

# Conference Chatter

By Charlie Weinbaum  
**OPPONENTS BOW TO MIGHTY OWL NINE**  
 The powerful Owl diamonders have an unspotted record thus far, not having lost a single game. Superb pitching, good fielding, and all around excellent teamwork characterized a smashing victory by Rice over another Houston team. In fact, the contest was so one-sided that it was stopped after seven innings, the final score being

27-6. Their opponents were (hold your breath) St. Thomas High School (probably B String). The Cookie Pushers did, however, manage to eke out a victory over one team that was out of diapers. They defeated the Houston Amateurs 8-1 (Boy, they must have really been amateurs).

**TEXAS RELAYS APRIL 7**  
 The annual Texas Relays, a colorful event which is held in Austin every year, will commence April 7. It will be an all day track and field carnival consisting of thirty-five high schools, fourteen army posts, and several colleges and universities, the latest being Louisiana State. The only large college squads will come from inside the Southwest Conference. Special events will be the 100-yd dash, 120-yd high hurdles, 3000-meter run, shot put, javelin throw, discus throw, high jump, broad jump, and pole vault. Relays scheduled are 440-yd, 880-yd, mile, distance medley, sprint medley, two-mile and 440-yd, shuttle football relay. The honorary referee this year will be Dr. Wilber C. Smith, president of the National Collegiate Athletic Association and director of athletics at Tulane University.

**HOGS BEGIN SPRING PRACTICE**  
 The Arkansas Razorbacks started spring football practice this week under Head Coach Glen Ross.

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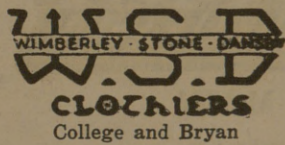
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# Aggie Tracksters Swamp Rice Owls 75-45 Team Entered In S. L. I. Relays Saturday

## Aggie Diamondmen Split In Two Game Series With S. U.

**Buck Newsome Clouts Two Four-Baggers In Opener**

The Maroon and White baseballers split the honors in the two game series in Georgetown with the Southwestern Pirates nine last Thursday and Friday afternoons. The cadets copped the first game by a score of 9-2 and dropped the second to the tune of 4-3. Purtle pitched the first game for the Aggies and Smith stood mound in the second.

Purtle hurled a beautiful game Thursday allowing but seven hits. Tight defensive infield and outfield playing allowed but two of these hits to develop into runs. Rahh and Brechtel of the Pirate team doing the good in the fourth and fifth innings, respectively.

Buck Newsome knocked the only two home runs of the game. He tallied the first score of the game in the second inning when he slugged the ball too far out for the outfielders to bring in before he crossed home plate. Again in the sixth inning this fast swinging second-baseman started a rally when he scored the fifth run for the cadets by planting his second "homer" over the outfield. Stubby Matthews put a triple over left field in the fifth for the only other long hit of the game.

In all, the Farmers totaled twelve hits off Allen, the Pirate hurler; Purtle allowed but seven hits. The Southwestern boys, too, had trouble

## Steers Gain Revenge From Ag Tankmen

A revamped and much improved Texas team, swelled with several new additions, swept over the Aggie tankers 56-37 in a dual meet last Saturday in the P. L. Downs Natatorium. During the ten days following the Texas swimmers defeat at the hands of the Aggies, their condition improved so greatly that they were able to take six out of ten firsts, and seven out of ten seconds, to completely swamp the dauntless Aggies.

The score ran much like the first dual meet for the first half, standing at 26-28 following Self and Syfan's first and second in the 100 yd freestyle. But from there on, things went from bad to worse, with the Aggies winning only 3 points to Texas' 24 in the 100 breast, 100 back, and 440 freestyle. In the final spurt of energy, the four Aggie freestyle artists, Riley, Thomas, Syfan, and Self, took the 400 yard relay with yards to spare.

The results of this meet give an edge to Texas over the Aggies in the Conference meet two weeks ahead. Coach Adamson, in the next two weeks, hopes to draw the last extra seconds from his pupils, and have them swimming faster than they have ever swum in their lives by the time of the last battle with the T. u. tankers.

Results of the meet are as follows:

- 300 yd. medley relay—Texas (Hill, McLellan, Alexander) 3:29.6
- 220 yd. freestyle—Self (A&M), Bean (T), Pierce (T), 2:33.3
- 50 yd. freestyle—Carpenter (T), Syfan (A&M), Pierce (T), 26.1
- 100 yd. Individual medley—Bollinger (T), McLellan (T), Armstrong (A&M), 1:07
- Diving—Facio (A&M), Sargent (T), Matthews (A&M)
- 100 yd. freestyle—Self (A&M), Syfan (A&M), Carpenter (T), 59.2
- 100 yd. breaststroke—Bollinger (T), Hill (T), Lea (A&M), 1:14.4
- 100 yd. backstroke—McLellan (T), Schoeller (T), Riley (A&M), 1:12.2
- 440 yd. freestyle—Bean (T), Pierce (T), Escobar (A&M), 5:44.9
- 44 yd. freestyle relay—(A&M) Riley, Thomas, Syfan, Self, 4:03.8

with Purtle's curve-ball as he managed ten strike-outs against them; whereas Allen could manage but seven.

Fate was with the Pirates in the second game, Friday afternoon. The Maroon and White led the entire ball game until the Pirates came up for their last bat.

Smith pitched a beautiful game allowing but four hits up until the last inning. Only Frances could score on the Aggies before the fatal final rally by the Pirates. Smith struck but three men out, although Cox fanned but one Farmer out of the box.

George Strickhausen tallied the first Aggie run in the third and Frances tied the score by slugging a triple over center field in the fourth. Katt and Newsome got on base in the eighth and a double-play by DeLafosse put the Aggies ahead 3-1.

## Wilson, White, Pace Maroon And White

By Sam Nixon  
 Coach Lil Dimmitt's Fightin' Texas Aggie track team breezed through the first dual meet of the 1945 cinder season to take a 77-45 lead over Cecil Grigg's Rice Owls last Saturday afternoon. In fact, the Aggies won the meet so fast that they were back on the campus in time to attend the Corps Ball that night.

The Maroon and White tracksters were led by Warren Wilson and Oscar White. White was only a quarter of a point under Wilson, who scored 9 1-4 markers for the Farmers. The Aggie spikemen took ten of the sixteen track and field events, and placed second in nine of them.

The event of the afternoon, say the Owl supporters, was the pole vault. Coach Grigg had already conceded the event to Coach Dimmitt, when the Rice baseball game was called off. Ed Murphey, baseball and basketball player, got into a track suit and won the event on a fluke, with a vault of ten feet, six inches. Tate, of the Aggies, vaulted eleven feet later just to prove that he could do it.

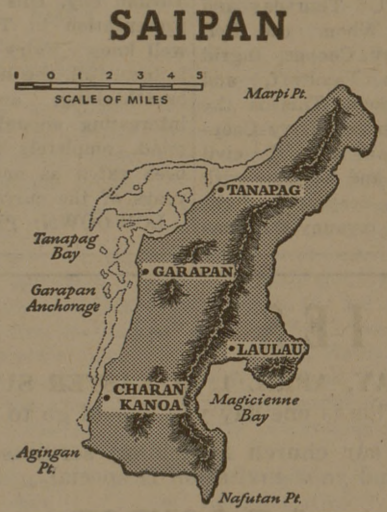
Cookie-pushers Missimer and Walmsley had to do some fast

pushing to win the events they did, for there was an Aggie breathing down their necks every step of the way.

Coach Dimmitt is taking five men to the SLI track meet this Friday morning. The Aggie tracksters making the trip will be the

mile relay team, Wilson, Mortensen, Alley, and Holbrook and White, who will run the 120 yard high hurdles. The meet will be held at Lafayette, La., on the thirtieth of this month. The main colleges to be represented there will be A&M, Tulane, LSU, and SLI.

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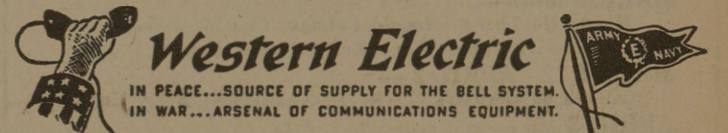
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