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Southwest Athletic Conference

Minutes of Spring Meeting, 1939

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*College Station, Texas*

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by the president.

The following representatives were present:

President, Baylor University	Henry Trantham
A. and M. College	E. J. Kyle
Rice Institute	J. T. McCants
Southern Methodist University	J. S. McIntosh
Texas Christian University	Gayle Scott
University of Arkansas	J. S. Waterman
University of Texas	J. C. Dolley

Messrs. Charles Crawford and E. J. Howell, of A. and M., and Mr. H. A. Scott, of the Rice Institute, were visitors.

The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved.

The president's report was considered by sections.

1. The Conference, by mail vote of January 17, 1939, granted permission to Billy Patterson, of Baylor, and John Hall, of T. C. U., to participate in a charity game of football in San Francisco on January 27, 1939. At the same time the Conference voted not to hold against Dick Todd, of A. and M., his failure to obtain permission to play in the North-South game in Montgomery on January 2, 1939.

2. "Voting by telegraph on March 5, 1939 the Conference granted permission to the University of Texas to represent the Sixth District of the National Collegiate Athletic Association in a regional basket-ball tournament at San Francisco on March 20-21 and, if necessary, to exceed the maximum of twenty-four games permitted by Article XI, Section 2(c) of the By-Laws."

3. The following ruling was approved. "On January 17, 1939 Professor Scott asked for a ruling on the case of Fuller Rogers, who entered T. C. U. as a freshman in February, 1936, withdrew after the completion of that semester, returned in the fall of 1937, but shortly thereafter withdrew from school without completing the work of that semester. He was out of school until the fall of 1938, when he entered Brownsville Junior College, where he remained until the end of the first semester of 1938-'9. The ruling (under Article XXVII, Section 2) was that Mr. Rogers might re-enter T. C. U. at the beginning of the Spring Semester of 1938-'9 and become eligible by continuing in school until one year from that date."

4. The following ruling was approved. "A student who passed in only nine semester-hours in the Fall Semester of 1938-'9 and in nine semester-hours in the Spring Semester of 1937-'8 is not now eligible for varsity competition, or for employment at Texas Christian University (see Article XXX, Section 5)."



5. "Dr. Dolley (February 25, 1939) presented the case of J. P. Hilliard, who transferred from Schreiner Institute to the University of Texas in September, 1937 and on October 1 participated in a freshman football game against the State School for the Deaf and Dumb. Shortly afterwards it was discovered that Hilliard had transferred thirty semester-hours of credit and was therefore ineligible for freshman competition. He withdrew from school in February, 1939 and now desires to enter some other Conference institution. The question is whether his participation in freshman football will render him ineligible to compete in varsity football at another school in the Conference."

A motion was passed that Mr. Hilliard's participation in the football game mentioned is not to render him ineligible to compete in varsity football at another Conference institution. (It is understood that he will meet the requirements of Article XXVII, Section 3, of the By-Laws.)

At this point a motion was passed to change Article XVI, Section 3, of the By-Laws, to read: "No training for freshman teams is permitted prior to the opening of actual college work, and no freshman football games shall be played within a period of two weeks after the opening of actual college work."

The case of J. G. Cooper, of A. and M., was presented. "J. C. Cooper, in the spring of 1937, participated in a non-Conference baseball game with the Beaumont Exporters. The amount of his playing in this game was this: He pinch hit in the 9th inning with the Aggies 15 runs behind. This was the one and only time throughout the season that he took part in any game, Conference or non-Conference. May I ask that his eligibility for participation in baseball for another year be confirmed, because through baseball he can continue his college education and receive his degree."

The Conference voted not to charge the participation in this baseball game against Mr. Cooper.

6. The president reported the case of Robert Collins. "In the case of Robert Collins, who registered at Southern Methodist University on Monday, February 6 and withdrew on the following day on account of serious illness, I assumed the responsibility of advising Dr. McIntosh that it would, in my opinion, be over-technical to rule that the young man was in school for the spring semester. I express the hope that the Conference will take the view that Mr. Collins' future eligibility will not be affected by his withdrawal from school."

The Conference approved the president's ruling.

7. A motion was passed to change Article XX, Section 3, of the By-Laws, in accordance with the following recommendation of the president. "Dean Waterman requested a ruling in the case of a football player who desired to obtain employment as a baseball umpire during the summer. I advised that in view of the express provision of the By-Laws in respect to intramural games (see footnote to Article XX, Section 3 on page 26 of the 1938 rule book) Section 3 of the article in question implicitly proscribes umpiring for pay. For the purposes of this rule umpiring for pay is analogous to coaching: it is an athletic function incident to the playing



of a game and in this sense falls within the category of pursuing athletic exercise for money. I recommend that this rule be revised by inserting in line 6 of Section 3 the words 'or who has ever received pay for services as an official in any athletic contest or exhibition.'

8. The president's ruling in the following case was approved. "Mr. McCants, in requesting a ruling on the status of Walter J. Scott, submitted the following facts: The young man attended the Rice Institute throughout the session of 1933-'4. During 1935-'6 he was at the United States Naval Academy. In 1936 he returned to Rice, where he has remained until the present time. Under the new regulations his five-year span of 'residential eligibility' would have ended in June, 1938. Under the former definition of residential eligibility he would have been eligible for four years from the date of his registration in the Naval Academy -- i. e., until June, 1939. I advised Mr. McCants (March 23, 1939) that this student, having been registered at Rice prior to the date on which the new rule went into effect would be allowed to claim the advantage accruing to him under the old regulations (see page 5 of the minutes of the Fall Meeting, 1938)."

9. "For various reasons it was found expedient to change the place of the Conference tennis tournament, the date and place of the swimming meet, and the date of the golf tournament. The changes were effected by a mail vote of the Conference on March 16."

A motion was passed to fix the date of the Conference swimming meet as the Friday and Saturday immediately preceding the dates set for the N. C. A. A. swimming meet. This motion changes Article XI, Section 3 (d), of the By-Laws.

10. The following statement of the president was read to the Conference:

"Shortly after the Fall Meeting of 1938 Mr. Dan D. Rogers and his associates in Dallas on the Executive Committee of the Cotton Bowl Association, Inc. found themselves in disagreement with Mr. J. Curtis Sanford with respect to certain policies affecting the New Year's game. The breach became definite in the last week of December, but announcement of it was withheld by Mr. Rogers until after the game. The directorate created by the Conference has continued under the presidency of Mr. Rogers and is planning, if it can obtain the approval of a majority of the Conference members, to put on the game next year as the Southwest Football Classic. To date, as you have been advised, all the institutions of the Conference except the University of Texas have indicated their willingness to 'pledge' their teams in advance for the New Year's game -- though three of the institutions (Rice, T. C. U. and Baylor) have set the condition that approval shall be unanimous. Rice sets the further condition that approval shall be given not later than May 15.

"In view of the very delicate situation which arose early in December, when the Conference champion, T. C. U., was for some days uncommitted to any post-season game -- a situation fraught with the most serious complexities -- I think it important that the Conference members



should unanimously endorse the game now, some months in advance of the next football season. Such action will evoke the most favorable publicity next fall, and will facilitate the task of finding a worthy opponent for the team which will represent the Conference in the game. Failing unanimous agreement by the end of the summer, the Conference would, in my judgment, do well to announce its definite withdrawal from any and all projects for a New Year's game and allow matters to take their course as in the past.

"However, if the thing should be left 'wide open', the coaches and players of the team winning the championship would be subjected to external pressure which would at the least be annoying and at worst might lead to the most serious abuses. It is my considered opinion that the Southwest Conference will serve itself and intercollegiate athletics throughout the country by giving its support to a 'bowl' game of its own selection which shall be removed from those influences which, if unchecked, will in a few years degrade post-season collegiate football to the level of unrestrained commercialism. We already have the organization to put on the game under Conference supervision; we know from recent experience what to avoid: should we not muster unanimous support for the program which is being worked out by Mr. Rogers and our board of directors?"

No action was taken but the president was authorized to call a special meeting of the Conference during the summer if he should consider such a meeting desirable.

11. The president reported: "Pursuant to a motion passed by the Conference at the Fall Meeting, the president addressed communications to the faculty representatives of those institutions whose coaches or players were involved in certain 'incidents' complained of by football game officials and reported to the Conference by the executive secretary, Mr. J. W. St. Clair. Copies of the letters are attached to this report."

12. The president reported: "A resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Texas Technological College in a meeting at Fort Worth on December 16, 1938, setting forth that 'the College would cheerfully accept election as a member of the Southwest Conference', and duly forwarded to me by the Secretary of the Board, was acknowledged by me on behalf of the Conference on December 21, 1938. The resolution is tantamount to an official application for membership in the Southwest Athletic Conference, and you will have an opportunity to take appropriate action at the Spring Meeting on May 13."

Mr. L. L. Steele, a member of the Board of Directors of the Texas Technological College, appeared before the Conference stating that he was speaking "as a private individual." He stated the case of Texas Technological College and expressed the hope that the Conference would vote on the admission of that institution to the Southwest Athletic Conference.

The Conference passed the following motion unanimously: "It is the settled policy of the Southwest Athletic Conference to maintain its membership at seven institutions."

The report of the Executive Secretary, Mr. J. W. St. Clair, was read by the president.



1. With two exceptions officials for 1939 football games were assigned by February 1st.

2. The basket-ball officiating for the past season was probably a little better than it has been in previous years, but it was far from satisfactory. "We are making every effort to improve officiating in basket-ball for another year."

3. A meeting of representatives of several conferences "who hold positions of authority for assignment of football and basket-ball officials" may be held during the coming summer. The Conference voted to pay the expenses of Mr. St. Clair incurred in attendance on such a meeting if one be held.

4. "I would like to submit to you for your study and consideration the matter of raising, in the near future, the fees of football officials to \$62.50 and of basketball officials to \$25.00." (No action was taken.)

5. "I am still working on the advisability of paying a mileage fee instead of traveling expenses plus a per diem allowance. I am not ready, at the present time, to make a definite recommendation."

6. A motion was passed by the Conference to delay printing of the "Regulations" prepared by Mr. St. Clair until after the May meeting of 1940.

Mr. St. Clair concluded his report with the following statement:

"On my recent visit to New York and Chicago, I found a fast growing sentiment against the participation of an N. C. A. A. Institution in any Athletic Contest not under the direct supervision and control of one or all the competing institutions.

"The above sentiment was expressed by such men as L. W. St. John, Director of Athletics, Ohio State University, Mr. Olsen, Basketball Coach, Ohio State University, Mr. F. C. Allen, Basketball Coach, Kansas University, John Bunn, Stanford University, Asa A. Bushnell, Commissioner of Eastern Intercollegiate Conference, Major John L. Griffith, Commissioner of Big Ten Conference, Mr. June Salmon, Chairman of National Basketball Rules Committee and for a long time has been connected with N. C. A. A. activities, and others.

"The Big Ten Conference has just recently passed a rule prohibiting its members from participation in Athletic Contests under other than college control. The Eastern Conference has for a long time held to the same principle."

Mr. J. H. Stewart brought from the Association of Directors and Business Managers the following recommendations:

1. Golf, tennis, and track conference meets should be held at the same institution whenever this is possible.



2. The qualifying N. C. A. A. tennis tournament should be held after the end of the academic year. The Conference should take this matter up with the N. C. A. A. committee.

3. It is recommended that expenses of basket-ball officials for the season be prorated to all member institutions.

4. It is recommended that each member institution make a donation of \$250.00 to the Olympic Fund for 1940.

A motion was passed that a suggestion be made to each member institution to contribute \$250.00 to this fund.

A motion was passed to postpone consideration of the other recommendations until the December meeting.

Mr. Gunter Garland, of the University of Arkansas, who participated in freshman football at Hardin-Simmons, was granted permission to play varsity football at Arkansas by unanimous vote. Notice of this application was given more than thirty days in advance of this meeting.

The Rice Institute was granted permission to play only four games of basket-ball on the road in 1939-40 (Article XI, Section 2 (c), By-Laws). This request was made necessary because schedules of preceding seasons called for the playing of an excessive number of games on the road.

Joe Frivaldsky, of Baylor University, who will not become eligible to participate in varsity athletics until January 2, 1940, was granted permission to play in a basket-ball game in Chicago on January 1, 1940.

The president appointed the following committee on appeals: E. J. Kyle, J. S. McIntosh, and Gayle Scott.

Officers were elected as follows:

Henry Trantham, President  
J. S. Waterman, Vice-President  
J. T. McCants, Secretary-Treasurer.

The meeting adjourned.

Secretary



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RESOLUTION

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
TEXAS TECHNOLOGICAL COLLEGE IN A MEETING  
HELD IN FORT WORTH, TEXAS, ON DECEMBER  
16th, 1938.

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors  
of the Texas Technological College that the College would  
cheerfully accept election as a Member of the Southwest  
Conference, and would gladly participate in the Southwest  
Conference according to its rules and regulations, and the  
Chairman of the Board is fully authorized to forward a copy  
of this Resolution to each Member of the Southwest Conference  
Officials.



Southwest Athletic Conference

Minutes of Fall Meeting, 1939

8-9 December 1939

First Session

The meeting was called to order by the president at 8:08 p.m. on December eighth, at the Baker Hotel, Dallas, Texas.

The following representatives were present:

President, Baylor University	Henry Trantham
A. and M. College	E. J. Howell
Rice Institute	J. T. McCants
Southern Methodist University	J. S. McIntosh
Texas Christian University	Gayle Scott
University of Arkansas	J. S. Waterman
University of Texas	J. C. Dolley

Dean Kyle, A. and M. College, was present for a few minutes.

The dues of all members were paid in advance.

The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved.

Mr. J. W. St. Clair, Executive Secretary, presented a report to the Conference. (A copy is appended.)

1. The Conference voted that: "the expenses of officials from this section of the country who are working on a member institution home field, or a field which is considered the member institution's home field, shall be based on 11¢ per mile one way by the nearest route of train, bus, or automobile." This same method of payment was approved also for "officials from other sections who are working intersectional games on a member institution home field, or on a field designated as the home field."

2. The Conference voted: "That the traveling expenses of the Executive Secretary be figured on the same basis as that of the officials."

3. The Conference approved the recommendation: "That officials for basketball games between a member institution and a non-member institution be made by the institution concerned with the provisions, (1) that such officials shall be o.k.'d through the office of the Executive Secretary, (2) as far as possible, in games on the member institution's floor, officials shall be selected from the eligible list or from outstanding young officials who are prospective conference officials, (3) that should any institution desire they may call on this office for help in selecting such officials."

4. The discussion of the use of films was postponed until the May meeting.



5. The Conference voted that the Executive Secretary is not to assign officials for other conferences and schools.

6. The sixth and eighth items called for no action.

7. The Conference voted to publish the regulations prepared by the Executive Secretary before September, 1940, but after May, 1940.

The treasurer's report, having been audited by Dean Waterman, was presented and accepted.

The president's report was considered by sections.

1. "By a mail vote of conference members early in July the 'three-fifths' requirement of Article XXII of the By-Laws was waived in favor of a student of the University of Texas who was prevented by a serious accident from completing more than eight semester-hours of scholastic work in the second semester of 1938-'9." The Conference voted to add the following as Section 3 of Article XXII of the By-Laws: "Special cases calling for the waiving of regulations in the by-laws or the constitution affecting the eligibility or participation of individual students shall not be presented to the Conference for a vote by mail or telegraph, but shall be presented only at regular or called meetings."

"Since the meeting a suggestion has been made 'that the amendment to Article XXII properly belongs under Article IV of the By-Laws.' At the spring meeting the Conference should decide whether this new section should be added to Article IV or to Article XXII.)

2. The following ruling in the president's report was approved: "At my request (August 20) Vice-president Waterman ruled upon the status of Milton Evans who entered Baylor in September, 1936. He had attended a junior college during the previous two years and had received a junior college diploma in June, 1936. He did not claim the privilege of competing in football at Baylor in the Fall of 1936 but did compete in tennis in the Spring of 1937. The question was when would this man's eligibility end under the old rules affecting junior college transfers. Dean Waterman shared my view that Evans's eligibility would end at the close of the winter quarter of 1939-'40, on the theory that it began when he first elected to participate as a graduate of a junior college -- i. e., at the beginning of the spring quarter of 1936-'7 -- and ran three years from that date."

3. The president's ruling in the following case was approved: "Dr. Dolley on September 29 made a request for a ruling on the case on Murray Smith, a student of the University of Texas who was in residence throughout the sessions of 1934-'5, 1935-'6, 1936-'7, and 1938-'9. Mr. Smith passed ten hours of work in the first scholastic year and twenty in the second. I advised Dr. Dolley by telephone that under the old four-year rule Mr. Smith's 'residential eligibility' began in September, 1935 and ended in June, 1939. The number of hours passed in the year 1934-'5 had no bearing on the incidence or duration of the subsequent four-year term of eligibility."

4. The following ruling was presented: "A somewhat unusual case is that of a young man who enrolled as a freshman at the Rice Institute in September, 1939 after having participated in football in two junior colleges -- first, in 1937, at the Texarkana Junior College while taking postgraduate



work in the Texarkana High School, and the following year at the Kilgore Junior College. I ruled that regardless of eligibility at the time of his participation at the Texarkana Junior College the actual participation should be charged against him and that he will be entitled to only two years of Conference participation -- his eligibility to end in June, 1944." The Conference was informed that some junior colleges, especially the municipal institutions, play high school students on their teams and that such cases as this might arise at any time. Accordingly, the following regulation was adopted to become a footnote of Article XXV, Section 3, of the By-Laws: "Participation on a junior college team while a student is registered for high school or academy courses shall be considered junior college participation. This regulation shall apply to all such participation occurring after September 1, 1940."

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Dean Kyle, who could not remain for the entire session, gave to the Conference a full report on the transactions involved in the decision of A. and M. College to play in the Sugar Bowl on January 1, 1940 instead of in the Cotton Bowl.

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5. The following ruling was approved: "I confirmed the opinion expressed by Dr. McIntosh in a letter to me on November 29 that a young man who attended the University of Tulsa for one year and later graduated from a junior college will have to spend a year in residence in a Conference institution in order to establish eligibility for intercollegiate participation. The case is covered inferentially by Article XXVII, Section 2 of the By-Laws."

6. After discussion of the statistical service for sports of the Conference a motion was passed to discontinue this service.

7. The president recommended "that the Conference declare its desire to adhere to the 'old Thanksgiving' date in the making of future schedules and request the officials, alumni, and other friends of its respective members to cooperate to this end." The following resolution was adopted:

"The members of the Southwest Conference will continue to observe the traditional date of Thanksgiving (the last Thursday in November) in the making of football schedules. The Conference solicits the cooperation of officials, students, and alumni of the respective member institutions, and appeals to the public for support in giving effect to this resolution."

8. No action was required on the following statement of the president: "Complaints of thoughtless or unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of coaches and spectators -- though happily none on the part of players -- have been reported from time to time in the course of the football season. The responsibility rests upon each institution -- and is certainly acknowledged by each -- to discourage as energetically as possible actions on the part of its coaches, players, or students which would embarrass game officials or visiting players or give offence to those spectators who appreciate fair play under all circumstances. And this vigilance should be extended particularly to basket ball games at which there is a growing tendency to 'razz' officials and visiting coaches and players."



9. The president made the following statement concerning the Cotton Bowl football game: "The erstwhile Cotton Bowl Association, Inc. -- styled since February, 1939 the Southwest Football Classic -- has been unable to function according to original plans because of the inability of the Conference to pledge its champion for the New Year's game. The organization, however, as responsible for its direction still hope that even if the Conference shall presently fail to obtain unanimous support for the annual post-season game, most if not all of its members will commit themselves individually to participate in the game, in the event that some one of them should win the Conference championship. The experience of the past two years justifies the conclusion that our Conference owes it to itself and to intercollegiate athletics in this section to adopt a definite, long-range policy with reference to 'bowl' games. As matters now stand, the Conference, though closing its season on the second Saturday after Thanksgiving and limiting the schedules of its members to ten games, virtually gives a free hand to any of the member institutions that may be tempted to shop for bowl bids in the confident hope that the Conference will grant it permission to engage in a post-season game. Moreover, the arrangement of such games, in being left to the individual schools, is being strongly and directly influenced by the alumni, the student body, the press, and the football squad itself, as well as by outside individuals and groups beyond the control of the institution affected and beyond the control of the Conference itself. If 'faculty control' of athletics is to be maintained, it must be supplemented by Conference control of schedules; and Conference control must in the final analysis rest upon faculty control. I therefore strongly recommend that the Conference henceforth cooperate fully with the organization created by itself to put on the annual post-season game, or adopt now and publicly announce a policy of non-participation after the playing season of 1940 in any 'bowl' game anywhere, at any time."

Action on this recommendation was taken at the second session of this meeting.

10. The president relayed to the Conference the treasurer's warning: "Unless adequate provision is made for increasing income, the Conference will face a deficit by January 1, 1941."

Record was made of the fact that the Conference, by mail vote, granted permission to A. and M. College to play a postseason football game in the Sugar Bowl at New Orleans on January 1, 1940.

Article XI, Section 2 (c), of the By-Laws states: "the total number of games played by eligible members of the regular basket-ball squad of any institution shall be limited to twenty-four with teams outside of that institution." The Conference passed the following motion: "A conference team selected as the regional representative to the N.C.A.A. basket-ball tournament is authorized to accept the invitation and play such games as are involved in that tournament."

A motion was passed to have the president of the Conference appoint a committee of three directors of bands of conference members to work out schedules for band exhibitions between halves at football games, the report to be given to the Conference for approval.

Mr. Dolley gave notice that unanimous consent would be requested at the May meeting for Herbert Reid, who played football as a freshman at Hardin-Simmons, to play football at the University of Texas.



Mr. Gayle Scott gave notice that at the May meeting Texas Christian University will present a special request to the Conference in behalf of two freshman football players. "Bill Wright and Marshall Goodwin were seriously injured about the end of October. Wright received a fractured skull and suffered a brain haemorrhage during a practice session. Goodwin was injured in the T. C. U. - Baylor freshman game. His symptoms were similar to those of Wright, although no fracture was found. Since the injury he has suffered from excessive spinal fluid pressure. Both boys were hospitalized and are still in the hospital. They will not be able to return to school during the fall Semester and possibly not during the school year. Both men were passing all courses at the time of injury.

"T. C. U. will request that the residential eligibility of Wright and Goodwin be extended so as to end in Feb. 1945 if they are able to return to school in Feb. 1940; or to Sept. 1945 if they are not able to return to school before Sept. 1940."

The Conference took note of the fact that St. Edward's University has discontinued intercollegiate athletics. Men transferring to conference institutions from St. Edward's may participate under the regulations of Article XXVII of the By-Laws: after one year of residence they may play out the period of their eligibility. It was ruled also that men who played on the varsity teams of St. Edward's while they were freshmen must count that participation as one year of varsity competition.

The Conference voted to send Mr. Dolley to the December meeting of the N.C.A.A. to be held at Los Angeles. (Mr. Dolley is vice-president of the N.C.A.A., representing the Sixth District.)

The meeting adjourned at 11:27 p.m.

#### Second Session

The president called the meeting to order at 9:22 a.m. on December ninth.

The member institutions were represented as at the first session.

Mr. I. K. Stephens, of Southern Methodist University, and Mr. H. A. Scott, of the Rice Institute, were visitors.

At the meeting held in May, 1939 Mr. J. H. Stewart brought several recommendations from the Association of Directors and Business Managers. Consideration of several of these proposals was postponed until this meeting.

The association recommended:

1. "That whenever feasible the track, tennis, and golf championships of the Conference be held the same week-end in the same city."

The Conference voted approval of this recommendation.

2. "That the Southwest Conference, through its president, request the Tennis Committee of the N.C.A.A. to change the sectional qualifying tennis tournament until after the school year has closed."



The Conference voted approval of this recommendation and appointed Mr. Dolley a committee of one to arrange for the tournament after the end of the academic year.

3. "That, because of the fact that most of the basketball officials are concentrated in one area, the traveling expenses of basketball officials be prorated among the member institutions and be paid out by the Executive Secretary from a fund furnished him by the schools."

The Conference voted to postpone final action on this recommendation until the May meeting.

A motion was passed to have the conference track meet and the conference golf and tennis tournaments at Rice in 1940.

The Conference declared the following championships in sports for 1939:

Basket-ball	University of Texas
Swimming	University of Texas
Fencing	Baylor University
Track	Rice Institute
Tennis - Singles	Rice Institute
Doubles	Rice Institute
Golf - Individual	Rice Institute
Team	Rice Institute
Baseball	University of Texas
Cross-country	University of Texas
Football	A. and M. College

Assignment of meets for 1940:

Swimming	A. and M. College
Track	Rice Institute
Tennis	Rice Institute
Golf	Rice Institute
Cross-country	Southern Methodist University
Fencing	University of Texas

*Held at Texas  
Nov 20, 1940*

The Conference discussed the Cotton Bowl game. Mr. Dan Rogers was invited to the meeting. It developed that a group of Dallas men have bought the interests of Mr. Curtis Sanford in the Cotton Bowl Association including the charter, copyrights, and the lease on the stadium. This group, called "the custodians" has as its head Mr. Fred F. Florence from whom the following communication was received:



REPUBLIC NATIONAL BANK  
OF DALLAS

DALLAS, TEXAS

December 9, 1939

Gentlemen of the Southwest Conference,  
Assembled in Dallas,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sirs:

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of Custodianship of the Cotton Bowl (copyright name which we now own), which will be in our hands immediately after the game scheduled for next January 1, and applying for four years thereafter, it was unanimously concluded to offer to you the Cotton Bowl for New Year's annual games, in which it is hoped we will receive unanimous approval of your Committee for the champions of the Southwest Conference to be one of the participants.

The Custodians are exceedingly anxious to develop the Bowl into one of the nation's annual classics, and feel that your organization is the best qualified organization through which this can be accomplished, and that it will, over a period of time, result not only in credit to the Southwest Conference, but, we are hopeful, for the benefit of the Conference, financially and otherwise.

We suggest that, for the 1941 game, you pay 15% of the gate receipts until the \$6,500.00 outstanding obligation is retired and the \$10,000.00 that is being paid out by the custodians is returned. If the 15% does not take care of that, there will be no obligation on your part, but if the 15% should be in excess of that amount, such excess amount will be retained by you.

This group feels that, by close cooperation with you, the Bowl Classic should redound to the credit of this section of the country, and we are anxious to cooperate in every practicable way to that end, and shall be pleased to have you advise us at your earliest convenience with reference to methods of procedure towards that end.

We shall also be glad to cooperate with you in contacting the State Fair of Texas in undertaking to work out a longer lease, if you desire to have us do so, as we feel that we can be particularly helpful in that matter.

We shall await further advice from you in connection.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Fred F. Florence

Chairman



Concerning tentative plans for a Cotton Bowl game under conference supervision the following statements were made:

The custodians have arranged to pay \$10,000 to Mr. Sanford for all his Cotton Bowl Association interests. They would expect to receive fifteen per cent of the gate receipts of the game played on January 1, 1941 from which this \$10,000 would be refunded to the custodians and \$4000 refunded representing an amount which has to be paid to the Fair Park Association in connection with the lease on the stadium. This fifteen per cent would be taken only on the gate receipts. Income from broadcasting and concessions would not be included. Mr. Rogers gave assurance that the Chamber of Commerce and other business men of Dallas would give whole-hearted support to a game played under conference supervision.

The following motion was passed by the Conference to the effect that: "The Conference go on record as approving the plan submitted by Mr. Fred F. Florence as representative of the custodians of the franchise for the New Year's game and request that each member institution announce its individual policy by February 1, 1940 with reference to future commitments to this game --- under Conference control through the directorate previously set up for that purpose."

Messrs. Kyle, of A. and M., and Dolley, of the University of Texas, asked to be recorded as present and not voting. All other representatives voted in favor of the motion.

The meeting then adjourned.

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J. T. McCants

Secretary



SOUTHWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

J. W. St. Clair  
Executive Secretary

Temporary Office  
S. M. U.  
Dallas, Texas

December 9th

TO: Southwest Athletic Conference

RE: Report by Executive-Secretary

PART ONE: General Statement.

The officiating in basketball last season, I think, was somewhat of an improvement over previous years; but as yet it is still far from satisfactory. Much work is going to have to be done in this field before we have the officiating in this sport that I think we are entitled to. This can best come by an organization of the Southwest Basketball Officials Association similar to the Southwest Football Officials Association. I, with two or three of the best basketball officials, have been working on this and hope to complete this organization the 10th of December.

In my opinion the officiating in football in the Southwest Conference the past season has been somewhat of an improvement over last year. Of course, it has been far from perfect, and, in my humble opinion, we probably will never have a perfectly officiated football game because of the human element involved. About the only perfect accuracy that we have today is the perfect-running machine. There were incidents this year where I think officials erred. It will take a weeding out process and the occasional introduction of a new official if we are to make the best possible progress. We wish to eliminate that official who is not always on the job and also that official who may be on the job but is not, for some reason, able to perform his duty as he should. Any suggestions regarding the above would certainly be appreciated by me.

The behavior of the coaches this season has been better than last year. There has been an occasional violation of our adopted code of ethics. All those violations which have come to my attention have been sent to Dr. Trantham, your president. This was in accordance with your ruling last year.

PART TWO: I wish to submit for your consideration several items.

Item 1: In accordance with your instructions at a recent meeting I wish to present the attached report of expenses of officials based on 11¢ per mile one way. The attached data were compiled by Dr. Huff and show the total amount that will be paid to officials for expenses under the present plan for 1939 and what would have been paid had expenses been figured at 11¢ per mile one way.



Total expense under per mileage plan	2,159.08
" " " present plan	<u>2,145.75</u>

Difference 13.35

This report does not include officials from other sections in intersectional games such as the Texas-Florida game.

Due to the small difference in cost and to the added convenience it would give this office, I wish to recommend for your consideration:

First, that the expenses of officials from this section of the country who are working games on a member institution home field, or a field which is considered the member institution's home field, shall be based on 11¢ per mile one way by the nearest route of train, bus, or automobile.

Second, that expenses of officials from other sections who are working in intersectional games on a member institution home field, or a field designated as the home field, shall be figured by the member institution concerned on whatever basis they feel is right.

Note: The Southern, Southeastern, and Eastern Associations pay 11¢ per mile one way.

Item 2: Because of the inconvenience that I have had in the past in securing receipts for traveling expenses in scouting officials for such items as meals, taxi fare, tips, etc., I wish to recommend for your consideration the following: That the traveling expenses of the Executive Secretary be figured on the same basis as that of the officials.

Item 3: I wish to submit for your consideration the following in regard to assigning basketball officials in games other than with another conference team: That officials for basketball games between a member institution and a non-member institution be made by the institution concerned with the provisions, (1) that such officials shall be o.k.'d through the office of the Executive Secretary, (2) as far as possible, in games on the member institution's floor, officials shall be selected from the eligible list or from outstanding young officials who are prospective conference officials, (3) that should any institution desire they may call on this office for help in selecting such officials.

Item 4: In instructions turned over to me by Mr. Dolley, chairman of a sub-committee appointed by your body, the suggestion was made that films of football games might be used for the enlightenment of football officials. For your consideration I wish to set forth the following: That the Executive-Secretary be empowered to collect pictures of outstanding fouls that occurred in the Southwest Conference the past season, have these put together and sent to Eastman Kodak Co. to be edited as one film. This film to be used in our September meeting to show the officials what type of fouls they must look for. These pictures would be edited without any reference whatever to the teams playing, the officials working the game, or whether the foul was called or overlooked. Of course, if this is to be done the institutions of the Southwest Conference would have to furnish



the films from which we could take certain plays. I am advised that should such film be made the part removed from the original film could be replaced with any permanent damage to the film. The approximate cost of such a film would probably be between \$75.00 and \$100.00. I feel sure that the Southwest Football Officials Association would be willing to bear their part of the expense for such a film.

Item 5: After a thorough investigation and study of the proposal set forth by your body that this office might assign officials from other conferences and schools, it is my opinion that this is not desirable at the present time. First, the time that it now requires to carry out the duties of this office is of such magnitude that no added duties should be undertaken. Second, and probably more important, I feel it is my duty to secure for the Southwest Conference the very best officials possible for both basketball and football and as it now works out I can demand first choice of the best for our conference. I would be willing to help other conferences set up a like position as mine in their conferences.

Item 6: A report of the amount of money expended by the S.F.O.A. in conducting this office, that is the combined office of the Executive Secretary of the Southwest Conference and the Secretary-Treasurer of the S.F.O.A. from November 30, 1938 through December 4th, 1939. (This does not include several items that went directly to the members such as the purchase of rule books, expenses of officials to the meeting in Dallas, etc.)

Item 7: I would like to submit for your consideration the advisability of having the regulations published between now and next September. I feel sure that the S.F.O.A. would share the expense for publishing same.

Item 8: I am not submitting a financial statement for the money expended in connection with this office for all of this has already been placed in the hands of Mr. McCants, who is secretary-treasurer.



11-30-38	Mrs. J. W. Lynch, salary $\frac{1}{2}$ time 11-1 to 11-30	\$10.00
12- 1-38	S.M.U. Purchasing Office, 11-30-38 Statement	5.27
12- 6-38	Hill Printing Co., printed forms	31.00
12- 6-38	Cash reimbursement for postage	25.00
12- 7-38	Cash reimbursement for telegrams and l.d. calls	3.05
12-17-38	Secretarial work, Mrs. Louise Crews	1.50
12-20-38	Secretarial work, Margaret Shannon	1.00
12-20-38	Askew Company, $\frac{1}{2}$ price on Steel Shelves	17.00
12-20-38	Extra Work, December, Mrs. Lynch	10.00
1- 3-39	Stamps	10.00
1-13-39	Western Union for telegrams	13.61
1-19-39	Miner Printing Co. for membership cards, etc.	4.25
1-19-39	S.M.U. Purchasing Office for mimeographing	2.35
1-29-39	Extra secretarial work, Mrs. Lynch	20.00
2-10-39	Stamps	15.00
2-27-39	Secretarial work, Mrs. Lynch	25.00
3-14-39	S.M.U. Purchasing Office for mimeographing	14.01
3- 8-39	S.M.U. Switchboard for l.d. call	.70
3-14-39	S.M.U. Co-op, 200 mailing envelopes	4.00
3-18-39	Cash for postage	15.00
3-18-39	University Co-op for supplies	7.53
3-28-39	Secretarial work, Mrs. Louise Crews	25.00
3-28-39	Dallas News, 10 copies of schedule of officials	1.00
4- 6-39	S.M.U. Switchboard for l.d. call	.40
4-14-39	Box Rent	3.00
4-25-39	Mailing charge	1.00
4-26-39	Secretarial work, Mrs. Louise Crews	25.00
6-11-39	Miner Printing Co. for letterheads, etc.	23.15
6-15-39	Drawing SFOA Stationery, Mrs. Louise Crews	1.00
6-15-39	S.M.U. Co-op, supplies	3.47
5-25-39	Secretarial work, May, Mrs. Louise Crews	25.00
6- 3-39	Extra secretarial work, Mrs. Louise Crews	2.00
6- 7-39	Long distance telephone call	.60
6- 4-39	Curtis picture mats to Ft. Worth Star Telegram	4.00
6-26-39	Stamps	9.00
6-26-39	Secretarial work, Mrs. Louise Crews	21.00
6-26-39	S.M.U. Purchasing Department, mimeographing	13.02
7- 5-39	Addressing envelopes and stuffing, Miss Nance	4.00
7-10-39	A. R. Hutchins for manual for Mr. Kidd	1.00
7-14-39	Secretarial work, Martha Trent	2.50
8-16-39	Secretarial work, Mrs. Louise Crews	22.50
8-25-39	Stamps for mailing envelopes	10.00
8-28-39	Meals for self and visitors and taxi fare for meeting	10.25
8-28-39	10 Manuals, 5 for chiefs, 4 for office, 1 for Mr. Kidd	10.00
8-16-39	Telegram, Barry Holton	.96
8-25-39	S.M.U. Purchasing Department, mimeographing	2.31
8-31-39	Secretarial work, Mrs. B. M. Mayo	9.00
9- 4-39	Secretarial work at September meeting, Mrs. Louise Crews	11.80
9- 5-39	Adolphus Hotel for meals, luncheon for Board of Directors	20.75
9- 5-39	Adolphus Hotel for meals and telephone calls	9.60
9- 5-39	Western Union	1.47
9- 5-39	Melton Printing, Physical Examination blanks	4.55
9- 7-39	8 Pictures of Football Officials in full uniform for publicity	8.50
9- 7-39	Pictures of Officials in group for publicity	5.50
9-10-39	Stamps	20.00
9-18-39	Secretarial work, Mrs. B. M. Mayo	20.00
9-18-39	Help in grading examination questions, Barry Holton	20.00
9-19-39	Conducting speed tests, R. Higginbotham	5.00



9-21-39	Askew Company, 3 shelves for steel cabinet	\$ 7.50
10- 8-39	S.M.U. Co-op, supplies	15.36
10- 2-39	Secretarial work, 9-15 to 10-1	12.50
10- 5-39	Western Union	1.21
10- 5-39	S.M.U. Purchasing Department, mimeographing	21.03
10- 6-39	Meals at Adolphus Hotel during September meeting	2.45
10-10-39	Long distance telephone calls	1.60
10-19-39	Melton Printing Co., 200 self-addressed envelopes	12.50
10-31-39	Secretarial work, Marilyn Miller	25.00
10-10-39	Melton Printing Co., 1940 membership cards	4.50
11-10-39	S.M.U. Switchboard for l.d. calls	2.50
11-14-39	Cash for stamps	15.00
11-27-39	Melton Printing Co., postal cards, applications for membership	21.25
11-29-39	Secretarial work, Marilyn Miller	25.00
12- 4-39	S.M.U. Co-op, small envelopes	.50
12- 4-39	SFOA Schedule cards	14.89
		<u>775.39</u>



Southwest Athletic Conference

Minutes of the Spring Meeting, 1940  
10-11 May 1940  
Houston, Texas

First Session

The meeting was called to order by the president at 8:15 p.m. on May tenth, at the Rice Hotel, Houston, Texas.

The following representatives were present:

President, Baylor University	Henry Trantham
A. and M. College	E. J. Kyle
Rice Institute	J. T. McCants
Southern Methodist University	J. S. McIntosh
Texas Christian University	Gayle Scott
University of Arkansas	J. S. Waterman
University of Texas	J. C. Dolley

Mr. E. J. Howell, of A. and M. College, was a visitor.

The purpose of the meeting was a discussion of the Cotton Bowl game with the Executive Committee of the Board chosen previously by the Conference.

The following members of the Executive Committee were present: Messrs. Dan Rogers, James H. Stewart, and Joe Utay, of Dallas, and Messrs. Gaylord Johnson and J. R. Parten, of Houston.

There was full discussion of the problems involved in the participation of the Conference in the Cotton Bowl game to be played each year at Dallas on New Year's Day. Mr. Fred F. Florence, of Dallas, was invited to the meeting. Mr. Florence explained the nature of the plans proposed by the twelve Custodians who have acquired all rights connected with the Cotton Bowl game. It is the desire of the Custodians to place all of the facilities of the Cotton Bowl Association at the disposal of the Conference and to give such support to the Conference as may be required to make the Cotton Bowl game entirely successful.

The following motion was passed: "The Conference approves the Cotton Bowl game as a part of the intercollegiate athletic program. It is understood that the Conference will invite its championship football team to act as the host team for this game and will urge the championship institution to accept the invitation."

After discussion of plans for the game the following motion was passed: "The Executive Committee shall work out a plan for the operation of the Cotton Bowl game and shall present this plan to the Conference for consideration."



The idea was expressed that a plan to play the championship team of the Big Six each year (perhaps for three years) might prove a good arrangement. Plans were made for two members of the Executive Committee to go to the meeting of the members of the Big Six to be held on May 16th and 17th, if preliminary correspondence and conversations should prove such a move desirable.

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

### Second Session

The second session was held at the Faculty Club of the Rice Institute on May eleventh. The president called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m.

All representatives present at the first session were present again, and Messrs. E. J. Howell, of A. and M. College, and H. A. Scott, of Rice Institute, were visitors.

The minutes of the December meeting were approved.

A letter from Mr. J. W. St. Clair addressed to the president of the Conference was read. (A copy of the letter is attached to these minutes.)

A motion was passed to send Mr. St. Clair to a meeting of commissioners and executive secretaries to be held during the coming summer.

The treasurer presented a report covering the period from 10 December 1939 to 11 May 1940.

The president's report was considered by sections.

1. The ruling was approved. The president's report follows: "At the request of Mr. Dolley (January 24) a ruling was made on the case of a student who transferred from a junior college to the University of Texas in February, 1938, became residually eligible in February, 1939, and participated in basket ball during the last half of that season. He participated again during the season of 1939-'40. The question was whether this student would continue eligible for basket ball until February, 1942. I ruled that under Article XXV, Section 3, of the By-Laws the young man would be eligible until four years from the date of his first participation at the University of Texas. The eligibility of this student will therefore end with the close of the first semester of 1942-'43. A varsity season within the meaning of the rule is a full season, if and when a student, otherwise eligible, desires to avail himself of the privilege of participating. This implies that the season may be split for students who enter in mid-session."

2. The Conference approved the ruling in the following case: "On February 18 Dr. McIntosh asked for a ruling on the status of Wiley Pennell, a freshman at Southern Methodist University, who, after passing in fifteen hours of work in the first semester of 1939-'40, registered for the second semester and attended classes one or two days, and then withdrew from school to take charge of his father's business. It appears that the father had just at that time been incapacitated by a stroke of paralysis and that the young man was the



only person qualified to take over the business in the emergency. I expressed the opinion to Dr. McIntosh that Mr. Pennell should not be charged with a term of residence for the second semester."

3. The president's ruling in the following case was approved: "Mr. G. H. Gwin, originally a student at the Rice Institute, and in residence at the A. & M. College since September, 1938, asked through Mr. McCants for a ruling on his future eligibility. Basing my opinion on the 'old rule,' I advised Mr. McCants (April 6) that Mr. Gwin's eligibility would run from September, 1939 until June, 1943. Under the new rule, which went into effect for students registering in or after September, 1938, Mr. Gwin's eligibility would have ended in June, 1937, i.e., six years from the date of his matriculation at Rice."

4. The Conference approved the ruling that "mixed competition" for freshmen, in whatever guise, should not be permitted. "The practice is expressly forbidden in football and by implication in all other sports."

5. The Conference voted not to charge registration in the second semester of 1939-40 against Hubert A. Moon, of A. and M. College, "who was prevented by serious injury from completing the work of the current semester."

6. The Conference approved the president's proposal that three years of participation in junior college be regarded as the equivalent of two years of conference participation and moved that the following sentence be added to Section 3, Article XXV, of the By-Laws: "If a student participates in junior college athletics when registered in the high school division of the junior college, the initial registration in the junior college shall be the beginning of the semester or term in which the student first participates in such junior college athletics." According to Article XXV, Section 3, the student must complete his participation in five years from the time of his initial registration.

7. The Conference voted to adopt that portion of the report of the committee of band directors which refers to band activities between halves of football games. The president is to secure a complete report for consideration at a later date. The Conference voted to consider proposals approved by all the directors of bands of the member institutions. (A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.)

8. The Cotton bowl game was discussed at the first session. The proposal of the Executive Committee to send Messrs. Rogers and Stewart to the meeting of the Big Six Conference was approved by the Conference. The president is to notify the president of the Big Six Conference that these men go as the representatives of the Southwest Athletic Conference.

9. The president's statement "favoring a judicious rotation in the office which he has held for the past thirty-two months" was discussed. The idea of rotating offices seemed to meet with approval, but the president was asked to continue in office until the Cotton Bowl matters are all settled.

The present officers were reelected:

Henry Trantham, President  
J. S. Waterman, Vice-President  
J. T. McCants, Secretary-Treasurer



Matters brought forward from the December meeting were considered.

1. The use of parts of moving picture films of conference football games for the instruction of officials was considered. No action was taken but the idea seemed not to meet with approval.

2. At the December meeting the Conference voted to add the following as Section 3 of Article XXII of the By-Laws: "Special cases calling for the waiving of regulations in the by-laws or the constitution affecting the eligibility or participation of individual students shall not be presented to the Conference for a vote by mail or telegraph, but shall be presented only at regular or called meetings." A motion was passed to add a footnote to Article IV of the By-Laws calling attention to this section in Article XXII.

3. Mr. McElroy, of the Publicity Department of A. and M. College, made a statement to the Conference concerning the problems involved in keeping statistics of football games. No action was taken concerning the keeping of statistics covering conference games. At the December meeting a motion was passed "to discontinue this service."

4. Notice was given by Mr. Dolley at the December meeting that unanimous consent would be requested at this meeting for Herbert Reid, who played football as a freshman at Hardin-Simmons, to play football at the University of Texas. Consent was given. Attention was called to the conditions of Article XXV, Section 5, of the By-Laws.

5. Mr. Gayle Scott gave notice at the December meeting that at this meeting a request would be made to extend the period of eligibility of Marshall Goodwin and Bill Wright to end in February 1945 if they should be able to return to college in February 1940, or to September 1945 if they should not be able to return to college before September 1940. Both men were seriously injured about the end of October 1939. A motion was passed to grant this extension.

6. The Conference approved the recommendation, "That because of the fact that most of the basket-ball officials are concentrated in one area, the travelling expenses of basket-ball officials be prorated among the member institutions and be paid out by the Executive Secretary from a fund furnished him by the schools."

Notice was given by Mr. McIntosh that at the next meeting of the Conference unanimous consent would be requested for Ed Headington, of Southern Methodist University, to participate in tennis after having played freshman tennis at the University of Texas.

Mr. Dolley presented the case of Fred Ramsdell who entered the University of Texas in September 1935. He was a student during 1935-36, 1936-37, and until October 1937 when he withdrew on account of illness. He took up his course again in September 1939. He participated in track in 1937 and 1940. His period of eligibility should end in June 1940. The Conference voted to extend his period to June 1941.

The Conference discussed the participation of freshman and varsity basket-ball men on commercial teams. It was pointed out that freshman basket-ball teams are allowed to play only eight games. If a freshman team plays as the representa-




tive of a commercial concern in some city league, the freshman team plays an unlimited number of games. Action was postponed until the December meeting.

Article XXI, Section 2, of the By-Laws, limits complimentary tickets as follows: basket-ball 10, baseball 12, track 15. The Association of Directors and Business Managers recommends that the number for each of these sports be increased to twenty-five. Action should be taken at the December meeting.

Mail votes were called between December and May as follows:

1. On February twenty-eighth a request was made for a vote by mail to permit the University of Arkansas to have thirty days of spring practice excluding in the count of thirty days five days of spring vacation, March 21 to 25, inclusive. The Conference voted unanimously in favor of granting this request.
2. On March fifth Rice requested by a telegraphic vote permission to enter the basket-ball team in the Intercollegiate Invitation Basket-ball Tournament in Madison Square Garden as well as in the N.C.A.A. Tournament. Consent to participate in the N.C.A.A. Tournament had been granted already at the December meeting to the winner of the championship. The Conference voted unanimously to grant the request. (It developed later, however, that Rice sent the team only to the N.C.A.A. Tournament.)
3. On March eighteenth the Conference voted by telegraph to change the dates of the conference swimming meet from March 22 and 23 to April 5 and 6.

The meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

  
Secretary



## SOUTHWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

J. W. St. Clair  
Executive Secretary

Office  
S.M.U.  
Dallas, Texas

May 10, 1940

Dr. Henry Trantham, President  
Southwest Athletic Conference  
Baylor University  
Waco, Texas

Dear Dr. Trantham:

I have no special report to make to the Southwest Conference at this time. I am going to be very busy much of the time with such matters as basketball officials for this coming year, meeting with the football chiefs to go over and make whatever changes in mechanics we see fit, and making arrangements for the fall clinic in football officiating, but if you deem it necessary I shall be available to meet with you Saturday morning.

I have just received information from Mr. Asa Bushnell, commissioner of the Eastern Intercollegiate Athletic Association, that there will be a meeting of commissioners and executive secretaries again this summer similar to the one I attended in Chicago last year. I feel that a great deal of good came out of this meeting and would like very much to attend again this year, my expenses being taken care of by the Southwest Conference. Kindly let me have your reaction in regard to this matter.

Kindest personal regards,

(Signed) J. W. St. Clair

J. W. St. Clair.

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Suggestions to the S.W. Conference  
on Band Activities

I. Pre-Game Activities

- a. There shall be no entrances of any S.W. Conference band on the football field before a conference game.
- b. The bands shall be in place in the stands thirty minutes before game time to entertain the crowds as they arrive (this suggested in order to encourage early arrival of crowds at games to avoid last minute confusion in seating)
- c. Five minutes before game time, the visiting band shall play the Alma Mater and while the crowd is still standing, the home band play its Alma Mater. Immediately afterward, both bands shall play the National Anthem and where not physically possible because of seating arrangements, the visiting band shall play it.
- d. Where there is a flagpole in the stadium, it is suggested that the American Flag be raised during the playing of the Star Spangled Banner.

II. Time-Outs

- a. Bands will alternate playing during time-outs, beginning with the visiting band.

III. Touchdowns, etc.

- a. The band whose team has scored a touchdown will have all musical rights and may play as long as desired until action begins again.
- b. There shall be no playing during action on the field.

IV. Half-Time

- a. Each band shall be given 6 minutes for their drill period. In the case of the A&M band where the Student body functions on the field, the A&M band director may petition the athletic officials for more time, not to exceed five minutes.
- b. Bands must abide by time limits so that the drills may be completed three minutes before the end of half time. Football players are requested not to interfere with the drills by action on the field until the end of the 12 minute period allotted to bands.

V. Radio

- a. That each band director shall furnish the "color" man of the radio staff with complete outline of drill, necessary description of drill, numbers to be played by band, important personnel, and other material necessary.
- b. That the radio announcers cooperate with the bands by describing their activities and not take up the entire half-time period with statistics about the game.
- c. That better radio pickups be given to the bands; if possible a microphone be placed near each band so that the bands will not have to be heard on the air at a distinct disadvantage to themselves.
- d. That the loudspeaker systems cooperate with the band at the games, particularly by not disturbing the playing of the Alma Maters and National Anthem. That they furnish bands with the facilities of the speaker systems at half-time if requested.



#### VI. Seating Arrangements

- a. That each band director furnish his athletic director with a diagram of desired seating arrangement for the season and that ample room be provided for each band.
- b. That the bands may sit side by side.
- c. That a uniformed policeman may be designated to keep outsiders out of the area given to bands. That said area shall be roped off.

#### VII. High School Bands

- a. There shall be no high school bands admitted to conference football games except where only one conference band attends the game. Then the discretion of the director may be allowed in inviting one other band.

#### VIII. Miscellaneous

- a. Any other organization wanting time at the half for announcements, presentations, etc., must first consult the local band director.



7 May, 1940

Colonel George E. Hurt  
Director, Longhorn Band  
The University of Texas  
Austin, Texas

Dear Colonel Hurt:

Allow me to acknowledge receipt of your interesting letter of May 6. I shall be glad to pass on your suggestions to the faculty representatives at the meeting in Houston next Saturday, and I can assure you that they will be given the most serious consideration.

Very sincerely yours,

Henry Trantham

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David Bartlett, *Assistant Director*  
James Cotten, *Manager*  
Charles DeWeese, *Quartermaster*

Councillors  
Ray Martin  
I. B. Hand  
Randle Tankersley

The University of Texas  
**LONGHORN BAND**

Colonel George E. Hurt, *Director*  
Basil Bell, *President*

Austin, Texas

May 6, 1940

Dr. Henry Trantham  
1730 South 10th Street  
Waco, Texas

My dear Trantham:

Due to the fact that I was away from the University on leave of absence for two weeks for the purpose of performing duties in other places, I did not receive in time a letter from Mr. Don Gillis, Director of the T.C.U. Bands, asking me to participate in a discussion about band activities at Southwest Conference games. I have received a copy of the suggestions with the request that any further suggestions I have to offer should be sent to you directly. I cannot help feeling that all the band directors need to bother you and the other Southwest Conference officials with, as you are already carrying a load, are the two simple matters of (1) visiting bands taking the field first at the half and (2) no band to be on the field longer than six minutes so that the field can be cleared at least three minutes before resumption of play in the second half. I believe the only change in the latter arrangement should be on some unusual occasion or game and then only by agreement between the coaches and band directors concerned.

In regard to Section I, Article a, in the suggestions sent to me, in other parts of the country the entrance of the bands has a particular thrill for many of the spectators, and I should regret very much to have the matter of entrance abolished. If it is felt that the marching on of the bands interferes with the practice of the football players, then I suggest that each band, beginning with the visiting band, be allowed to form up just inside the place of entrance and play not more than two brief numbers and then make its way to the stands by the easiest route without going on the field.

Section I, Article b -- We already time our entrances here so that we can be in the stands approximately thirty minutes before game time.

Section I, article c -- I agree to entirely.

Section I, article d -- I cannot help feeling quite strongly that in view of the fact that the home band is on the scene and can make its arrangements with its own members of the staff as to flag raising, the home band is the one to play the national anthem on its home field. We do that here at the request of Mr. D. X. Bible, director of athletics, and it works quite nicely.



Section II -- agreed to by us.

Section III -- agreed to.

Section IV -- agreed to.

Section V, article a -- Agreed to as we have been doing this for the past four years.

article b -- agreed to if it is possible to do this.

article c -- agreed to if it is possible.

article d -- agreed to if possible. I am trying to remember, of course, that the bands are simply there as adjunct to the really important thing which is a football game.

Section VI, article a -- Agreed to, as we always do this.

article b -- I do not agree with this as I believe it will be found impractical due to the fact that the student bodies of the particular schools like to have their bands with them, and in our own case, I believe the adoption of this article would entail some difficulty upon the business manager of each school.

article c -- I agree to when possible. In our own case at The University of Texas, we already have helpers assigned to this duty by the Department of Athletics.

Section VII -- The institution of Band Day as done a great deal for the development of bands in our state and Conference, and I should regret very much to see the Conference officials go on record as abolishing this feature which has not only created a great deal of good will but has also, I believe, increased attendance on this particular day. We have had no difficulty here, and in fact in the odd numbered years, Band Day is usually on the occasion of the Arkansas-Texas game when Arkansas does not send a band here, and in even numbered years it is usually the Baylor-Texas game when the Director of the Baylor Band and I have a very fine working arrangement which has been found most satisfactory to us both. I should be very reluctant to take upon myself the discretion of inviting one high school band to a football game, and I hope so much that this matter of Band Day will not be abolished.

Section VIII -- agreed to.

I cannot help feeling that no difficulty can possibly arise where there is a close coordination of band activities with the wishes and plans of the Athletic Director. It may be that due to the particularly



Dr. Henry Trantham


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May 6, 1940

happy situation here, I do not see problems of other band directors in their proper light. So long as we keep our activities within the prescribed limits, I do not believe any good purpose will be served by a curtailment of our present programs. You will understand, of course, that in all things I would most readily accede to the wishes of the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics here at the University.

With kind personal regards and all good wishes,

Cordially yours,

  
George E. Hurt

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TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

May 3, 1940

Dr. Henry Trantham  
1730 S. 10th St .  
Waco, Texas

Dear Dr. Trantham:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the report suggested by the band directors in the S.W. conference, drawn from the committee meeting in Waco and from correspondence with the other directors. We hope this report will be adopted in full by the conference. We should like very much if you will be our representative at the Houston meeting and if there are any questions concerning any phase of the report, I am sure Mr. McCracken will be happy to supply information about it.

It has been a pleasure preparing this report--for we have felt the need of a general organization of band activities for some time and it is the hope of every conference band director that from this occasion will arise a greater era for Conference Bands.

It is suggested that when the report is made official by conference action that a letter from your office accompanied by the adopted report be sent to each conference band director.

Respectfully,

[Redacted signature]

Don Gillis, Director  
Horned Frog Bands



May 8, 1940

Mr. Frank Malone  
Director, The Mustang Band  
Southern Methodist University  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Malone:

Accept my thanks for your interesting letter of May 6. I can assure you that your suggestions will be given the most serious consideration by the board of faculty representatives at the meeting in Houston next Saturday. The purpose of the Conference is to set up a sort of code which will have due regard for local traditions and problems, and which will, we hope, merit the hearty support of all our band organizations.

Very sincerely yours,

Henry Trantham, President  
Southwest Athletic Conference

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**Southern Methodist University**  
**Dallas, Texas**

**The Mustang Band**  
FRANK MALONE, DIRECTOR

May 6, 1940

Dr. Henry Trantham  
1730 S. 10th Street  
Waco, Texas

Dear Dr. Trantham:

Mr. Don Gillis has just forwarded to me some suggestions to the Southwest Conference on band activities. I can see the very definite need the bands of the Southwest have for such an outline to follow.

However, I believe that if I were to follow two or three of the statements on the outline that my band would be severely criticized here at the University. I do not see the reason for the A statement of Pre-Game Activities: "There shall be no entrances of any S. W. Conference band on the football field before a conference game." Along with several others of the Southwest conference bands, it is traditional for my band to make an entrance before the game. I believe that only T. C. U. and Baylor have never made appearances on the football field before games and I believe that my particular band will be leaving out quite a traditional bit of color if it is not allowed to go on the field before the game. In section III "There shall be no playing during action on the field." you are certainly limiting us to a minimum of playing during a game. This will again limit our band, as we have quite a lot of music that is timed to action on the football field and has again become traditional to the games we play in Dallas.

With the exception of these two sections, I can see where the "suggestions" will be of a great amount of help to we band directors and join with them in thanking you for the cooperation which you are giving us. Please let me hear from you in the early future concerning these two statements in question, as I would like to hear the arguments for them, as sooner or later if these suggestions are accepted by the conference I am going to have to answer the arguments to the local student body.

Again thanking you and looking forward to hearing from you,  
I am

Sincerely,

Frank Malone

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Dallas, Texas  
September 1, 1940

# A G R E E M E N T

SOUTHWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE  
and  
COTTON BOWL CUSTODIAN COMMITTEE

This agreement, entered into this first day of September, 1940, by and between the Southwest Athletic Conference and the Cotton Bowl Custodian Committee, stipulates as follows:

## First

That the Cotton Bowl Custodian Committee shall grant to the Southwest Athletic Conference, through its duly authorized agency, the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association, the right to stage the Cotton Bowl Football Game each year for the duration of the contract held by the Cotton Bowl Custodian Committee with the State Fair of Texas.

## Second

That the Southwest Athletic Conference shall pay to the Cotton Bowl Custodian Committee fifteen per cent (15%) of the gross gate receipts, after all federal and state taxes have been deducted, as rental for the game to be staged January 1, 1941. The Cotton Bowl Custodian Committee agrees to pay to the State Fair of Texas the flat rental agreed upon for the 1941 game, and the Southwest Athletic Conference, through the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association, agrees to pay the operating costs of staging this game. For the subsequent years of the contract with the State Fair of Texas, the Southwest Conference shall assume the Cotton Bowl Custodian Committee's agreement to pay to the State Fair of Texas the fifteen per cent (15%) rental for the use of the Cotton Bowl Stadium for games during those years.

## Third

That the Cotton Bowl Custodian Committee grants to the Southwest Athletic Conference the right to the use of the name "Cotton Bowl" and all privileges pertaining thereto in the promotion of said games in the future.

## Fourth

That the Southwest Athletic Conference understands that the Cotton Bowl Custodian Committee shall put forth every reasonable assistance in the promotion of the Cotton Bowl Games of the future and deems its active participation in these games of utmost importance and agrees in return that the Southwest Athletic Conference support the Cotton Bowl games mutually in co-operation with the Cotton Bowl Custodian Committee, looking toward the proper development of future Cotton Bowl games.