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AGGIES AND L.S.U. PLAY SCORELESS GAME

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the defensive most of the time. The Aggie's two attempts at field goals failed and so ended one of the cleanest and hardest fought games ever played on Kyle Field, a scoreless tie. The Aggie team played as a machine and if gains count for anything should have won. Too much credit cannot be given Pierce on filling Morris' place, he being injured in the S. M. U. game and was not in condition for today's battle. We were tied by a good team, but as yet we have not been beaten. Neither have we been scored on. And as one of the student managers of the Tiger team said, "You have something here that L. S. U. hasn't, and that is Pep."

Line-Up.

A. and M.	L. S. U.
Anglin	Spencer
Center.	
Deiterich	Schneider
Right Guard.	
Carruthers	Soodard
Right Tackle.	
Gouger	Helm
Right End.	
Murrah	Busse
Left Guard.	
Drake	Herford
Left Tackle.	
Pierce	Hague
Quarter.	
Hahan	Ewing
Fullback.	
Higginbotham	McFarland
Right Half.	
Weir	Ives
Left Half.	

Substitutes—for A. and M., Martin for Weir.

Referee—Dyer of Texas University.
Umpire—Kenney of Mississippi A. and M.

Head Linesman—Venne of Carlisle Indians.

THE SOUTHWESTERN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE AND KNICKERBOCKER

I believe in college athletics of all kinds, but I am a football enthusiast. I like it as a sport because it combines both brain and brawn in the contest for victory. This interest in football as a sport is, however, subordinate to my interest in it as an educational instrument. It induces clean living, it results in for strong, healthy bodies; it makes room; it directly influences mind and character; it develops quick and decisive thinking; initiative, self-confidence and self control. In its insistence upon team work—every man for the team—it is an intensive cultivation of the altruistic spirit, which in after life, will manifest itself in a due regard for the good of society. In my estimation, it stands second to nothing in the college life of today as a factor in fitting young men for the game of life. I, therefore, stand emphatically against any influence that will hurt the game and for everything that will help it. To say that I was disappointed when the Southwestern Conference declared Knickerbocker of A. and M. College, ineligible, is to put it very mildly. I believe that decision was unfair for a number of reasons.

First: It was unfair to Knickerbocker. Here are the facts. He was a boy in his "teens" attending the prep school, an institution of high school grade, at Southwestern University. He was not a student in the College. He knew nothing of college rules or regulations. Rix, who was then coach at Southwestern, played him in one game of basketball with the college team against the State University. True, that ignorance of the law is no excuse, but would any jury convict a juvenile, who broke a law under the influence and command of a mature man? If anybody is guilty, Mr. Rix is the man, not Knickerbocker. Let it be remembered here that Mr. Rix, realizing the truth of this contention, made a speech before the conference in favor of Knick's eligibility. If Mr. Rix were still his coach there might be some excuse for this decision, as it would punish him through one of his players, but as the public knows, this is not the case. If there was the slightest stain of dirt or professionalism on Knick's college or athletic record, this decision might be excused, but there is none. President Bizzell, in writing of him said, "His high moral ideals have helped to standardize the conduct of our student body." In all sincerity, I ask was the decision fair to Knickerbocker?

Second: It was unfair to the public. I know that the commercial or financial aspect of the game is of subordinate importance, but the athletic departments of our colleges need money and the public largely supplies that money. Yet, by this decision the public is denied the pleasure of seeing one of the most brilliant players in the Southwest. Would the public stand for the banishment of Babe Ruth from baseball on any such flimsy grounds as this decision is based upon?

Third: It was unfair to all the colleges of the Southwestern Confer-

ence. I do not believe that the decision represents the true spirit of any one of these institutions. While I do not believe it, many fans in Texas today are openly declaring that by this decision an easy way was taken to get rid of a dangerous opposing player. I say, I do not believe that these representatives of our colleges were consciously actuated by any such motive, but the conclusion is inescapable that they were dominated by the letter and not by the spirit of the law, that they were dominated by precedent and not reason. If the ineligible rule had its origin in reason, its aim is to protect and foster athletics. Has this decision protected football from any sinister influence or fostered any constructive agency for its betterment? Do our institutions of higher education stand for the letter of the law against the spirit? Do they stand for the technicalities as against the equities? No. A thousand times, No, and therefore I say, that they have been unfairly treated in this decision by their athletic representatives. It is my opinion that no jury of students or faculty members, unhampered by prejudice or precedent, would have declared Knickerbocker ineligible. A good sport would have strained a point in the other direction, even if he had been ineligible. If the Southwestern Conference, by its past actions, has so bound itself in the grave clothes of precedent that it cannot loose itself, it would be a good plan to bury it and start one where reason and common justice will rule and each case will be reviewed on its merits.

(Signed) AN OLD FAN.

CHEMICAL CLUB MEETING.

The Chemical Club perfected its organization in the Chemical building last Monday night. The following officers were elected: J. L. Farrell, president; R. K. Easley, vice-president; R. W. Styles, secretary and treasurer, and C. W. Thomas, press reporter. After the election of officers, Professors Hedges and Thornton gave interesting talks about the work which the club could do. Cadets Barnes, Easley and Farrell also gave enthusiastic talks concerning the club's future. Plans were made for the work of the club and for several social features.

There were about fifty men present at the meeting. All Sophomore, Junior and Senior Chemical Engineers are eligible for membership.



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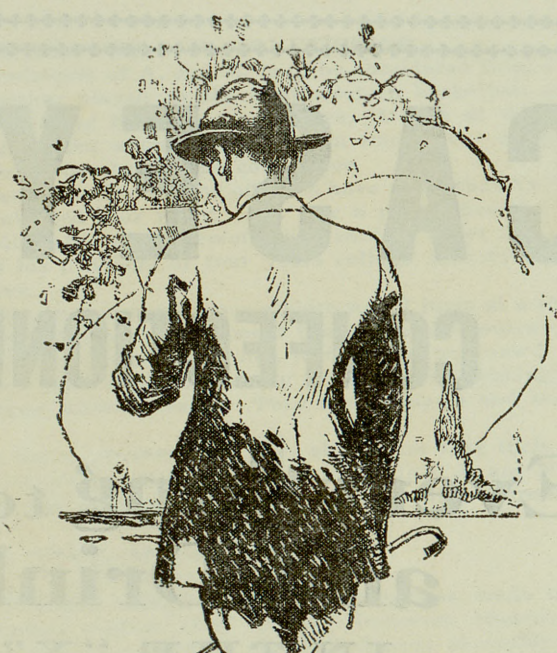
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