You can tell that the content is a mix of various topics, including sports, club activities, and some personal messages. For example, there is a mention of the Girls' Basketball Tourney, President's Message, and President's Message for the students. Additionally, there's a notice about the Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens and a mention of the Promised Land, God's Country. There's also a notice about the Promised Land, God's Country, and various other destinations listed by prejudiced foreigners. The content is quite varied and seems to be from a newsletter or magazine. It's a blend of activities, announcements, and personal messages. The text is clearly laid out, making it easy to read and understand. There are some dates and times mentioned, such as November 14, December 18, and January 5. Overall, it seems like a typical newsletter with a mix of topics and information.
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Francis P. Church.

tainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours a man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, so small that nothing can be which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

The wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain. Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in the coffin they carry you off in. It does not tax the mind a bit.

Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is a sight so rare, a sight which not the strongest men that ever lived—would tear apart.

The Christmas Store

The Christmas Store

By Rosalie Mack

The PALS entertained members of the Mizz football team with a picnic Sunday afternoon at Clarkson Park. Miss Ellen Hopkins and Miss Ava March are in charge of all arrangements.

The ERLS will have its traditional Christmas "white elephant" party at 8 p.m. Friday at the home of Miss Sara Nan Sunday. Miss Betty Blount Seal and Miss Onyx Tennis will plan the refreshments.

Misses Jane Rauholt and Jean Fox are making all plans for the OWLS party for children at Rank settlement home each Saturday afternoon.

Miss Mary Lou Kielpura was honored Tuesday with a luncheon at the Junior League given by her mother, Mrs. M. F. Kielpura. The guests played bridge later in the afternoon at her home.

Miss Nancy Way was in charge of the party which the PALS gave for children at Rank settlement house Tuesday.

Misses Louise Loome and Margaret Wren are honoring Miss Betty Moore, who is coming home for Christmas. Misses Brenda Hill and Miss Mary Jo Titley will serve at 23 December at the Wallas house.

Miss Sara Nabors is having a Christmas party for the OWLS at 23 December at her home.

On Friday night the members of PALS will entertain servicemen at the USO with a Christmas party. Miss Ann Martin heads the refreshment committee. The society decorated Christmas trees for the crippled children's home at the Methistepohel Missionary Church on Saturday.

The ERLS gave a Christmas party for a group of children at the Rank settlement on Wednesday afternoon. Misses Mary Lou Schumacher, Margaret Scott, Maggie Carson, Betty Jean Fox, Jetta Schumacher, and Pati Bailey planned the party. The society is also giving a Christmas basket to a poor family.

The Thrasher

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The Thrasher

By Mrs. A. F. Calvert

With a pen at the ready, Miss Ellen Scribner, head of the school's art department, always has a creative and imaginative imagination.

As though by some almighty hand

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INTRA-MURAL BY John J. Fox

Well, here it is, the climax of the 44th intramural touch football season. Two teams have come out undefeated and unscorched upon and will meet this afternoon on the old grid for the championship. It shall be up to the NAVY's against the REUS for the CHAMPIONSHIP.

Representing the civilians, the victors of the American League, will be the Slippery Slimes. The Slippery Slimes, a losing team, but upper-classmen who had originated the name in their freshman year, went thru a very successful season downing the Maullers 12-2, the Chem Engineers 14-0, and the Reserves in a thrilling game 8-0.

Victors of the National League and representing the Navy, will be the Westside Country Club. Their name representing the dormitory system. The Slimes had a thrilling season. Two of their games were real close. Their first meeting matching Slipper to one penetration, the McIlvree rejuvenated T-Club 3-2, and they met again on the Tiering Tee downing them 14-0.

The starting line up were as follows:

Slippery Slimes Westside C.C.
Donald Qft Miltisteen
Croston LH Coutu
Woody LH Newman
Fretter RE Store
Cook
Langworthy LH Young

Reserves for Westside Country Club

Duncan, Smith, Sheldon, Atmar,
Hobeth.

Reserves for Slippery Slimes

Walton, Schaefer, Sherman, Atmar.

The type of tall gangling freshman that we have seen on the basketball court. But Bill Tom is certainly doing his share toward that goal. Tom isn't the type of tall gangling freshman usually seen on the basketball court.

The most evenly matched contest that we have seen in the tournament opener. Good team back. Langworthy Wehr, feeding Tom and getting re-

lly good team in action, meaning ours, usually seen on the basketball court.

The same starting line-up will present itself to the teachers. Thus far only four teams have entered the intramural basketball tournament and will play with the teachers in the tournament opener. Good hunting fellows.

We'll finish up with a few bowl predictions. The Southern California Trojans, will try to whip Alabama here before entering the rest of their season Rose-Bowl contests. Please, follow the game.

St. Mary's gallopping Gaels will venture Fenimore & Co. in the best game of the week. It is a battle between the highly thought of Oklahoma A&M.

Houston's Oil Boll tilt will feature the most evenly matched contest between the Golden Hurricanes playing Georgia's Bulldogs. Once more two players will provide most of the action—Camp Wilson of Tul- sa, and the Indestructible Charlie Tripp of Georgia. Tulsa will be favored but Tripp will be hot-so take Georgia.

The Holy Cross Crusaders meet Miami University in the Orange Bowl and should take this, although not too easily. Keowee will start well and try to go thru.

The Texas U-Missouri U. game in the Cotton Bowl at Dallas will be a good game to watch. The Longhorns can field two of the finest backfields in the Southwest, Leepei, Rechtel, and should tame the Crimson Tide.

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Merry Christmas...
Dear Modern Editor,

I am 100 percent behind you in your policy of killing off writing that is not rolling around here, and I believe the entire Student Body is as well. No matter how big a group we are, we can't light the high-ups around here—it's impossible at a ground hog looking for an ample. This higher up caste gives the "you are not..." and we put it in a suggestion, we get a "Mother knows best because she's lived longer" answer. Thus, this generation is cheated of a good all-around education; there's hope for the next generation when a new, youthful, and modern regime appears upon the scene.

We want school spirit; it just doesn't fall out of the clear blue sky. Among many other things, I think a Student Union Building would boost activities and spirit to its ac-...
The State Guard Armory will be the scene of the annual Architects ball on January 18th. It is the most colorful and unusual of Rice's traditional dances. The costumes are always exotic and shapeless filled.

In theme of this year's dance will be Schiaparelli. The panels will be decorated with surrealistic designs or to the common man modern art. Music will be provided for the gala co-sponsored by Carl Corner, one of the best orchestras yet to be heard at a Rice dance.

Tickets are available at school for only $3.50 or may be bought at the door for $3.50 to buy your tickets early and make a saving. It most assuredly will be worth the price for rumor says that it will be even better than last year.

Incidentally, if you haven't made your date make it now! As for the Navy it might be your last dance at Rice and your last chance for the big get-together. As for the civilians, this is your last dance before finals and probably September. Let's get the whole school out for one last celebration.

The judges for the queen will probably be chosen from the faculty. As yet they have not been announced, but no matter what we fail, they will have a difficult time in deciding which candidate should reign as queen.

Now for the honorees. We hope the trouble and expense that our staff had to go through in order to acquire these names is appreciated. However, despite many bruises and bumps, here they are. Those representing the Tri Sigma are ELIZABETH MONTGOMERY, and Carry LOCKHART; the Sigs, MISS JANELL JONES and MAE J. COWAN; the Deltas, Miss JUNE LOCKHART and MAE C. MILLER; the Phi's, MISS BARBARA BERRY and MISS JANET JACOBS; the Omegas, MRS. J. S. CHASE and MRS. J. A. MILLER; the Olas, JEANETTE POPE and ANNA S. JOHNSON.
The surprise of the holidays was Daviss's marriage. Congratulations! And we’re glad to see the make-up back on you and Sass. These are some darn cute freshman girls who should get more recognition by all—Martha Ann, Moeddy, Peggy Albritton, Ruthie Smith, and Nancy Hood.

Harmon Walters—hope that injury heals in a hurry. Your easy smile and ready friendship is really an asset to the campus. “A呜ings back.”

Imagine! Woody was at the Plant every night during the holidays! All the discharged boys are really fitting right back into school life. We look forward to the return of the rest.

We sympathize with the Navy boys who didn’t make it home for the holidays. The town boys of the Navy really had a time. Doris and the other boys took Harriet Alderson to the hat on New Year’s Eve. There was only one handkerchief between the three boys—DID IT LAST?

Speaking of New Year’s Eve, Jetta and date, Milla Crom, were not satisfied to celebrate only at midnight Houston time, but also Midnight in the Pacific, Pearl Harbor, Japanese, etc., time. Sara Ann, Camille, and Dee all showed up at Ed Fitch’s party—stagette and carrying bottles (intoxicating) under their arms. The sign over a certain door said “Ladies—and Tockie”.

Locce, as usual, is a member of another triangle which includes Herman Hale and Joe Abercrombie. Herman spends time at Locce’s, debutante parties, and duck hunting. We hear the ducks are winning out.

Roy Goddard: when you sign a Xmas card, “lose you,” that does it mean?

Wookie: remember Corregus’s weakness in the female sex is a touch of disinterest.

Patty: we hear Post flew in from California for New Year’s Eve.

Allen: you’re a beautiful, intelligent girl. Too much smoking, drinking, and courting will put anyone in a bad spotlight.

Nita: you’re one of the friendliest, most likable people on the campus.

Mr. Richardson: the students appreciate your ready smile and genuine interest in us.

Jeanne Lyford: a cute little girl, but your voice is the exact replica of Jetta’s.

Cora and Ed: what about Glenn Eryan and the girl friend in California?

Janet Crook: you look happy lately—new boy friend?

Don: on your J.P. ticket was seen “This ticket belongs to Don Heleman who has a date with the one and only Ava Jean.”

Hicky MacRae: you’re one of the most-humored guys on the campus.

Jetta Crook: we hear your wit improves Student Council meetings 100%. We hope there are great changes in the Council’s “efficiency.”

Dumplin: you keep your vast amount of boy friends juggling nicely.

Jack Trotter: where did your holiday black-eye come from?

Betty P.: the most lovable girl who ever lived.

Ted Scruggs: an ideal man to run the Veterans’ Club. "We hear it’s off to a bad start—too many people are trying to run it the wrong way."

Duncan: what is it that makes "A" House so attractive at noon everyday.

Read: a year with Joy is a joy forever.
The following articles are merely a few of the improvements that we think would aid our school. These are not necessarily the most important, but should serve as a spark to start people thinking. We hope that it will be understood that our reason is not dislike for the Institute as it is, but rather, our love for the school and our desire to make and keep it the best in every way.

It has long been the desire of the students to have their own Student Union building, but as yet no such desire has become a reality. "Why? There is only one real reason-and that is the "no work and no play" motto of the present. Certainly we all don't want to be mumbling morons but we would enjoy some support by the school of our free time activities. Just because you may not know the meaning of Van-der-Leeuw is no reason for us to toil over our books any more diligently.

The Kitty House is the present substitute but is admitted too small and inadequate. This is not to criticize the Institute for it is managed and controlled very well. It is the one bright hue of the whole picture, and for it we should be, and are, very grateful.

However, with a new and larger building many things could be solved. A large hall room could be a great asset, more and better places for a great deal less could be given. A modern cafeteria and kitchen with a room in which to eat... separate room for those playing cards; another for those who want a few minutes of quiet to look over the notes again or browse through a magazine... a game room with pool and ping pong tables... you say you're dreaming! Well, if you read the statement about the financial condition of the Institute about a month ago, you would realize that the cost of the "dream" would be of no consequence to the school. If the Institute feels that such an expenditure would be a waste, the staff of this paper leaves itself open with the following: "If you think we are incorrect, write to the president and tell him what he must do to save the Institute, and we will act contrary to this decision and obtain donations to start building!!"

That may seem to some to be unimportant is the need of an entrance from Rice Blvd. to the parking lot. The fact that it would save several minutes to all who walk west from that direction should however remove it from under the heading of unimportant.

The main plausible objection is the possibility of its being used for a thoroughfare to Main Street. If the road went directly to the parking lot, there would be few or any, who would mind their way through both, the cars on the lot, and our campus to reach Main.

The cost would be negligible and the convenience a great asset to the faculty as well as the students.

As of late there has been much talk concerning the paper shortage. Many people feel that our contribution might well be the school paper. Even now as the shortage is disappearing, it is still felt that what is graciously called our newspaper might still be discontinued.

Think of the time alone that would be saved if the student body would not have to fruitlessly search for something of interest. We are not blaming the editor or her staff for they must be following a set policy-but we wonder from what eighteenth century paper the most boringly endorsed policy was stolen! For newspaper of any consequence ever steered the straight neutral policy. There has always been some leaning toward a definite end-our "no news"-paper just stops toward its own end, which we hope it reaches before lunch.

Referrined to of late were the "party groups" on our campus that would reUILD if certain matter were printed. That isn't good business since the vast majority of subscribers belong to one of these so-called "party groups" which is more important, however, is the fact that our paper is completely stripped of the college life atmosphere merely to keep down the ire of a few individuals. Why not increase the news and forget the ire-it would certainly please more people.

Despite all this, it must be submitted that an attempt has been made through excellent editorials and articles to increase school spirit and interest. For these and other bits of interest that