. From the anti-tank corps he left Rice in 1943 he was sent to San Diego, back to Corpus Christi, then to Houston, and then to Corpus Christi, where he has received further training as a radio technician.

Club News

Offices for the Discipline Student Fellowship were elected at a meeting Tuesday, 19 December. They are President, Eugene Brink; vice president, Lloyd Sippel; secretary-treasurer, Donald McCleary; representative to the Student Religious Council, Camilla Deckel. The constitution was also adopted at that meeting. Plans were discussed for having the ministers of the various Christian churches of the city as speakers at gatherings beginning of the first year.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, 1 January, at one p.m. in the Senior Commons. All Christian students are cordially invited to attend.

There will be a meeting of the Ave Maria Club today at 1 p.m. in the Senior Commons. All members were present.

Additionally, the pop radio station was also participated at that meeting. Plans were discussed for having the ministers of the various Christian churches of the city as speakers at gatherings beginning of the first year.

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The only injury of the game was to the (basketball)

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