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Fifth

It is agreed and understood between the parties to this contract and agreement that this contract and agreement shall not be an indebtedness of the Southwest Athletic Conference, but shall be payable solely from the revenues to be derived from the operation of said game or games.

SIGNED IN DUPLICATE:

(Signed) Fred F. Florence
Chairman-Cotton Bowl Custodian Committee

(Signed) Henry Trantham
President-Southwest Athletic Conference

(Signed) R. L. Thornton
Secretary-Cotton Bowl Custodian Committee

(Signed) J. T. McCants
Secretary-Southwest Athletic Conference

ATTEST:

(Signed) Dan D. Rogers
President-Cotton Bowl Athletic Assn.

(Signed) James H. Stewart
Secretary-Cotton Bowl Athletic Assn.

PLAN OF OPERATION OF COTTON BOWL GAME

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Second, the gross gate receipts of the Cotton Bowl games shall be divided as follows: fifteen per cent (15%) of said gross gate receipts shall be paid as rental for the use of the Cotton Bowl Stadium; the remaining eighty-five per cent (85%) of the said gross gate receipts shall be divided equally by the two participating schools; the Southwest Conference representative shall pay to the Southwest Athletic Conference \$5,000.00 out of its percentage, provided that this amount does not exceed fifty per cent (50%) of the amount received by the Southwest representative, it being fully understood that the amount due the Conference shall be deducted from the Southwest representative's percentage and paid directly to the Southwest Conference by the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association; the outside participant in the games shall make arrangements to pay to its own conference whatever amount it sees fit out of its percentage of the gross gate receipts.

Third, the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association shall retain all revenue from broadcasting, programs, and concessions for the purpose of paying operating and promotional costs of the Cotton Bowl games.

Fourth, the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association shall be responsible for extending all invitations to outside teams to participate in the Cotton Bowl games, after due consultation with and suggestions from the representatives of the Southwest Conference participant.

Fifth, It is suggested that the Southwest Athletic Conference ask the Cotton Bowl Custodian Committee to name five representatives to be added to the Board of Directors of the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association, two of which shall be added to the Executive Committee of the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association.

Dallas, Texas
September 30, 1940

A G R E E M E N T

SOUTHWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
and
COTTON BOWL CUSTODIAN COMMITTEE

This agreement, entered into this thirtieth 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 Cotton Bowl Custodian Committee agrees to co-operate in every possible way with the Southwest Athletic Conference in the promotion of the Cotton Bowl games of the future, even to the extent of financial support should that become necessary. In return, the Southwest Athletic Conference agrees to put the support of its entire organization behind the Cotton Bowl games and to do its best to build a great spectacle.

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Secretary-Cotton Bowl Custodian Committee Secretary-Southwest Athletic Conference

ATTEST:

President-Cotton Bowl Athletic Assn.

Secretary-Cotton Bowl Athletic Assn.

Southwest Athletic Conference

Minutes of a Special Meeting
6 October 1940
Dallas, Texas

The meeting was called to order by the president at 9:00 a.m. on October sixth, 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	H. E. Bray
Southern Methodist University	J. S. McIntosh
Texas Christian University	Gayle Scott
University of Arkansas	T. C. Carlson
University of Texas	J. C. Dolley

The special purpose of the meeting was to consider a plan of operation of the Cotton Bowl game. Accordingly there were present also Mr. Dan Rogers, Mr. Joe Utay, Mr. J. W. Stewart, Mr. Gaylord Johnson, representing the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association and Mr. Fred Florence and Mr. Hammond representing the Cotton Bowl Custodian Committee.

A draft of the plan and a form of agreement between the Southwest Athletic Conference and the Cotton Bowl Custodian Committee to put the plan into effect had been prepared beforehand by Messrs. Stewart and Utay of the Executive Committee of the Cotton Bowl Association. A copy of the plan and of the form of agreement is appended to these minutes.

After prolonged discussion all present expressed themselves as satisfied with the spirit and intent of the plan. It was decided, however, to make certain changes, as follows

(a) By rewriting paragraph 2 so as to provide that the Share of the Southwest Conference in the proceeds of the game should be \$5000.00 provided this sum does not exceed 50% of the share of the Southwest Conference participant.

(b) By rewriting paragraph 4 so as to make clear that it is understood (i) that the Custodian Committee intends to cooperate fully with the Cotton Bowl Association in this undertaking and (ii) that the Southwest Conference expects and welcomes this cooperation.

It was decided to leave to Mr. Utay the task of examining legal and other questions concerning the status of the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association in relation to the Southwest Athletic Conference, as sponsors, and to the Custodian Committee as owners of the Cotton Bowl lease.

After the discussion of the affairs of the Cotton Bowl the faculty representatives of the conference held a short executive session.

The Chairman announced that Mr. J. T. McCants had tendered his resignation as Secretary-Treasurer of the Conference following his resignation as Chairman of the Committee on Outdoor Sports of the Rice Institute.

On motion by Mr. Dolley, seconded by Mr. Scott, President Trantham was authorized to write to Mr. McCants a letter of appreciation for his long and excellent service as Secretary-Treasurer.

On motion by Mr. McIntosh, seconded by Mr. Howell, the president was authorized to request Mr. McCants to continue as secretary-treasurer until the regular spring meeting of 1941.

Mr. Howell raised the question of the desirability of presenting a suitable flag each year to the Conference football champion of the preceding season in recognition of its championship. The Chairman appointed Mr. Howell and Mr. McIntosh as a committee to prepare a plan for such a presentation.

Respectfully submitted

[Redacted Signature]

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Southwest Athletic Conference
Minutes of the Fall Meeting, 1940
13-14 December 1940

First Session

The meeting was called to order by the president at 8:10 p.m. on Friday, December thirteenth, 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	H. E. Bray
Southern Methodist University	J. S. McIntosh
Texas Christian University	Gayle Scott
University of Arkansas	J. S. Waterman
University of Texas	J. C. Dolley

The dues of all members were paid in advance.

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

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

In addition to this report Mr. St. Clair presented two details:

1. There has been some discussion concerning the selection of officials for the Cotton Bowl football game. A plan will be presented to the Conference later.

2. During the 1940 football season no unfavorable reports were made to the executive secretary against any of the coaches of the Conference.

A motion was passed to accept the report and approve the "Statement of Policy" in the report.

At the May meeting Mr. McIntosh gave notice that unanimous consent would be requested for Ed Headington, of Southern Methodist University, to participate in tennis at S. M. U. after having played freshman tennis at the University of Texas. A motion was passed unanimously to grant permission.

Action was postponed from the May meeting to the December meeting on the participation of freshman and varsity basket-ball men on commercial teams. After discussing the situation the Conference voted to postpone indefinitely consideration of action with reference to this matter.



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SOUTHWEST
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At the May meeting the Association of Directors and Business Managers recommended that Article XXI, Section 2, of the By-Laws, be amended to limit complimentary tickets to twenty-five for each of the three sports involved: basket-ball, baseball, and track. A motion was passed to amend the article as suggested.

At the special meeting held on October sixth, 1940, a committee, composed of Messrs. Howell and McIntosh, was appointed to prepare a plan for a flag for the winner of the conference championship in football each year. This committee made its report as follows:

1. A flag of the design and the dimensions given on a photostatic print presented by the committee shall be awarded each year to the winner of the conference championship in football. (A copy of the print is attached to these minutes.)

2. The flag shall be made in the colors of the institution winning the championship.

3. All expense in connection with the award shall be borne by the member institution involved.

4. If there be a tie for the championship, the flag shall bear the word "Co-champions" in the place of "Champions."

The Conference adopted the report and made the effect of the motion retro-active. Member institutions are authorized to purchase football championship flags for the years of their victories if they so desire.

The president's report was considered by sections.

1. There was discussion of the ruling concerning the proposed participation of a junior college graduate. At the suggestion of the conference members the president authorized a revision of his ruling as follows:

"In reply to an inquiry from Coach Jack Gray of the University of Texas I advised that a graduate of a junior college who contemplated entering the University of Texas this fall, after having had three years of participation in junior college athletics, would be entitled to two years of Conference participation; that his eligibility would terminate two years from the date of his matriculation in the University of Texas."

2. The following ruling embodied in a letter to Dean Waterman was approved:

"I have your letter of September 3 asking for a ruling on the effect of Article XXVII, Section 4 of the By-Laws on the policy enunciated in the footnote to Section 1 of the same article on page 33 of the 1938 edition of the Conference handbook.

"It is my judgment that the exception applicable to transfers from schools which have discontinued intercollegiate athletics or any branch

thereof is not superseded or in any other way affected by the later legislation to which you refer. As you point out, Article XXVII was directed to a specific end not contemplated in the earlier interpretation of the transfer rule. Conversely the ruling in the footnote took cognizance of cases which fall into a special category which must be regarded as distinct from all other possible cases of transfer.

"Therefore the young man now about to transfer to the University of Arkansas from Loyola University of New Orleans will be entitled to three years of competition after remaining in residence for one calendar year."

3. The following ruling made for Mr. Howell concerning a junior college graduate who entered A. and M. College was approved:

"In considering the question you raise in regard to the eligibility of Mr. Harold Charles Teubner I recall that it was the consensus of the Conference members that Article XXV of the By-Laws should not operate ex post facto to the disadvantage of students enrolled in Conference institutions on or before September 1, 1938 when the rule went into effect. A motion was adopted at the December meeting in 1938 which provided that students already enrolled in Conference institutions prior to September, 1938, as well as those registering on and after that date, should be entitled to any advantage which might accrue to them under the revised Article XXV. However, I can find nothing in the minutes of that or later meetings which could be construed as waiving the new regulation for the benefit of students registering in Conference institutions after September 1, 1938. It is therefore my judgment that Mr. Teubner's eligibility under the regulation now in force will end in June, 1941, and not in June, 1942."

4. The ruling in the following case was approved:

"Dr. Dolley early in the fall asked me for an opinion on a request of the freshman basket ball coach at the University of Texas for permission to use two junior college "transfers" as members of the freshman basket ball team in four games to be scheduled with junior colleges. I advised that this practice was definitely precluded by Article XVI of the By-Laws."

5. No action was necessary on the report concerning the secretary-treasurer who consented to serve until the spring meeting of 1941 in accordance with the request of the Conference made at the special meeting held on October sixth, 1940.

6. The Conference voted approval of the president's action in granting Mr. St. Clair's request that he be authorized to employ Mr. Cooper Kinney to assist him in scouting officials in certain games.

7. The president made the following report:

"Of the numerous suggestions presented on behalf of the band directors of Conference institutions at the spring meeting of the Conference only one was adopted -- viz., that restricting the time to be allotted for band exhibitions between the halves of football games. The president reported

the action of the Conference to the directors and invited them if they so desired to make further recommendations. I have had no further communication on this subject from the directors' organization or from any of its members."

8. The president made the following report:

"At the spring meeting of the Conference Mr. Dan Rogers speaking for the Executive Committee of the Cotton Bowl Association requested authorization of the Conference to send two representatives to Lincoln, Nebraska on May 16 to explain the plans being formed for the Cotton Bowl game to the Board of Faculty Representatives of the Missouri Valley Conference, with a view to working out a plan of cooperation with that body for the annual Cotton Bowl game. Messrs. Rogers and James H. Stewart made the trip and reported on their return that the "Big Six" was on record as opposed to all post-season football games whatsoever and was therefore not receptive to the suggestion of a possible "tie-up" with the Southwest Conference for the staging of the Cotton Bowl game."

(As a matter of record: the University of Nebraska was defeated by Stanford University in the Rose Bowl on January first, 1941.)

9. The president reported that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association held in Dallas on November twenty-fourth, minor changes in phraseology were made in the agreement with the "Custodians' Committee" which the president of the Conference executed. (A copy of the original agreement is attached to the minutes of the special meeting of October sixth. A copy of the revised agreement is attached to these minutes.)

10. No action was necessary on the president's report concerning the selection of the conference representative in the Cotton Bowl game. The Conference, having decided to choose the representative by vote in event of a tie for the championship, was prepared to make a choice when the question of the championship should be settled. In the meantime Mr. McIntosh had notified the president that in event Southern Methodist University should tie for the championship it would relinquish its claim for consideration as host team for the Cotton Bowl game. Accordingly, when S. M. U. tied for the championship, the president declared A. and M. automatically selected as the Conference representative through the generous action of S. M. U. "The splendid gesture of S. M. U. sets a high note of sportsmanship for the Cotton Bowl event and augurs well for the success of the game not only this year but for the future. It is a happy indication of the cordial relations which subsist among the members of our Conference and will serve as a convincing demonstration to the public that the Cotton Bowl Game is being conducted on the highest plane."

11. Consideration of the following recommendation was postponed until the May meeting:

"In the event of a tie in the percentage standings for the Conference championship in football, the members of the Conference shall at the earliest possible moment choose by telegraphic vote the team to represent the Conference as host team in the Cotton Bowl game."

This concluded the consideration of the president's report.

Three votes by telegraph were taken between the May meeting and the December meeting:

1. The Conference voted in favor of selecting the Cotton Bowl conference representative by a vote instead of by lot in event of a tie for the championship.

2. The vote on a choice between A. and M. and S. M. U. was not completed when S. M. U. withdrew in favor of A. and M. as stated above.

3. The Conference voted in favor of granting permission to Howard Hickey, of Arkansas, and Fred Hartman, of Rice, to play in the East-West game at San Francisco on New Year's Day.

At the meeting the Conference voted permission to the following men to play in post-season football games: Robert Nelson, of Baylor, in the East-West game; James Witt, of Baylor, Clarence Alexander, of T. C. U., and Livy Bassett, of Rice, in the St. Mary's-All-Stars charity game at San Antonio.

The Conference declared the following championships in sports for 1940:

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

Assignment of meets for 1941:

Swimming	University of Texas
Track	University of Texas
Tennis	University of Texas
Golf	University of Texas
Cross-country	Southern Methodist University
Fencing	Baylor University

The chairman of the nominating committee of the National Collegiate Athletic Association suggested that the Conference nominate a vice-president of the N. C. A. A. for the sixth district. The Conference nominated Mr. J. S. McIntosh and voted to pay his expenses for attendance on the annual meeting of the N. C. A. A. to be held in New York City in December.

Foster Elder, of Southern Methodist University, broke his pelvis in an accident this year and will not be able to complete the work of the first semester. He has completed his participation in football; his period of eligibility ends in June 1941; and he wants to play golf in the 1941 season. The Conference voted not to hold his registration for the first semester against him and thereby waive the "two semesters" requirement of Article XXII, of the By-Laws, and to allow him to participate in golf in 1941.

Ernest Fortner attended Coffeyville (Kansas) Junior College 1933-35 where he graduated in June 1935. In December 1936 he was placed in the Hillcrest Sanatorium (Topeka) with tuberculosis where he remained until March twelfth, 1938. During the periods from June 1935 to December 1936 and from March 1938 to September 1940 he was at home. He entered the University of Texas in September 1940 and now requests an extension of his period of eligibility to June 1942. The Conference voted to grant his request.

A question was raised as to what the Conference is going to do about the problems involved in the calling of athletes to military service. It was decided to consider this matter at the May meeting.

The attention of the Conference was called to the fact that some companies are taking motion pictures of conference athletic contests for display to the public in connection with commercial advertising. The Conference passed a motion disapproving the taking of motion pictures of games by anyone backed in any way by commercial advertisers.

The question as to the best time for the holding of the N. C. A. A. tennis qualifying meet was raised again. A suggestion was made that conference representatives with opinions on the subject write to Dr. Penick.

Dr. Penick, through Dr. Dolley, presented a recommendation that a team championship in tennis based on ties be declared by the Conference retaining at the same time the present awards in singles and doubles through the annual conference meet. The Conference requested Dr. Penick to submit a plan for such competition to be considered at the May meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Second Session

The second session was called to order by the president at 9:00 a.m. on December fourteenth, 1940. All representatives present at the first session were present for this session.

A committee from the junior colleges came before the Conference. This committee was composed of Messrs. W. B. McDaniel of Weatherford Junior College, P. R. Sikes of San Angelo Junior College, and W. C. Weir of

Schreiner Institute. The purpose of the visit was the discussion of the transfer rules of the Conference. The principal desire expressed by the committee was that the Conference allow junior college men to have three years of varsity participation after having played two years of junior college football. After discussion of the situation confronting the junior college the Conference asked the visiting committee to make further investigation and report to the Conference at the May meeting.

Mr. Dan Rogers, of the Cotton Bowl Association, was invited to the meeting to tell the Conference about plans for the game on January first.

Mr. Rogers reported that ticket sales were satisfactory. He discussed also plans for broadcasting. He stated that plans were being considered for a dance to be given on the night of January first under the auspices of the Cotton Bowl Association. He asked whether the Conference had any objections. The Conference approved.

A motion was passed to name a committee to study the junior college situation relating to transfer rules of the Conference. This committee is to report at the May meeting. The president named Messrs. E. J. Howell and Gayle Scott on this committee.

A motion was passed to strike out section one of Article XXX of the By-Laws.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

[REDACTED]
J. T. McCants

Secretary

SOUTHWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

J. W. ST. CLAIR
Executive Secretary

OFFICE
S. M. U.
DALLAS, TEXAS

December 13, 1940.

REPORT TO THE SOUTHWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

General Statement

Some improvement has been noted in both Basketball and Football officiating in the last season. A more extensive program of scouting officials having been put in operation this fall has resulted in not only the detection of weakness of certain officials but of certain most common violations of the rules.

We are still in dire need of about two more good Basketball officials, and, at a meeting with the Basketball Coaches Sunday, it is hoped that this matter can be remedied. The matter of more officials for the different positions in Football is to be discussed extensively with the Football Coaches Saturday morning.

Statement of Policy

From the beginning, this Office has considered its prime function the training and assigning of better Basketball and Football officials for Southwest Conference games. Further, it has been the understanding of your Executive Secretary that this Office and its functions are under the direct control of the Southwest Athletic Conference; that it has no control whatsoever over either the Football or Basketball Coaches, nor in turn do they have any control over this Office; that neither the Basketball nor Football Coaches Associations and neither the Basketball nor Football Officials Associations have any control over this Office, but that it shall be the duty of the Executive Secretary to work in cooperation with the several groups for the purpose of securing better football and basketball officials; and that any alterations in or additions to the Regulations, as set up and adopted by the Southwest Athletic Conference, shall be made only by the Southwest Athletic Conference.

In conclusion, I wish to state that all of the above groups mentioned have worked in perfect cooperation with this Office.

Respectfully submitted,

By

J. W. St. Clair,
Executive Secretary,
Southwest Athletic Conference.

The Rice Institute
Houston, Texas

17 February 1941

My dear Mr. Trantham:

In the ninth section of your report to the Conference at the December meeting you stated that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association held in Dallas on November twenty-fourth minor changes in phraseology were made in the agreement with the "Custodian Committee."

In the preliminary copy of the minutes which I sent to you recently I added in parenthesis this statement: "A copy of the original agreement is attached to the minutes of the special meeting of October sixth. A copy of the revised agreement is attached to these minutes."

I am enclosing for your convenience a copy of the minutes of the meeting of October sixth which has attached to it a copy of the agreement given to Mr. Bray at that time as the original agreement.

Several days ago I sent to you for your files a copy of the agreement which was signed by all of the interested parties. If you will look at that copy of the agreement, which obviously is intended to be the final agreement, you will observe that it bears date of September 1st, 1940. If you will look at the agreement attached to the minutes of October sixth, you will find that that document, supposedly the first copy, bears date of September thirtieth. This means that the final contract as corrected and approved bears date of September 1st, 1940 whereas the preliminary document bears date of September 30th, 1940. Obviously there is something wrong somewhere. The principal change is in the fourth section of the agreement and the second section of the "Plan of Operation." Thus far I have not seen any copy of the document bearing date of November twenty-fourth. Will you please give me the information necessary to get the minutes straight.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. T. McCants

Secretary-Treasurer
Southwest Athletic Conference

Mr. Henry Trantham,
1730 South Tenth Street,
Waco, Texas.

JTM-P/E

Upon consideration of Ruling 1, a motion was passed that the error be corrected, thereby establishing Mr. Nachlas' eligibility for another year.

2. "May 28, 1941, A. and M. Submitted the case of A. B. Buchanan, who attended junior college in 1936-37, 1937-38, 1938-39 and who graduated in 1939. He played football in junior college for three years but did not play baseball in junior college. Mr. Buchanan attended A. and M. in 1939-40 and 1940-41. He played football in 1939-40, his first year, and in 1940-41. He did not play baseball in 1939-40, his first year in A. and M., but did play in 1940-41. He has played only one year of baseball in both junior college and the Conference. He desires to play a second year of baseball in the spring of 1942, which will be near the end of his six year period. The question: Is a junior college graduate who participates in his first conference year in any sport limited to a five year period for all sports? Ruling: Under Article XXV, Sec. 4, 1941 Book, p. 31, a junior college graduate who competes in intercollegiate athletics during his first year in the conference is permitted to participate in not more than two seasons in each sport in a five year period. Therefore, Mr. Buchanan's eligibility ended in June, 1941."
3. "July 16, 1941, Rice submitted the case of a student who had passed 12 hours of work in the fall semester of 1940-41 and 11 hours in the spring semester, the course being 18 hours in each semester for this student. It was asked if this student 'had passed two-thirds of the standard course,' as required by Article XXII, Sec. 1, 1941 Book, p. 24. It was ruled that 'two-thirds' refers to the standard course of 15 hours rather than to any particular course a student is taking. A total of 20 hours for the year must be passed, provided in no semester the student passes less than 9 hours. Authority: Minutes, May 13, 1933, p. 6, Ruling 4, and a letter from Dr. Penick to the president, written on September 17, 1934, in which he said: 'These numbers are arrived at on the principle that twenty hours for the year constitute two-thirds of the work required for a degree over a period of four years.'"
4. "September 17, 1941, A. and M. College submitted this case: 'We have a young man enrolled in school as a freshman who enrolled in the University of Houston in September, 1939, for two subjects at night school and in February, 1940, he took three subjects at the University of Houston. In September, 1940, he enrolled for a regular course and attended both semesters of the year 1940-41. The University of Houston does not sponsor intercollegiate athletics in any form.' Question asked: 'Please advise the status of this young man's eligibility.' Ruling: Under Article XVI, Sec. 1, 1941 Book, p. 22, his eligibility for freshman teams should be determined by the classification given him by your Registrar. Once a student has earned a certain number of hours of credit, I assume he will be classified as a sophomore, though he is in your school for the first time. This student, after one year of residence, may compete in three varsity seasons of sports over a period of six years from the time he first registered. 'Registration' is defined in Article XXIII. It reads: 'a resident student taking regular class-room work.' Such a definition rules out enrolling in night or correspondence courses. I therefore ruled that this student did not register until September, 1940, at which time he became a resident student, taking regular courses in the University of Houston. Since the letter did not make clear the nature of the work taken in February, 1940, in the University of Houston, it was suggested that regular class-room work might have begun at that date. If intercollegiate participation is involved, this ruling is not a precedent."

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY
Waco, Texas

23 February, 1941

Mr. J. T. McCants
The Rice Institute
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. McCants:

I think the confusion in the dates of the agreement with the Custodians' Committee can be cleared up by accepting October 6 as the date for the original agreement and November 24 as the date for the final or revised agreement. The minutes will show that on the former date the Conference approved the agreement with the understanding that certain minor changes in phraseology should be made. A further entry should be made to the effect that the president executed the contract for the Conference in Dallas on November 24. These are the significant dates in my opinion. Other dates were probably affixed by the stenographer to indicate the time the documents were typed at the dictation of Mr. Joe Utay who represented the Executive Committee of the Cotton Bowl Association in preparing them.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Henry Trantham

Henry Trantham

Southwest Athletic Conference
Minutes of the Spring Meeting, 1941

9-10 May 1941

First Session

The meeting was called to order by the president at 7:54 p.m. on Friday, May ninth, at the Stephen F. Austin Hotel, Austin, Texas.

The following representatives were present:

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

The minutes of the Fall Meeting were approved.

Mr. Dan D. Rogers, President of the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association, was a visitor and made a report on the Cotton Bowl Game. A copy of his report is attached to these minutes.

A motion was passed requesting the business managers of athletics to work out with Mr. Rogers matters pertaining to the allotment of tickets for the Cotton Bowl Game, action growing out of this conference to be final. It was recommended that each competing institution have an option on one third of the tickets for the game.

A motion was passed notifying the business managers of athletics that Article XXI, Section 3 of the By-Laws, applies to the Cotton Bowl Game.

A motion was passed granting permission to Mr. J. W. St. Clair to attend the annual meeting of Executive Secretaries and Commissioners in charge of assigning football officials.

A report of Mr. St. Clair, Executive Secretary, was read to the Conference. (A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.) There was general discussion of basketball officials. The following motion was passed: "The president should appoint a committee to draw up a statement designed to improve the general status of basket-ball in the Southwest Conference, the statement to be transmitted to each of the conference basket-ball coaches."

Messrs. Dolley, McIntosh, and St. Clair were appointed to this committee to report at the morning session.

The president's report was considered by sections and all rulings were approved.

1. "A student who transfers from a school which has discontinued intercollegiate athletics will have to wait a year in order to become eligible for further participation in any branch of athletics. The concession granted by our rules (Article XXVII, Section 1, of the By-Laws) is intended to give boys a chance to continue their athletic careers at other schools, but does not suspend any other provisions of the transfer rule in favor of such students."

2. "In response to an inquiry from Dean Kyle as to the application of the rule relating to participation in junior college athletics by students still in high school, I expressed the opinion that the rule, which was enacted in the spring of 1940, would not be retro-active, and that the period of eligibility of a student who had engaged in the practice in 1937 and 1938 would not begin until he was actually enrolled as a college student."

3. "An unusual case was submitted by Dean Waterman in a telegram under date of January 24. A junior college student lacking three hours of graduation desired to enter the University of Arkansas and take twelve hours of work in the second semester and at the same time carry enough extension work at the junior college to graduate there in June. The question was whether this student might thereby become eligible for football next fall. I ruled that he would become eligible as a graduate of a junior college under the last paragraph of Article XXVII, Section 2 of the By-Laws."

4. "On the case of a freshman who was advised by the dean to resign from the A. & M. College in the middle of the first semester of 1940-'41 while passing in only four semester-hours, I ruled that the young man would not be eligible upon his return in the second semester, and that he could remove his ineligibility only by obtaining credit for nine semester-hours in the second semester. I ruled further that if a freshman should withdraw from school while passing in nine semester-hours in a given semester he would still be eligible upon his return in a later - though not necessarily consecutive - semester."

5. "On February 4 Mr. Howell requested a ruling as to the eligibility of Sammy Dwyer for basket ball. Ineligible in the first semester of 1940-'41, this student would be able to establish eligibility for the second semester by passing a minimum number of hours in the first semester then drawing to a close. Normally it would be necessary under Article V, Section 1 of the By-Laws to certify a student to Conference members at least five days before actual participation in any sport. Mr. Howell asked me to rule on the question of permitting the young man to play in a game of basket ball scheduled for February 11, just three days after the day on which the final grades for the semester would become available. I telegraphed Mr. Howell that there was ample precedent for waiving the five-day requirement in similar cases and that Mr. Dwyer would be eligible as soon as his grades should qualify him."

6. "At the instance of Dean Waterman I ruled on the status of a student who presented upon entrance to the University of Arkansas eight high school units, evidence of having passed a "psychological" test,

and a junior college diploma. This student was admitted to the University on the usual conditions covering such cases, first, that he must be at least twenty-one years of age, and second, that he should make an average of at least C in twenty-four semester-hours during his first year in the University. I wrote Dean Waterman that, in my judgment, age, 'aptitude' tests, and proficiency in English composition, as well as other possible qualitative considerations, do not supersede the quantitative minimum of fifteen entrance units required by Article XXII, Section 1 as a prerequisite for athletic eligibility."

7. "The question as to what classes of college students are eligible under Conference rules for participation in the Southwestern Exposition track meet came up again this spring. In reply to a letter on this subject from Dr. McIntosh I cited the action of the Conference as recorded in the minutes of the May meeting of 1940:

The Conference approved the ruling of the president 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 including 'football relays'.

By inference upper classmen who are eligible for Conference competition may enter this and similar open meets -- except those sponsored by the A. A. U. (Article XXXIV of the By-Laws)."

8. "Owing to the resignation of Morley Jennings as head coach on February 6 Baylor found it necessary to ask the Conference for permission to discontinue the spring football practice which had been in progress for a few days and to inaugurate a full-time training period later in the spring after Mr. Jennings' successor should be appointed. The Conference by unanimous vote (by mail) generously granted the request, and Mr. Frank Kimbrough, the new coach, carried out the training program in the thirty-day period beginning March 11."

9. "The Cotton Bowl Association, acting for the Conference in the staging of the Cotton Bowl game on January 1, 1941, functioned successfully. The various local committees set up by the Association did their work thoroughly and all seats in the stadium were sold well in advance of the game. Every courtesy was extended to the A. & M. and Fordham squads, as well as to visiting representatives of the press and to a number of distinguished guests of the Association. 'Passes' were restricted to the coaching staffs of the two schools and squadmen of the competing teams, to the officials who handled the game, to the working representatives of the press, and to ground employees including gatemen, ushers, policemen, and vendors of programs and refreshments. The agreement executed by the Conference with the Custodians' Committee proved completely satisfactory. The fine cooperation of Southern Methodist University and the A. & M. College -- the former in waiving its claim to consideration as host team and the latter in accepting the invitation to represent the Conference -- is worthy of comment in view of all the circumstances surrounding the selection of Bowl teams in this and other sections of the country. The future of the Cotton Bowl Game cannot, of course, be predicted with certainty, and, in the final analysis, will be determined by the 'state of the nation' as the world crisis develops in the months ahead."

10. "It is with a feeling of regret that I announce the completion of my service as your president. For your generous support and unfailing courtesy I am profoundly grateful. I have been happily privileged to observe a continued improvement in the relations among the members of our organization. My own personal association with faculty representatives, coaches, business managers, officials, and, as far as it has gone, with players, has been altogether pleasant and inspiring. I am proud to have had even a small part in developing better standards of play and in cultivating a more wholesome spirit of comradeship in Conference competition. Candor compels the admission, however, that little if any progress has been made in our efforts to cure or curb the 'recruiting' evil. The explanation, or 'alibi' -- if any is needed -- is that alumni, sports writers, and the public generally have not been brought to accept the ideals of sportsmanship which coaches, faculty men and game officials have long recognized as correct. I do not pretend to know what the outcome for intercollegiate athletics will be in the years to come, but of this I am reasonably sure: the public will continue to influence for better or for worse the policies of all public institutions in this our democratic country. This is the big fact which colleges and their athletic departments must face as the inescapable condition of their being. Yet the perplexing question persists: to what extent shall educators in this country guide public opinion, and to what extent shall they merely reflect and interpret it? In the answer to this question lies the solution of the athletic problem. It is fairly evident that the problem can not be resolved by 'legislation' conceived by academic minds and prescribing an 'ethic' which is not understood by that multitude -- alumni, students, business men, and sports writers -- who 'support' athletics, and especially football, with an enthusiasm which can only be humiliating to coaches and directors who respect their profession. Various 'plans' for the abatement of the 'recruiting' nuisance have proved ludicrously ineffective, as has the great American panacea, viz., the appointment of a 'commissioner'. We as members of the Southwest Conference can at any rate renew our efforts to 'sell' the public on the idea that college athletics is a part -- and only a part -- of the educational process, that recruiting violates the sportsman's code, and that if it is not stopped, it will finally wreck the game. I recommend that the coaches, directors, and business managers be invited to join the faculty representatives in a fraternal discussion of this vexing problem, in the hope that some practical attack may be planned."

The following matters postponed from the December meeting were considered:

1. A motion was passed adopting the following recommendation as a rule of the Conference: "In event of a tie in the percentage standings for the Conference championship in football, the members of the Conference shall at the earliest possible moment choose by telegraphic vote the team to represent the Conference as host team in the Cotton Bowl game."
2. The following motion was passed: "During the present national emergency the eligibility status of a student who enters military service shall be the same upon his return to school as at the time he enters service."
3. Dr. Penick's recommendation for a team championship in tennis was considered. A motion was passed to refer the proposal to Dr. Penick and the other tennis coaches for further consideration and a report at the

December meeting. A copy of the recommendation is attached to these minutes.

4. A motion was passed to adopt the report of Messrs. Howell and Scott, the committee named to study the junior college situation relating to transfer rules of the Conference. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

Mr. McIntosh announced that at the December meeting he would be requesting permission for James Bollman to participate in tennis at S. M. U. He transferred from the Texas School of Mines after playing tennis as a freshman.

Unanimous consent was given to A. D. Barnes to participate in baseball at A. and M. next year. Notice was given in February that this request would be made. Mr. Barnes played baseball as a freshman at T. C. U. last year.

Unanimous consent was given to Harry Thornberry and Jack Pearson Brown to participate in athletics at the University of Texas until June 1942. The facts concerning these men are to be found in a letter from Mr. Dolley, attached to these minutes.

The Conference voted to add the following sentence to Article XI, Section 2 (d): "In event rained-out games cannot be played prior to the beginning of the final examination period, the conference championship shall be determined on the basis of games actually played."

The following officers were elected:

President, J. S. Waterman
Vice-President, James C. Dolley
Secretary-Treasurer, J. W. St. Clair

A motion was passed adopting as the policy of the Conference the rotation of the presidency among the member institution according to the list printed in the published booklet containing the Constitution and By-Laws, the vice-president to be the faculty representative of the next institution in line, both officers to serve for two years.

A motion was passed to print the title of Mr. St. Clair as "Secretary-Treasurer" in the forthcoming booklet revising the Constitution and By-Laws, omitting the title, "Executive Secretary".

Mr. McIntosh was requested to invite the National Collegiate Athletic Association to hold its annual meeting of December, 1942 in Texas.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Second Session

The meeting was called to order by the president at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May tenth, at the University of Texas.

The representatives present at the first session were in attendance.

The report of the committee on basket-ball officiating, appointed at the first session, was adopted. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

A motion was passed to repeal Article XII, Section 5, of the By-Laws, requiring a fee of twenty-five cents for track entries.

At the December meeting, 1938, a motion was passed adding a footnote to Article XXVII, Section 4, of the By-Laws. At this meeting a motion was passed making this footnote apply also to Section 3 of that article. The footnote would then read: "A student who has participated on a varsity team at an institution which does not apply the freshman rule and which participation occurred only during the student's first year of residence, shall be classified in this category."

The Conference held a joint meeting with the Association of Directors and Business Managers for a general discussion of recruiting and subsidizing. Action already taken by that body was reported. The minutes of the Association attached to these minutes give the details.

After the joint meeting the Conference voted to amend Article XXIX, Section 2 of the By-Laws, to read: "Athletes may earn their college expenses through campus jobs to the extent of room, board, fees, and necessary laundry. The rate of pay for such jobs in any institution shall be the same as the normal rate of pay for all other students." This amendment calls for a revision of the first sentence of Article XXX, Section 2 (a), of the By-Laws, to read: "When they are granted campus jobs beyond the provisions of Article XXIX, Section 2, of the By-Laws."

A motion was passed recommending that the business management of each member institution be requested to pay thirty dollars each year for the keeping of football statistics.

Basket-ball coaches who were available were invited to the meeting for a brief discussion of officiating. The following coaches were present: Mr. Henderson of Baylor; Mr. Baccus, of Southern Methodist University; and Mr. Rose of the University of Arkansas.

The meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

J. T. McCants

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As President of the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association, it is my pleasure to give you gentlemen a report of the first official game conducted under the auspices of the Southwest Conference.

I am glad to report to you that the game was almost a complete sell-out. The only reason why it was not completely sold was due to the fact that we had heavy rains one day prior to the game and a good many official reservations which had been made by the A. and M. Directors did not materialize and we took back from A. and M. College less than 50 tickets on the morning of the game, which we were not able to resell.

The total paid attendance was 43,236, which grossed \$136,538.15, and from this gross we paid Fordham University \$52,406.95, A. and M. College \$47,406.95, and the Southwest Conference \$5,000. In addition, we were able out of this first official ball game to pay all the advances heretofore made by the Custodian Committee of the Cotton Bowl by reason of the 15% deduction for the Cotton Bowl rental, which 15% exceeded \$18,000. Out of the concession rights of the program, radio, cushions, cold drinks, etc., we were able to defray all the actual operating expenses of the game, which were perhaps larger than they will ever be in future years, and, in addition, had a sizable sum of money left in the operating account of the Cotton Bowl.

Ernst & Ernst is now in the process of making their audit of these funds, and their report will be ready for the Directors of the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association at their next meeting, which will perhaps be held in the early fall or possibly sooner. In giving you these brief facts with reference to the first game under the official sponsorship, it leads us to bring to your attention certain things that developed in connection with the game, of which we hope we can prevent a recurrence in future years:

Under the set-up, each competing school was entitled to one-half of practically all of the seats in the stadium. A. and M. exercised their option and took practically their half of the seats. We were saved by Fordham University requisitioning only 1,000 tickets.

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Those responsible for the operation of the game are under the impression that we made a great blunder in attempting to have too many price scales on the tickets, and we will recommend at the next meeting that all tickets down to the end zones will be sold at \$4.40 rather than the two scales of \$4.40 and \$3.30. This year's ball game has shown that box seats are the first to go and will bring any reasonable price. The price of the end zone tickets will probably require some further study against the top scale price of the stadium.

Your Cotton Bowl Committee is asking the Athletic Directors of the respective schools to give serious consideration to taking one-third of the seats for each school, leaving the Cotton Bowl office in Dallas at least one-third of the seats for public offering. In this year's game, on account of heavy mail reservations, we had to announce a sell-out practically two weeks before the ball game was played. Unfortunately, during that period tickets were still available at A. and M. College to other than their students and alumni. This created a very embarrassing situation for those responsible for tickets at the Cotton Bowl headquarters in Dallas.

In addition to this concession, we are asking you gentlemen to give some thought to whether or not your respective Athletic Departments would like to take complete charge of all ticket sales, handling the tickets in your respective locations, in addition to the general seat sale which is conducted in Dallas. It is my personal thought that it would not be advisable to do this, but I am frank to say that this is only my opinion, and I do not know whether my views are shared by some other members of the Executive Committee.

You will recall that we paid to the competing ball teams $42\frac{1}{2}\%$ of the gross receipts and the only thing deducted off of this gross is the cost of officials. Your President is convinced that this perhaps in a year or two can be increased to some extent through a reduction in the rental charged by the Fair Association for use of the stadium. If this can be accomplished and the present press box headquarters removed so that the present press box location can be made available for box seats, the Cotton Bowl game can pay to competing teams more money than any other Bowl game save the Rose Bowl. The competing teams will soon discover that there is a vast difference between $42\frac{1}{2}\%$ gross against $33\frac{1}{3}\%$ net, and they will be quick to take advantage of it.

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We had the outstanding sports writers of the country attend the Cotton Bowl game, and we feel that the game has been firmly established, not only on account of the class of play that we had this year of the competing teams but from the word-of-mouth and publicity advertising that we received from the sports writers that were in attendance.

We want to take this opportunity to thank all of you gentlemen for your cooperation, and we hope that, regardless of the Southwest Conference team which will be eligible to participate in the 1942 Cotton Bowl, that you will all be enthusiastic about lending your full support to the enterprise, for, after all, we are simply your servants in the matter and have the privilege of doing a lot of work without remuneration.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan D. Rogers, President
Cotton Bowl Athletic Association.

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SOUTHWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

W ST. CLAIR
Executive Secretary

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SUMMARY OF BASKETBALL OFFICIATING FOR THE YEAR 1940-1941 and SUGGESTIONS FOR 1941-1942

The basketball officiating situation in the Southwest Athletic Conference is rather acute at this time due to the fact that we have only a few officials to work the games. Next year, we shall not have as many as we had this year as Mr. Sisco is quitting and I understand that Mr. Kiersky is considering doing the same. Something will have to be done immediately to remedy this shortage.

It is my honest opinion that we must either break in new young officials from this section of the country or else go distances away where the expense of travel will be twice that of the fee and get more experienced officials. I have made a pretty thorough study of the young officials, who might be interested in working Southwest Conference games; also of the experienced out of state officials. These are some of the younger officials: Ira Dryden of Waco, Blanton Spearman of Ft. Worth, Bobby Moers of Houston, Rhea Williams of Georgetown, Gordon Bailey of Austin, Carl Bredt of Austin, Joe Ward of San Antonio, and Abe Zoss of Houston. Three officials from San Antonio who are older in years and are good officials are Claud Kellam, Gene Bedford and Mike Williamson. Mike worked a couple of Southwest Conference games this year. Here are some of the more experienced out of state officials: Bat Shunatona of Wewoka, Okla., Clifford Shaw of Little Rock, Ark., Dick Pendleton of Norman, Okla., Bud Browning of Wichita, Kans., and Carl Sears of Tulsa, Okla. Carl, of course, already works some games for the Southwest Conference.

I am bringing this matter up with the basketball coaches at a special meeting and dinner, and am also presenting it at the meeting of the Athletic Directors and Business Managers as the matter of traveling expense can become a very big item.

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In passing, I would like to say that one reason it is hard to keep the old officials interested in working Southwest Conference games is the small amount of fee paid - consider the \$20.00 fee paid by the Southwest Conference in comparison with the \$50.00 fee paid by the Big Ten. Another reason, and probably of more importance, is the treatment that the officials receive from the crowd, in working games. This treatment that the officials now working are receiving is causing them to come to the conclusion that they doubt it is worth their while to work Conference games. The officials do not mind the boos, but the constant baiting they receive from the spectators has become very annoying. I feel that this is one reason they have not worked better games. They go into a game, knowing they will receive this baiting no matter what they do, and feel that they "have three strikes against them" from the start. I think that a campaign by the authorities of all of the institutions in the Southwest Conference for better sportsmanship by the student body and spectators would help out officiating. I feel that the same sportsmanship in regard to basketball officiating should prevail that does in football officiating.

For the same above reasons, it is hard to interest new officials in working for the Southwest Conference.

I would like to take this opportunity to compliment the Coaches on their behavior on the bench this past season. Except for a few isolated cases, the conduct of the coaches was excellent.

After scouting the officiating this past season, I have arrived at the following conclusions:

1. In nearly all games, an average of six or eight happenings on the court which resulted in fouls being called could have been overlooked.
2. A stricter calling of the blocking and screening rule would eliminate much roughness and the setting of the stage for many of the fouls that were called this past season.

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3. Entirely too many held balls were called.
4. One outstanding foul that was overlooked was the use of hands on shoulders of opponent on follow-up shots.
5. A check shows that, outside of sporadic cases, fouls have been on certain individuals regardless of officials.
6. Many fouls which were called this last season were of the unnecessary, inexcusable type which can be easily eliminated by coaching, so I am passing the suggestion on to the coaches; telling them that this type of foul, that is, grabbing hold of hand, slightly kneeling or shoving could be eliminated if they would take the matter up with the players. Probably in every game, there were eight or ten of these fouls that could not be overlooked, which is a coaching problem.

Again I wish to state that, after observing officiating through scouting in the Southwest Conference and the officiating in the Eastern and Western Play-offs and the Final N.C.A.A. Tournament, there does not seem to be any type of officiating that satisfies everybody. In my opinion basketball officiating can never be as satisfactory to the players, coaches and spectators as officiating in many other sports because practically all decisions in basketball are made from judgment and judgment alone, and we all know that one's judgment is not always the same from day to day and that seldom is the judgment of two persons the same. In spite of all this, it is a great game.

Other sections of the country think that we have some mighty good officials, and some of our top officials must be very good because they are being invited to work in other sections of the country.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. St. Clair,
Executive Secretary.

Proposal of Dr. Penick for a team
championship in tennis.

Section 3. (b). (Page 16). The annual tennis tournament shall be held during the week of the conference track meet and shall continue three days (or four days). The results of this tournament shall determine the conference championship in singles and the conference championship in doubles. In this tournament, players shall be seeded so that no two players on the same team shall meet in the first two rounds. A player from each school shall be in each quarter, the quarter to be determined by the regular method of drawing. When a player's name is drawn in the wrong quarter, it shall be returned to the urn from which the draw is made and drawn again. This applies to both singles and doubles except that each institution participating shall have a doubles team in each half. For seeding purposes, coaches shall vote on the ranking players, and the president of the Conference and the institution holding the tournament shall be notified of this ranking.

The team championship shall be determined on a percentage basis as a result of dual meets between conference schools. During the playing season, each school shall play five such dual meets, one with each of the other conference schools. Six players shall constitute a team and there shall be six singles matches and three doubles matches played in each meet. Each singles match and each doubles match won shall count one point. In these dual meets, each coach shall rank his men 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, according to their playing ability, and men of corresponding rank on each team shall play each other. The team winning the largest number of points in the five dual meets with other conference schools shall be the conference championship team.

Section 4. (e). First and second place winners in the conference tennis tournament shall be awarded gold and silver medals both in singles and doubles. Gold medals shall be awarded to the six members of the Conference championship tennis team.

To the Southwest Athletic Conference:

Your committee appointed at the December meeting of the Conference to study the junior college situation relative to transfer rules of the Conference has given careful consideration to the problem. In our study, we have found the junior college people most cooperative. They have furnished us with all information we have requested.

We do not believe that any change in our eligibility rules will solve the problem in its entirety as there are other conferences represented in the transfer of junior college athletes to senior colleges after having participated only one year. It is our observation that the transfer of junior college athletes to senior colleges after completing only one year of eligibility is confined largely to one or two junior colleges.

While we are in sympathy with the junior college authorities, we feel that it is a problem which we cannot control by legislation, therefore, it is the recommendation of your committee that we make no change in our junior college transfer rules.

Respectfully submitted

[Redacted Signature]

Gayle Scott

[Redacted Signature]

E. J. Howell

Committee

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
AUSTIN

DEPARTMENT OF
INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS
OFFICE OF THE BUSINESS MANAGER

April 7, 1941

To Members of the Southwest Conference:

The University of Texas desires to give notice that at the May meeting of the Conference special consideration will be requested for the following cases of ineligibility:

Harry Thornberry, of Wichita Falls, attended Hardin-Simmons University during the school year 1936-37. In the spring of 1937, while a freshman, he played on the varsity tennis team. During the school year 1937-38, he attended Hardin Junior College, at Wichita Falls, and competed in varsity tennis. He graduated from Hardin Junior College in May 1938 and the following September entered The University of Texas. He expects to receive his law degree in June 1942. He states that until several months ago he did not know that there was any chance that he might be ruled eligible for tennis competition in the Conference. For that reason he did not turn in a request for special consideration earlier. We are requesting that the Conference permit Thornberry to participate in tennis until June 1942.

Jack Pearson Brown, whose home is Balboa, Canal Zone, attended the Canal Zone Junior College from September 1934 to June 1936, graduating from that institution at the latter date. From July 1936 to July 1939 he was employed by the Canal Zone Railroad. He states that his father, who is in the military service at the Canal Zone, was unable to finance his university education and that this work was necessary to provide the requisite funds. Since September 1939, he has been a student here in the College of Engineering, working toward an Electrical Engineering degree. Under our present rules, his eligibility expired in June 1940. We are requesting that the Conference extend his period of eligibility until June 1942.

Sincerely yours

James C. Dolley
Faculty Representative
of Athletics

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STATEMENT CONCERNING BASKETBALL APPROVED BY THE CONFERENCE

The Conference believes that basketball has not achieved the popularity which it deserves in the Southwest Conference. Certainly the sport is not gaining ground. Indeed, there is some reason to believe that it is losing ground. This is indicated partly by unsatisfactory attendance and partly by the increasingly bad sportsmanship of the crowds.

To attract ^{popular} ~~personal~~ interest, the game needs more action, more nearly approaching the style of basketball as played in the Middlewest. This would mean giving the players more freedom of action, both offensively and defensively, and not penalizing them for bodily contact resulting from bona fide attempts to obtain possession of the ball.

The Conference believes that the fault in our present game lies largely with our officiating. The officials through a too literal interpretation of the rules have shaped the game to a large extent and the coaches have apparently acquiesced. There has been far too much whistle blowing in the average game, and in too many cases doubtful decisions by the officials have determined the outcome of games. As a result, the game is not as interesting to watch as it should be, and the officials have attracted far too much of the crowd's attention.

To improve the situation, the Conference believes that:

1. The officials should avoid all unnecessary calling of fouls. Players accidentally bumping together should not be penalized. Double fouls should be a rarity. The officials should avoid the calling of unnecessary held balls. Players should be given some opportunity to obtain possession of the ball, and, once a player has control of the ball, the game should be allowed to proceed. The officials should also avoid technical interpretation of the traveling and double dribble rules. Many such violations which give the offending player no advantage whatever have been called in the average game, each such ruling serving to delay the game. In brief, the officials should apply the spirit, not the exact letter of the various rules.
2. The coaches should coach their respective squads so as to minimize the need for whistle blowing. Players should be instructed to avoid petty little fouls such as pushing, holding, and elbowing. These infractions of the rule should always be penalized, of course. Most of this fouling, however, is thoroughly unnecessary and avoidable. Coaches should not use players who persist in committing such fouls.
3. Each conference institution should be responsible for conducting an educational campaign ^{Signed} ~~devoted~~ to explain the new interpretation of the rules and to improve crowd sportsmanship. Capable officials can not be expected to submit to the abuse accorded them in the average conference game.

In assigning game officials for the 1942 season, the coaches should avoid using the older officials who are more or less set in their officiating habits. Especially should they avoid using officials who make a profession of officiating and who have not had actual collegiate playing experience in basketball. So far as possible an entire new list of younger officials should be used on the theory that such men are more likely to succeed in putting the game on a more liberal basis. To assist in this endeavor, the Executive Secretary of the Conference is instructed to conduct a more extensive clinic for basketball officials next fall.

Other things being equal, he should assign officials to games so as to minimize the burden of traveling expenses. In general, the Executive Secretary is instructed to use the authority already granted to him to rate and assign officials in order to bring about the changes outlined above.

Southwest Athletic Conference

Minutes of the Spring Meeting, 1941
Directors' and Business Managers' Association
May 9-10, 1941, Austin, Texas

First Session

The meeting was called to order by Jimmy Stewart, President,
at 8:15 p.m. on May ninth, at Austin, Texas.

The following members were present:

A. & M. College	Homer Norton and E. W. Hooker
Baylor University	Frank Kimbrough and Ralph Wolf
Rice Institute	Joe Davis and Emmett Brunson
Southern Methodist University	Matty Bell and Jimmy Stewart
Texas Christian University	Leo R. Meyer and Howard Grubbs
University of Arkansas	Fred C. Thomsen and Boyd Cypert
University of Texas	D. X. Bible, Ed Olle and Blair Cherry

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

After a lengthy discussion in regard to a better method of contacting prospective students and putting them on the same level in the Southwest Conference schools as far as help is concerned, the matter of approaching them and the question of summer jobs, the following motions were passed:

1. Motion made by Mr. Bible, seconded by Mr. Bell, that the schools in the Southwest Conference be permitted to give employment to athletes to the extent of their room, board, tuition fees and \$2.00 a month for laundry; that Arkansas may be permitted to include books; no cash outlay whatsoever to the boys. Motion passed, subject to the approval of the faculty representatives.
2. Motion made by Mr. Cypert, seconded by Mr. Meyer, that no one in the athletic department, or representing it officially, be permitted to contact athletes until after December 15th. Carried.
3. Motion made by Mr. Norton, seconded by Mr. Meyer, that no one connected with the athletic department be permitted to secure employment for prospective athletes, or use his influence on someone else to find employment, until the athlete becomes eligible for participation. Motion passed.
4. Motion made by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Meyer, that the athletic department may not defray expenses to the campus, directly or indirectly, of any prospective athlete. Local entertainment may be taken care of. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Second session

The second session was held on May tenth. The president called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

All members present at the first session were present at this meeting.

A report of last year's Cotton Bowl game was given by Mr. Dan Rogers, President of the Cotton Bowl Association. One question that was brought up was the distribution of tickets for competing teams. Mr. Rogers was of the opinion that 1/3 of the tickets was sufficient for each school competing. Mr. Hooker, of A. & M., agreed that this distribution was satisfactory, after having had experience with the matter last year.

A motion was made by Mr. Cypert, seconded by Mr. Olle, that the group go on record as favoring the above recommendation. Motion passed.

Another question that was discussed thoroughly was whether or not the individual school competing should handle the ticket sales entirely. The group went on record as opposed to this method.

The Conference basketball schedule for the coming year was presented to the group and discussed. The schedule was approved with one exception, the S. M. U. - A. & M. game was shifted from February 19th to February 20th.

Mr. J. W. St. Clair, Southwest Conference Commissioner, discussed a few matters with the group pertaining to a few recommendations he would like to have approved. The following motions were passed:

1. Motion made by Mr. Bible, seconded by Mr. Norton, that in intersectional games, where a mixed group of officials is used, the selection should be as follows:

1. Referee and linesman.
2. Umpire and field judge.

Motion passed.

2. A motion was made by Mr. Norton, seconded by Mr. Thomsen, that in every intersectional game the contract should specify which two officials shall represent the respective schools. Motion passed.

The matter of basketball officials was discussed, and the sportsmanship of coaches and fans taken up. It was suggested, if possible, that the basketball officials be chosen as near as possible to the institution where the game is being played.

A motion was made by Mr. Cypert, seconded by Mr. Grubbs, that the field cover contract be made the same as last year. Motion passed.