

boys to continue their college education who otherwise would drop out of school.

It is suggested that dropping out of school during a semester for good reasons should not be charged with a semester of no credit residence because of the obvious inequities involved in such interpretation. We have occasional cases of boys forced out of school by illness who were passing their work at the time of withdrawal. To charge them with a semester of failing work imposes a needless hardship, especially when the University itself imposes no such penalty.

## II.

Article XXII. Section 1. No person shall be permitted to participate in Intercollegiate Athletics who is not a student in good, regular standing, and who has not satisfied in full the entrance requirement of fifteen units; who is not taking at least 80% of the minimum amount of work prescribed in the regular course of study in his institution, and who, during his last two semesters of residence before participation failed to pass in at least two-thirds of the prescribed course in the prescribed time. It is expressly understood that preparatory, non-collegiate, commercial, or special courses shall not count as regular classroom work.

In order to be eligible within the meaning of this regulation, not less than three-fifths of the normal amount of work must be passed in each of the two semesters preceding participation.

Graduates of standard junior colleges who participate in Intercollegiate Athletics during their first year in a conference institution and players finishing their competition shall be subject to scholastic checking from time to time during the course of the semester.

Reason. Our interpretation of the regulation requiring an athlete to be "taking at least the minimum amount of work prescribed during the regular course of study" has for some time been 80% of the full-time schedule. Thus, a student registered in the Arts college or Business school must be registered for at least 12 hours, whereas, regular four-year graduation requires registration for 15 hours each semester. Incidentally, this is a University



regulation distinguishing student from "special" students. To avoid the need for interpretation of this regulation by individual institutions, it would be desirable to write the 80% provision specifically into the By-Laws.

### III.

Article XXII. Section 2. The two semesters in residence previous to participation need not be consecutive semesters nor is it necessary that the third semester in residence immediately follow the second semester. Absence from the institution, following two semesters of scholastic eligibility, does not interfere with the player's eligibility upon his return, i.e., a player may be out one or more semesters and in one or more semesters without affecting his eligibility, provided his grades continue satisfactory, except that this procedure (dropping out a semester) may not be repeated until after he has subsequently attended two consecutive semesters, in each of which satisfactory grades were made.

Reason. The major change involved in this proposal is dropping the requirement that residential eligibility be established by two consecutive semesters in residence. Instead, it is proposed that two semesters in residence be substituted, whether taken in consecutive order or not. Thus, a freshman could attend the first semester of one year, dropping out the second semester, attend the first semester of the next year, and become residentially eligible at the beginning of the second semester of the second year.

Again, this change is recommended with a view to avoiding occasional ineligibility involved in the application of the present rule. For example, we had this case recently. A student attended the University the first semester of 1936-37 making all of his courses. He registered for the second semester but because of illness was forced to drop out in May. Returning to school in February 1938, he found that he could not become residentially eligible for varsity participation before February 1939. I do not see where any possible abuse can creep in should we do away with the second semester requirement in establishing eligibility.

By passing the work of the last two semesters of residence is meant that it shall have been passed in the semesters in which the work was regularly offered. A conditioned or failed grade in a course may not subsequently be made up. A



student may make up an incomplete and be eligible, it being understood that an incomplete means notebooks, drawings, themes, term papers, back laboratory work, and postponed examinations, provided that until the incomplete work in the course has been made up and a passing grade recorded, the grade in that course shall be considered as failing for the purpose of determining scholastic eligibility.

Next paragraph as written.

Reason. The above wording adds to the list of items, which may be made up in order to make a grade in a complete course, the item of postponed examinations which clearly belongs in that category and is in line with our interpretation of the rule at the University of Texas. To prevent possible abuse, it is recommended that incomplete courses be regarded as failing until the incomplete work has been made up satisfactorily.

#### IV.

Article XXV. Section 2. In all cases, participation shall be counted as three calendar years instead of three college years. The calendar year shall begin at the opening of the term or semester in which the player competes. The period of eligibility of a player shall end at the expiration of four years from the beginning of the semester in which he first participated in varsity athletics.

Reason. As we see it, the purpose of the four-year rule is to prevent a coach from using a player one season and leaving him out another season when he wasn't needed, and so on. The above rule accomplishes that purpose except that for the interval between the freshman year and the beginning of varsity participation. However, our present rule leaves a similar hiatus between the second semester of residence and the date of registering for the third semester. We believe the proposed rule is better than the present rule because it will encourage boys to continue their schooling rather than dropping out even though they can not hope to make the varsity squad in their sophomore and junior years. The four-year rule would not begin to run against them until such time as their participation actually began.



V.

We should write into our complicated junior college transfer rule a clear statement as to whether a boy competing on a junior college team while still a high-school student is to be charged with a year of junior college competition or not. I believe that at present we have only a ruling by Dr. McDiarmid on that point.



REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE ASSIGNMENT OF GAME OFFICIALS  
AND THE EXHIBITION OF MOTION PICTURES OF FOOTBALL GAMES

After some little preliminary investigation, the Special Committee met in Austin on March 26 and adopted unanimously the following report. The first two sections of the report deal with the problem of assigning game officials, and the third section is devoted to the unrelated topic of exhibiting motion picture films of football games.

SECTION I.

Desiderata in Framing a Permanent Procedure for the Selection  
and Assigning of Game Officials.

1. The program should comprehend football officials and basketball officials. Possibly at a later date baseball officials might be included, although no pressing problem appears to be involved relative to this sport. Basketball officials, however, should certainly be included in an effort to standardize rule interpretation and improve the quality of officiating.
2. The system should provide for the selection of competent officials exclusively, continuous reports on the work of these officials, and the periodic rating of these officials as to all-around efficiency.

The first objective can be accomplished by a set of examinations dealing with physical condition, game rules, and officiating technique, supplemented by the compilation of accurate and up-to-date records of experience as player, coach, and official. The second objective can be achieved by a rating system based on examination grades, experience, and game reports from coaches and scouts. Details of the grading and rating procedure to be worked out by the handling agency. As to football officials, they should be classified and registered exclusively as Referees, Umpires, Field Judges, and Head Linesmen,



and assigned to games in that particular capacity only. (Dr. McIntosh suggests that in the case of some few good officials, it might be desirable to permit registration in each of two capacities.) The third objective can be accomplished by required detailed reports on the work of each official in each game from the coaches of the competing teams and from scouts.

3. The system should provide for a uniform interpretation of the playing rules in the several sports during each season. This can be accomplished by holding a meeting of all qualified officials in the sport, say football, several weeks before the beginning of the playing season. This meeting might last for two or three days. At one session, the interpretation of rules would be presented by the district representative on the Football Rules Committee. At other sessions, drill work on playing rules and officiating technique would be stressed. During the meeting, uniform interpretation of the rules would be agreed upon and the officials instructed to apply such interpretations in all games to the best of their abilities.

4. The system should provide for the impartial assignment of officials to individual games, due consideration being given to the wishes of the various coaches. Officials should be assigned on the basis of merit, rating preferences of the coaches being followed wherever possible. To accomplish this objective, the following procedure is recommended (this procedure has been taken largely from the program now used by the Southern and Southeastern Conferences):

(a.) Before the December meeting of the Conference (if possible) each year, each member institution should file its list of approved officials, termed its preferential list, listing in order of preference at least 7 referees, 7 umpires, 7 field judges, and 7 head line-men. This list should be selected exclusively from a previously determined eligibility list of competent officials, each of whose rating measures up to a minimum standard of excellence.



A member institution may file a single preferential list effective for its entire schedule or at its option it may file separate preferential lists for any certain game in the following season. After a preferential list is filed, no change in such list may be made for that football season, except that a member institution may add additional names providing the sequence of names as originally filed is not disturbed.

If a member institution's preferential list for any season is not filed on or before February 1 of the year concerned, then it's preferential list for the preceding year shall become effective and be used for the current year. If less than 7 referees, 7 umpires, 7 head linesmen and 7 field judges are named on the preferential list filed by a member institution, the administrative agency shall have full authority to add as many names of his selection as may be necessary to bring the number of names in each of these groups up to the required seven.

If a member institution fails to file on or before February 1, a preferential list for any game on its schedule for the next following season, the administrative agency shall prepare or file the required preferential list for that game. In so doing, the agency shall give full consideration to such member institution's preferences already onfile.

(b.) No official should be assigned to any game played by a member institution unless his name is included on the current preferential list of that institution except as is provided above.

(c.) One referee, 1 umpire, 1 linesman, and 1 field judge should be appointed to each varsity game scheduled by a member institution.

For varsity games between two member institutions, the administrative agency shall appoint officials whose names appear on the current



preferential list of each contesting member institution.

For varsity games between a member institution and a non-member institution, two officials selected by the administrative agency from the preferential list of the member institution concerned, existing contracts permitting, and two officials selected by the agency from the list of at least eight officials proposed by the non-member institution, shall be appointed.

## SECTION II

### Possible Administrative Set-Ups

The committee outlines below three possible administrative set-ups through which the desired program summarized above might be put into effect. These set-ups are arranged in the order of their desirability as the committee sees it. Thus, the first plan is the one recommended by the committee. Should this plan prove unacceptable, a second plan is recommended as next most desirable, and so on to the third plan.

Plan 1. Establish the permanent full-time salaried office of Executive Secretary of the Conference, designating as one of the specific duties of the Secretary the task of selecting and assigning football and basketball officials.

(1) The Executive Secretary's office should work out details of the system to be used, such as the methods of qualifying officials, rating officials, assigning officials to games, collecting game reports, and compiling up-to-date records on all qualified officials. In case the Executive Secretary is not competent to conduct the pre-season officials' school, he should be responsible for bringing in some properly qualified man for this work. In addition to the selecting and assigning of officials, the Executive Secretary should be assigned the following specific duties:

(2) Examining and filing eligibility certificates of athletes and records of participation.



(3) Investigating cases where athlete eligibility is questioned and submitting data to the President of the Conference for a ruling.

(4) Directing news publicity relative to the Conference.

(5) Selecting and filing statistical data relative to the various Conference sports (temporary provision for this work was made at the last Conference meeting).

(6) Acting as conference agent in the handling of details of the Cotton Bowl game (in case the Conference should identify itself with that classic).

(7) Act as conference agent in arranging contracts for radio broadcasting rights for football games.

(8) Conducting various projects dealing with various phases of intercollegiate athletics in the Southwest.

(9) Recommending legislation to Conference meetings.

In general doing all that he can do to enhance the welfare and prestige of the Conference.

The Executive Secretary's office should operate on its own budget, which in all probability would range from \$6,000.00 to \$8,000.00 annually. It is believed that virtually the entire cost of the office could be defrayed out of the Conference's share in the Cotton Bowl receipts and registration fees charged to game officials. In the Southern Conference set-up, approximately \$3,000.00 yearly is derived from this latter source. Similar results could be obtained here if other conferences in the territory would utilize the office to select and assign their game officials.

The creation of the Executive Secretary's office would take from the shoulders of the President and Secretary-Treasurer of the Conference much of the



present burdensome routine without disturbing, however, the existing general administrative machinery. In addition, it would permit the performance of numerous useful functions not now provided for.

Plan 2. Appointment of some man to serve as manager of the Central Booking Office for Officials. This man should, of course, be properly qualified and he should set up substantially the system of selecting, training and assigning football and basketball officials as is outlined in Section I. He should be paid a salary by the Conference, some portion of which would probably be derived from registration fees paid by officials. This is the plan now in use for football in the Southern and Pacific Coast Conferences.

It has the obvious disadvantage that the assignment of officials for football games is hardly a fulltime year-around job. This difficulty, however, might be obviated partially by allowing the Booking Office manager to work with other major and minor college conferences in this region. Further, a Central Booking Office would cost approximately as much to operate as the office of Executive Secretary. The Booking Office for the Southern and Southeastern Conferences operates on an annual budget of \$6,000.00, about one-half of which is derived from registration fees and the balance from assessment of member institutions.

Plan 3. Should neither of the two administrative set-ups outlined above prove to be acceptable, the committee recommends that the selection and assignment of game officials be returned to the coaches in the various sports so far as is practicable.

The coaches should put into effect the program of rating, selecting, and assigning officials which was outlined in Section I. For this purpose, it would be necessary that some one coach be designated as the agent to collect



data on the officials and to rate officials, actual assignment of qualified men for individual games to be made at a joint meeting of the coaches concerned.

It is the opinion of the committee that this method of selecting and assigning would be far less desirable than through either an Executive Secretary's office or a Central Booking office.

### SECTION III.

Regulation of the Exhibition of Motion Picture Films of Conference Football Games.

1. Unedited films to be used freely by individual schools but only for the purpose of coaching and instructing football squads.

2. These films should not be exhibited to the general public unless they have been edited in such a way as not to reflect on the officiating.

3. In games where the officiating has been questionable, it is desirable that the officials concerned should be required to view motion pictures of the games. Such exhibitions possibly could be arranged at the pre-season officials' training school.

James C. Dolley, Chairman  
University of Texas

J. S. McIntosh  
Southern Methodist University

Gayle Scott  
Texas Christian University



Southwest Athletic Conference

Minutes of Special Meeting  
Dallas, Texas  
9 July 1938

The Conference was called to order by the president at 9:37 a.m. on July ninth. 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. Tyree Bell and Mr. Gaylord Johnson, a member of the Cotton Bowl Game committee, were present.

The minutes of the 1938 spring meeting were approved.

The special meeting of the Conference was called primarily for the discussion of the report of the Cotton Bowl Game committee.

The committee made the following report:

At the fall meeting of 1937 the Conference went on record as approving the Cotton Bowl Game and authorized a committee consisting of the president and the secretary-treasurer of the Conference and the president of the Association of Athletic Directors and Business Managers to work out with Mr. J. Curtis Sanford, of Dallas, plans looking to the establishment of the Cotton Bowl Game as an integral part of the annual football program of the Conference, and to submit its report to the Conference at the spring meeting of 1938. This committee held a conference with Mr. Sanford at the Rice Institute on the morning of January 8, 1938. Frankly discussed were matters pertaining to the organization, management, policies and procedure of the Cotton Bowl Association in connection with the proposed annual game.

Mr. Sanford disclaimed the intention to make the Cotton Bowl Game his own personal enterprise and expressed a desire to cooperate fully with the Conference in the furtherance of any policies which the Conference might project for the stabilization and control of the game. He proposed to set up for the Cotton Bowl Association a board of directors acceptable to the Conference and representative of the business and athletic interests of Dallas and the State at large. Within the directorate and responsible to it was to be a small executive committee on which the Conference would be represented by its president and the president of the Association of Athletic Directors and Business Managers. There was also proposed an honorary committee which would include Mr. Garner, the Vice-President of the United States, the



Governor of Texas, and other gentlemen of distinction in the Southwest. All important decisions affecting policy were to be made by the board of directors, which would hold meetings for the purpose periodically. Mr. Sanford expressed willingness to act as the agent of the board of directors on terms to be fixed by it with the concurrence of the Conference. It was tentatively agreed that the Conference should receive five per cent of the gross receipts of the game, and that the net receipts should be shared equally by the competing teams and the Cotton Bowl Association. Mr. Sanford handed to the secretary-treasurer a check for \$4064.78, which was five per cent of the gross receipts of the Cotton Bowl Game of January 1, 1938.

Upon one thing Mr. Sanford insisted as essential to the success of the whole venture, viz., the designation of the Conference champion each year as the host team for the Cotton Bowl game. The view was advanced by Mr. Sanford and shared by your conferees that this section of the country is able to support an annual football game which may in time command national attention comparable to that enjoyed by the Rose Bowl game in Pasadena. It is unlikely, however, that the Cotton Bowl Game would gain such prestige, if coaches, players, press writers and "fans" should continue each year to "point for" a bid to the Rose Bowl. If the Conference should in any event agree to name only its second best team as its representative for the Cotton Bowl Game, it would thereby concede for an indefinite period primacy to the Pacific Coast attraction and would seriously retard the growth of the Cotton Bowl Game as the climactic event of the football season in the Southwest. And this, moreover, would be on the problematical assumption that a Southwest Conference team - representing, incidentally, the best balanced conference in the entire country - would at some time, next year or five or ten years from now, go through a season without a defeat and, with luck and a "good press" and a bit of "influence" properly applied, receive an invitation to the Rose Bowl -- provided, of course, that the Rose Bowl Association, in conjunction with the Pacific Coast Conference, does not meanwhile enter into a working agreement with the Western Conference in respect to the annual game in Pasadena.

The committee recognize that there is opposition in certain quarters to "handing over" the Conference champion to the Cotton Bowl Association, and that certain persons justly view with alarm the possible surrender by the Conference of any of its authority to an outside individual or organization. It is argued by some that the Conference should itself put on the Cotton Bowl Game or something equivalent without the help of any outsider. The committee are of the opinion, however, that the Conference would do well, with proper reservations and safeguards, to avail itself of the enthusiasm, organizing skill and special experience of Mr. Sanford and enter into an agreement with the Cotton Bowl Association, renewable at stated intervals, for the conduct of future Cotton Bowl games under conditions to be prescribed by the Conference itself and in accordance with policies to be developed jointly by the Cotton Bowl Association and the Conference.

Specifically the committee recommend for your consideration:



First, that the Southwest Athletic Conference recognize the Cotton Bowl Game as an annual feature of its football program.

Secondly, that the Conference each year designate its official champion as the host team for the Cotton Bowl Game.

Thirdly, that the Conference authorize Mr. J. Curtis Sanford to set up a directorate for the Cotton Bowl Association subject to ratification by the Conference.

Fourthly, that the Conference authorize the appointment of a committee of its own members to work out with Mr. Sanford and his associates detailed plans for the next Cotton Bowl Game.

Fifthly, that the foregoing plans and, in general, all questions involving policy (such as the type of teams to be invited to participate in the Cotton Bowl Game, the price of tickets, the issuance of passes, advertising, the compensation of Mr. Sanford or other individual charged with management, etc.) shall be referred for final decision to the Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry Trantham, Chairman  
J. T. McCants  
Gaylord Johnson

May 13, 1938

After discussion the following proposals were approved as changes in the report or additions thereto:

1. The Board of Directors of the Cotton Bowl Association, Inc., shall consist of twenty-three members: each member institution of the Southwest Athletic Conference to select three members of the Board, two members to be ex officio, the president of the Southwest Athletic Conference and the president of the Association of Athletic Directors and Business Managers of the Conference. If an individual should be named by more than one institution, the president of the Conference shall notify the member institutions involved so that the matter can be adjusted. In the organization of the new board of directors the Conference is to request Mr. Dan Rogers, of Dallas, to serve as temporary chairman.

2. Within the Board of Directors an executive committee of five members shall be named. Of this committee two members are to be ex officio: the president of the Southwest Athletic Conference and the president of the Association of Athletic Directors and Business Managers of the Conference.

3. Each year the football team that wins the conference championship shall be invited by the Conference to play in the Cotton Bowl game. If this invitation should not be accepted, the runner-up team shall be invited. The Executive Committee of the



Cotton Bowl Association, Inc., shall select the opponent of the conference team subject to the approval of the host team.

4. The net proceeds of the Cotton Bowl game shall be divided four ways:  $33\frac{1}{3}\%$  to the institution of the conference team,  $33\frac{1}{3}\%$  to the institution of the visiting team, 25% to the Cotton Bowl Association, Inc., and  $8\frac{1}{3}\%$  to the Southwest Athletic Conference until a surplus of \$50,000 shall have been accumulated by the Cotton Bowl Association, Inc. When a surplus of that amount becomes available, a larger percentage of the proceeds shall go to the institutions of the participating teams. Should the Cotton Bowl game be dropped as a conference event, any surplus accumulated by the Cotton Bowl Association, Inc., prior to the dropping of the game shall be divided equally between the Cotton Bowl Association, Inc., and the Southwest Athletic Conference.

The committee was instructed to continue its efforts to work out plans for the game. A further memorandum sent to members of the Conference by Mr. Trantham on July 15, 1938 is attached to these minutes as a part of the record.

The following revision of Article XXXV, of the By-Laws, was approved:

#### Article XXXV

Section 1. Submission of Scholarship Report. A scholarship report shall be approved by the chairman of the faculty committee on athletics and the registrar of each member institution and shall be mailed to the President of the Conference at least five days prior to the date of the first scheduled game or meet in each of the several sports. For football the report shall be mailed to the President of the Conference within one week after classes begin in the fall.

Section 2. Submission of Historical Report. An historical report, to be prepared only once for each player, unless the student withdraws from a conference institution and later re-enters or enters another conference institution, shall be approved in the same manner as the scholarship report and shall be mailed to the President of the Conference subject to the same regulations as to time for the submission of the scholarship report.

Section 3. After the first submission of the scholarship and historical reports additional players shall not be eligible until five days after the reports applicable to the additional players, properly approved, have been mailed to the President of the Conference and until five days after notice as provided in Article V, Section 1, of the By-Laws, has been mailed to other members of the Conference.

Section 4. Upon request of any member of the Conference the President shall forward a copy of any historical report.

Section 5. A false or deliberately misleading statement by an athlete pertaining to his athletic eligibility made to any university official or office,



or concealment of information pertaining to his athletic eligibility, permanently disqualifies the athlete so misrepresenting the facts or concealing the information.

Forms for the Scholarship Report and the Historical Report were approved. Copies of these Reports are attached to these minutes as a part of the record. A motion was passed to require in September 1938 the filing of Historical Reports only for men participating in varsity sports for the first time. Reports will not be required for men who have participated in varsity sports prior to September 1938.

The committee named at the second session of the May 1938 meeting "to investigate possible appointees to the position of Executive Secretary," recommended that Mr. J. W. St. Clair be appointed to this position for a period of one year from July 1st, 1938. He shall be responsible for the choosing of officials for football and basket-ball games and for the "regulation of the exhibition of motion picture films of conference football games." Mr. Trantham and Mr. Dolley were instructed to work out a budget for this work not to exceed \$2500.00 for the year.

The following wording was approved for Article XVI, Section 4, of the By-Laws:

"A freshman athlete, as defined in Section 1, is eligible to compete on freshman teams throughout his first year in residence provided that he is reported at stated intervals as passing in a sufficient number of hours of work to give him a minimum total of 20 hours for the year. If for the first semester in attendance the athlete secures only 9 hours of credit, he must be passing in 11 hours during the second semester in order to be eligible. At no time may a freshman participate when currently passing in less than 9 hours of work during his first semester and during his second semester in less than enough hours to give him a total of 20 hours for the year, nor may he compete in his second semester if less than 9 hours of work were passed during his first semester in residence."

Ed Mitchell, now a student at Rice Institute, participated in freshman football at the University of Texas. By unanimous consent he was granted the privilege of participating in athletics at Rice.

Permission was granted to Rice Institute to schedule a minor football game in 1939 as an eleventh game. Rice is arranging a schedule to include both L. S. U. and Tulane on a home-and-home basis, and it is important that both the games should not be played in Louisiana in the same year. Therefore Rice will go to L. S. U. two years in succession thus cutting short the schedule of home games. The Conference accordingly granted permission to add a minor game on the home schedule.

The first session adjourned at 12:30 p.m.



## Second Session

The president called the Conference to order at 1:55 p.m.

After discussion the following revision of Article XXV, of the By-Laws, was approved:

### Article XXV

Section 1. Participation in an intercollegiate sport means taking part in any intercollegiate contest in that sport for any length of time, however small. Telegraphic or other long distance athletic meets of any sort shall be considered contests in applying this rule.

Section 2. In the case of non-transfer students, participation in intercollegiate athletics shall be limited to one freshman and three varsity years in each sport which must be completed within five years from the beginning of the semester or term in which the student first registers at the conference institution. A student shall be deemed to have registered even though because of sickness or for other reasons he has not attended classes in the term or semester or has not completed the work of the term or semester. The running of the period of eligibility as herein prescribed shall not be affected by withdrawal from the conference institution even though followed by registration in a junior college or another senior institution.

Section 3. Students transferring to a conference institution from a junior or senior college (except junior college graduates, see Article XXV, Section 4, and freshman transfers, as defined in Article XXVII, Sections 3 and 4) may participate in not more than three varsity seasons in each sport, which participation must be completed within six years from the beginning of the semester or term in which the students first registered in any junior or senior college. Participation of such students shall be subject to the scholarship rule (Article XXII), the one-year residence rule (Article XXIV), and the transfer rule (Article XXVII). Initial registration in a junior college is defined as the beginning of the semester or term in which the student first registers for one or more courses of collegiate rank.

Section 4. A graduate of a standard junior college may participate in varsity intercollegiate athletics during his first year in residence at a conference institution subject to the provisions of the scholarship rule (Article XXII), the five-year rule (Article XXV, Section 2), and the transfer rule (Article XXVII). A graduate is a man who has received his diploma from a junior college.

A standard junior college is one which is a member of the Association of Junior Colleges recognized as of first rank in the state where the institution is located. Graduates of standard



junior colleges who compete in intercollegiate athletics during their first year in residence at a conference institution shall be permitted to participate not more than two seasons in each sport.

Section 5. A freshman transfer as defined in Article XXVII, Sections 3 and 4, shall be eligible to represent a conference institution in varsity intercollegiate athletics for two seasons in each sport which participation must be completed within five years from the beginning of the semester or term in which the student first registers in any junior or senior college.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Secretary



# SOUTHWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE—Scholarship Report

[illegible]

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the above students are eligible under all rules of the Southwest Athletic Conference.

I hereby certify that the above statements are correct and complete in all respects as far as records of my office show.

Chairman, Faculty Committee on Athletics

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Registrar



# SOUTHWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

## HISTORICAL REPORT

(To be prepared only once for each student, unless the student withdraws from a conference institution and later re-enters, or enters another conference institution. Report should be made in duplicate, original to be mailed to the President of the Conference, the duplicate to be retained in the files of the student's institution.)

Name of Player..... Date of Report.....

Institution.....

Age of Player.....

### A. Secondary School History

#### 1. Secondary schools attended and periods of attendance:

..... from 19....., to 19.....

..... from 19....., to 19.....

#### 2. Secondary school from which graduated:

..... School ..... Date .....

#### 3. Number of entrance units:.....

### B. Junior College History

#### 1. Junior colleges attended and periods of attendance:

..... from 19....., to 19.....

..... from 19....., to 19.....

#### 2. Is this student a graduate of a junior college with a diploma?.....

..... Junior College ..... Date of Graduation .....

#### 3. Record of student's participation in intercollegiate athletics in junior college:

at ..... in ..... Sport .....

in the academic years..... (e.g., 1935-1936, 1936-1937)

at ..... in ..... Sport .....

in the academic years.....

at ..... in ..... Sport .....

in the academic years.....



C. Other Senior Colleges Attended

1. Attendance in other senior colleges than this institution:

..... from 19....., to 19.....  
College

..... from 19....., to 19.....  
College

2. Record of student's participation in freshman and intercollegiate athletics:

at..... in.....  
College Sport

in the academic years.....

at..... in.....  
College Sport

in the academic years.....

at..... in.....  
College Sport

in the academic years.....

D. Conference Institution History

1. When did student first register in present institution?.....  
Month Year

2. Number of credit hours transferred:.....

3. List below student's residence in present institution by semesters or terms:

(e. g., Fall, Spring, 1935-1936).....  
Semesters Years

.....  
Semesters Years

.....  
Semesters Years

4. When did student's residential eligibility begin?.....  
Month Year

5. When does student's residential eligibility end?.....  
Month Year

E. In this space account for any period of time (other than summer vacation) elapsing between graduation from high school and entrance to a junior or senior college, and also for any years spent out of junior or senior college after first registration in college.

We certify that the above statements are correct and complete in all respects as far as information in the records of our respective offices shows.

Registrar

Chairman,  
Faculty Committee on Athletics.



BAYLOR UNIVERSITY  
WACO, TEXAS

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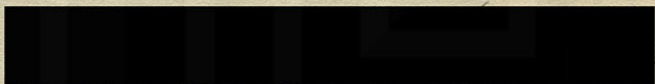
DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

17 July, 1938

Dear Mr. McCants:

I am sending you a memorandum on the Cotton Bowl game in which are embodied the conditions agreed upon in conference at Dallas on July 9th. I also enclose lists of those who have been nominated or suggested as possible directors for the Cotton Bowl Association.

Very sincerely yours,

  
Henry Trantham

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



MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED  
COTTON BOWL GAME

At the spring meeting of the Southwest Athletic Conference in Dallas on May 14, 1938 the following report was submitted to the board of faculty representatives:

Gentlemen of the Board of Faculty Representatives  
Southwest Athletic Conference:

At the fall meeting of 1937 the Conference went on record as approving the Cotton Bowl game and authorized a committee consisting of the president and the secretary-treasurer of the Conference and the president of the Association of Athletic Directors and Business Managers to work out with Mr. J. Curtis Sanford, of Dallas, plans looking to the establishment of the Cotton Bowl game as an integral part of the annual football program of the Conference, and to submit its report to the Conference at the spring meeting of 1938. This committee held a conference with Mr. Sanford at the Rice Institute on the morning of January 8, 1938. Frankly discussed were matters pertaining to the organization, management, policies and procedure of the Cotton Bowl Association in connection with the proposed annual game.

Mr. Sanford disclaimed the intention to make the Cotton Bowl game his own personal enterprise and expressed a desire to cooperate fully with the Conference in the furtherance of any policies which the Conference might project for the stabilization and control of the game. He proposed to set up for the Cotton Bowl Association a board of directors acceptable to the Conference and representative of the business and athletic interests of Dallas and the State at large. Within the directorate and responsible to it was to be a small executive committee on which the Conference would be represented by its president and the president of the Association of Athletic Directors and Business Managers. There was also proposed an honorary committee which would include Mr. John Nance Garner, Vice-President of the United States, the Governor of Texas, and other gentlemen of distinction in the Southwest. All important decisions affecting policy were to be made by the board of directors, which would hold meetings for the purpose periodically. Mr. Sanford expressed willingness to act as the agent of the board of directors on terms to be fixed by it with the concurrence of the Conference. It was tentatively agreed that



the Conference should receive five per cent of the gross receipts of the game, and that the net receipts should be shared equally by the competing teams and the Cotton Bowl Association. Mr. Sanford handed to the secretary-treasurer a check for \$4064.78, which was five per cent of the gross receipts of the Cotton Bowl game of January 1, 1938.

Upon one thing Mr. Sanford insisted as essential to the success of the whole venture, viz., the designation of the Conference champion each year as the host team for the Cotton Bowl game. The view was advanced by Mr. Sanford and shared by your conferees that this section of the country is able to support an annual football game which may in time command national attention comparable to that enjoyed by the Rose Bowl game in Pasadena. It is unlikely, however, that the Cotton Bowl game would gain such prestige, if coaches, players, press writers and "fans" should continue each year to "point for" a bid to the Rose Bowl. If the Conference should in any event agree to name only its second best team as its representative for the Cotton Bowl game, it would thereby concede for an indefinite period primacy to the Pacific Coast attraction and would seriously retard the growth of the Cotton Bowl game as the climactic event of the football season in the Southwest. And this, moreover, would be on the problematical assumption that a Southwest Conference team -- representing, incidentally, the best balanced conference in the entire country -- would at some time, next year or five or ten years from now, go through a season without a defeat and, with luck and a "good press" and a bit of "influence" properly applied, receive an invitation to the Rose Bowl -- provided, of course, that the Rose Bowl Association, in conjunction with the Pacific Coast Conference, does not meanwhile enter into a working agreement with the Western Conference in respect to the annual game in Pasadena.

The committee recognize that there is opposition in certain quarters to "handing over" the Conference champion to the Cotton Bowl Association, and that certain persons view with alarm the possible surrender by the Conference of any of its authority to an outside individual or organization. It is argued by some that the Conference should itself put on the Cotton Bowl game or something equivalent without the help of any outsider. The committee are of the opinion, however, that the Conference would do well, with proper reservations and safeguards, to avail itself of the enthusiasm, organizing skill and special experience of Mr. Sanford and enter into an agreement with the Cotton Bowl Association, renewable at stated intervals, for the conduct of future Cotton Bowl games under conditions to be prescribed by the Conference itself and in accordance with



policies to be developed jointly by the Cotton Bowl Association and the Conference.

Specifically the committee recommend for your consideration

First, that the Southwest Athletic Conference recognize the Cotton Bowl game as an annual feature of its football program.

Secondly, that the Conference each year designate its official champion as the host team for the Cotton Bowl game.

Thirdly, that the Conference authorize Mr. J. Curtis Sanford to set up a Directorate for the Cotton Bowl Association subject to ratification by the Conference.

Fourthly, that the Conference authorize the appointment of a committee of its own members to work out with Mr. Sanford and his associates detailed plans for the next Cotton Bowl game.

Fifthly, that the foregoing plans and, in general, all questions involving policy ( such as the type of teams to be invited to participate in the Cotton Bowl game, the price of tickets, the issuance of passes, advertising, the compensation of Mr. Sanford or other individual charged with management, etc. ) shall be referred for final decision to the Conference.

Respectfully submitted

Henry Trentham, Chairman  
J. T. McCants  
Gaylord Johnson

May 14, 1938

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Action on the foregoing report was deferred in order that member institutions might have opportunity to give further consideration to certain of its provisions, and the president was instructed to arrange for a special meeting of the Conference in the course of the summer for the final disposition of the committee's report. A few days after the meeting in May a



sixth recommendation was added by the committee to its original draft as follows:

Sixthly, that the Southwest Athletic Conference and its member institutions shall be relieved of all moral, financial and legal obligations arising through commitments by the Board of Directors of the Cotton Bowl Association or its agents, and this board of directors shall assume such moral, financial and legal obligations even though the Conference or its agents may concur in such commitments of the board of directors.

The president supplied all the faculty representatives with copies of the report with this addendum and announced a meeting to be held in Dallas on July 9, 1938. The meeting was held on that date in the Baker Hotel, Dallas, with all Conference members present. After a very frank discussion it was unanimously agreed to approve the report of the committee upon the following conditions:

1. The Cotton Bowl organization shall be styled The Cotton Bowl Association, Inc.
2. The agreement between the Southwest Athletic Conference and the Cotton Bowl Association, Inc. shall be in effect for three years (from Sept. 1, 1938 to Sept. 1, 1941).
3. The directorate of the Cotton Bowl Association, Inc. shall consist of twenty-three ( 23 ) members. Of these each institution of the Southwest Athletic Conference is to name three, and the president of the Southwest Athletic Conference and the president of the Association of Athletic Directors and Business Managers of the Southwest Athletic Conference are to serve ex officio as members of the Board of Directors of the Cotton Bowl Association, Inc.



4. The Board of Directors of the Cotton Bowl Association, Inc. shall set up an executive committee of five of its own members ( including ex officio the president of the Southwest Athletic Conference and the president of the Association of Athletic Directors and Business Managers of the Southwest Athletic Conference ) . It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to carry on the business of the Cotton Bowl Association, Inc. in the intervals between the meetings of the Board of Directors.

5. The Southwest Athletic Conference will invite Mr. Dan Rogers, of Dallas to act as temporary chairman of the Board of Directors of the Cotton Bowl Association, Inc.

6. The Southwest Athletic Conference will each year invite the football team which wins the Conference championship to represent the Conference as host team in the Cotton Bowl game. In the event that the champion team shall be unable to accept the invitation, the next ranking team shall receive the invitation, and so on. The Executive Committee of the Cotton Bowl Association, Inc. shall select the team to oppose the team representing the Conference, subject to the approval of the latter team.

7. The net proceeds of the Cotton Bowl game shall be divided as follows:  $33 \frac{1}{3} \%$  to the institution whose team represents the Conference,  $33 \frac{1}{3} \%$  to the institution of the visiting team, 25 % to the Cotton Bowl Association, Inc., and  $8 \frac{1}{3} \%$  to the Southwest Athletic Conference until such time as a surplus of \$50,000 shall have been accumulated by the



Cotton Bowl Association, Inc. When a surplus of that amount becomes available, a larger percentage of the proceeds shall go to the institutions of the participating teams. In the event that the Cotton Bowl game should at any time and for any reason be discontinued as a feature of the Conference program, any surplus already accumulated by the Cotton Bowl Association, Inc. shall be divided equally between the Southwest Athletic Conference and the Cotton Bowl Association, Inc.

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The foregoing memorandum is an accurate résumé of the transactions of the Southwest Athletic Conference in connection with the proposed Cotton Bowl game.

Henry Trantham, President  
Southwest Athletic Conference

Waco, Texas  
July 15, 1938



NOMINATED AS DIRECTORS FOR THE COTTON  
BOWL ASSOCIATION, INC.

BY THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Lutcher Stark, Orange, Texas  
Major J. R. Parton, Houston, Texas  
Harold Byrd, Dallas, Texas

Alternates:

Gene Howe, Amarillo, Texas  
Governor James V. Allred, Austin, Texas

BY THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

Col. T. H. Barton, El Dorado, Arkansas  
Wayne Harding, Fort Smith, Arkansas  
Beloit Taylor, Little Rock, Arkansas

BY SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

James Stewart, Dallas, Texas  
Jordan Ownby, Dallas, Texas  
Gene Germany, Dallas, Texas



Tentative list of possible directors for the  
Cotton Bowl Association compiled by Mr. J. Curtis  
Sanford and the special committee of the Confer-  
ence in January

Carr P. Collins -- Dallas  
W. H. Hitzelberger -- Dallas  
Jordan C. Ownby -- Dallas  
James K. Wilson -- Dallas  
P. C. Cobb \*- Dallas  
Ben Lee Boynton  
C. Andrade III -- Dallas  
Sol Dreyfuss -- Dallas  
J. Ben Critz -- Dallas  
Joe C. Thompson -- Dallas  
Julius C. Schepps -- Dallas  
C. S. Hamilton -- Dallas  
E. B. Germany -- Dallas  
Dan D. Rogers -- Dallas  
J. Curtis Sanford -- Dallas

HONORARY

Vice-President John Nance Garner  
The Governor of Texas  
Jesse Jones  
Amon G. Carter



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July 18, 1938

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

My dear Dr. Trantham:

I have just received your letter of the 17th enclosing memorandum on proposed Cotton Bowl game. You have it all recorded according to my understanding except No. 7, which has to do with the division of the income from the Cotton Bowl game.


My understanding was that the two teams would receive thirty-three and one-third percent each and that the Cotton Bowl Association, Inc., would receive twenty-five percent from which it was to pay all expenses, including officials, cost of the park, cost of promoting the contest and incidentals.

The way you have it written the use of "net" would indicate that all of these expenses enumerated above would be taken out before a division of the profits. This was certainly not my understanding of the case.

I do not believe there will be any possible chance of getting our Board of Directors to sanction our entering into this contract if this provision holds.

I am sending each member of the Conference a copy of this letter. I would like to have you give me your interpretation of clause No. 7 as soon as possible so I can submit the entire proposition to our Board of Directors for their next meeting.

Very sincerely yours

  
E. J. Kyle  
Chairman

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CC to Mr. J. T. McCants, Rice Institute  
J. S. McIntosh, Southern Methodist University  
Gayle Scott, Texas Christian University  
J. S. Waterman, University of Arkansas  
J. C. Dolley, University of Texas



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TO ALL CONFERENCE MEMBERS:

I, am sending to each of you a copy of my reply to a letter from Dean Kyle in regard to Section 7 of the revised report on the Cotton Vowl game. Dean Kyle advises that he has supplied you with duplicates of his letter to me.

Sincerely,

Henry Trantham

Waco, Texas  
July 19, 1938



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BAYLOR UNIVERSITY  
WACO, TEXAS

DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

19 July, 1938

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Dean E. J. Kyle  
College Station, Texas

Dear Dean Kyle:

Section 7 of the revised report on the Cotton Bowl game to which you take exception in your letter of the 18th inst. is based on my own notes of the recent meeting of the Conference and on memoranda mailed to me afterwards by Dr. Dolley and Mr. McCants. -I quote from Dr. Dolley's statement of July 11th:

The net proceeds of the Cotton Bowl game shall be split up as follows, until such time as the Association shall have accumulated a surplus of \$50,000.00: 33 1/3% to the Conference host team, 33 1/3% to the selected opposing team, 25% to the Association, 8 1/3% to the Conference.

Mr. McCants writes under date of July 12th:

The net proceeds of the Cotton Bowl game shall be divided four ways: 33 1/3% to the institution of the Conference team, 33 1/3% to the institution of the visiting team, 25% to the Cotton Bowl Association, Inc., and 8 1/3% to the Southwest Athletic Conference until a surplus of \$50,000 shall have been accumulated by the Cotton Bowl Association, Inc.

I am genuinely sorry that the above proposal does not meet with your favor. Inasmuch as the Conference is assuming control of the organization and policies of the Cotton Bowl Association, and inasmuch as the Conference (Section 6 of the original report of the special committee) is expressly "relieved of all moral, financial and legal obligations arising through commitments of the Board of Directors of the Cotton Bowl Association or its agents", it would seem only fair that in effecting a distribution of the profits of the enterprise the Conference should first allow for the cost of promotion and then allocate the net proceeds to the several parties to the transaction (the institutions of the participating teams, the Cotton Bowl Association, and the Conference itself) on a percentage basis.



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In the set-up proposed the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of the Cotton Bowl Association would determine the legitimate cost of operation, strike a balance between receipts and disbursements, and divide the proceeds in the ratio of 33 1/3%, 33 1/3%, 25%, 8 1/3%. If there should be no "net", the Conference would be relieved of all obligation arising through previous commitments of the Board of Directors; the loss if any would be taken care of by the underwriters.

I sincerely trust that you will give earnest consideration to this feature of the report before making a final recommendation to your Board of Directors.

I am, with very high regards,

Most sincerely yours,

Henry Trantham



Southwest Athletic Conference  
Minutes of the Fall Meeting, 1938  
Dallas, Texas  
9-10 December 1938

First Session

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p. m. on December ninth.

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. H. A. Scott, of the Rice Institute, was a visitor.

The dues of all members were paid.

The minutes of the meeting of July ninth were adopted without being read.

Mr. J. W. St. Clair, Executive Secretary of the Conference, appeared at the meeting to make a report and several recommendations.

	Office Expenses	Travelling Expenses	Salary	Total
July			100.00	100.00
August	156.11	153.02	100.00	409.13
September	200.51	27.65	100.00	328.16
October	68.02	52.90	100.00	220.92
November			100.00	100.00
December			<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
	<u>424.64</u>	<u>233.57</u>	600.00	1258.21

He received \$100.00 from the Southwest Football Officials Association to meet certain expenses incurred for that organization.

A motion was passed to allow \$7.00 as a per diem expense for basket-ball officials (the same amount allowed football officials), and to split travelling expenses among institutions when an official serves more than one institution on a single trip.

A motion was passed to allow for travel by automobile the same mileage rate paid by Mr. R. A. Hutchens, Commissioner of the Southern and Southeastern Conferences.



Mr. St. Clair presented three plans for the handling of certain expenses incurred for the Southwest Football Officials Association:

Plan No. 1. That all football officials, who wish to be considered for appointment to work in the Southwest Conference, be charged a registration fee which fee is to be turned over to the Southwest Athletic Conference.

Plan No. 2. That a lump sum be turned over to the Southwest Athletic Conference by the Southwest Football Officials Association.

Plan No. 3. That the Executive Secretary of the Southwest Athletic Conference serve as Secretary-Treasurer of the Southwest Football Officials Association, collect all fees, and use such amounts of same as in his judgment should be used for the expenses of the officials.

A motion was passed approving the third plan assuming that the plan meets with the approval of the Officials Association.

A motion was passed to extend the services of Mr. St. Clair to other institutions in assigning officials when he may be called upon, the details to be worked out by Mr. St. Clair in conjunction with the secretary-treasurer of the Conference.

In considering the assigning of officials to intersectional games the Conference passed the following motion: "Games between member institutions and games between a member institution and an outside institution of equal rank shall be considered of equal importance and officials assigned accordingly."

A motion was passed to require in football games that the playing field between halves be cleared of all bands and other performers at least three minutes before the beginning of the second half and that a special agreement be reached in advance of the game if the time between halves is to exceed the amount allowed under the football rules.

A motion was passed to allow a uniform fee for officials in each sport in all games in which conference teams play.

A motion was passed that there shall be no contact at all between coaches and officials either before, during, or after the game, or between halves, except routine contact involving such matters as synchronizing of watches and discussion of peculiar plays or formations about which officials should know. During a game, however, it shall be considered ethical for a coach to question an official concerning any situation which involves the interpretation of a rule but he shall not question an official concerning a situation involving only matters of judgment.

A motion was passed to change the first and second sentences of Article XVIII, Section 2, of the By-Laws, to read: "Any athlete who is guilty of violence or attempted violence upon a conference official, or of using insulting language to a player or official before, during, or after any game, contest, or meet shall be barred from further participation in intercollegiate athletics within the Conference. Any coach guilty of



violence or attempted violence upon a conference official, or of using insulting language to a player or official before, during, or after any game, contest, or meet shall be deemed unworthy of continuance in his office and the member institution employing him shall be ordered to bring his services to a close as soon as legally possible."

Mr. St. Clair reported several incidents of this autumn involving criticism of the conduct of coaches and players of some member institutions. A motion was passed that the President of the Conference write letters to the Chairmen of the Committees on Athletics of the member institutions whose coaches or students were involved in the misconduct reported, referring to the specific games and incidents and asking for cooperation in the prevention of the recurrence of any similar conduct. The attention of the members is to be called especially to the motions passed at this meeting changing Article XVIII, of the By-Laws, and restricting the contact of coaches with officials. (The motions are recorded in these minutes.)

#### Second Session

The Conference was called to order at 8:40 a.m. on December tenth with all present who were in attendance on the first session. Later in the morning Messrs. L. H. Fleck and I. K. Stephens, of Southern Methodist University, were visitors.

A motion was passed to continue having the December meeting of the Conference at the Baker Hotel until the Conference votes otherwise.

A motion was passed not to have the statistician of the Conference prepare statistics for basket-ball and baseball. A vote of thanks was extended to the statistician, Mr. McElroy, of A. and M. College, for the efficient service rendered the Conference during the football season.

The Conference went on record as opposing the policy of the United States Lawn Tennis Association of inviting men who have not finished their college work to go on extended tours of such nature as to interrupt their courses. Mr. Dolley, a vice-president of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, was requested to present this protest to that organization at the December meeting this year.

The president's report was then considered by sections. The first three sections required no action.

1. Mr. J. W. St. Clair, Executive Secretary, "has proceeded energetically with the work of training, scoring, and classifying the football officials and will submit a report of his activities at the Friday night session of the Conference."

2. The regulations revised in Article XXV went into effect on September 1, 1938 and the new forms, Historical Report and Scholarship Report, were employed for the first time this fall.

3. A ruling on participation in A. A. U. meets was made for freshmen and varsity players based on Articles XVI and XXIV, of the By-Laws.



A ruling was made also that track men could participate in the Sugar Bowl meet as individuals.

4. After consideration of a ruling on freshman participation the Conference voted to add the following ruling as a footnote to Article XXVII, Section 4, of the By-Laws: "A student who has participated on a varsity team at an institution situated in a state in which no conference institution is located, which institution 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."

5. In interpreting Article XXV, Section 3, of the By-Laws, the president made the following ruling: A student who attended a junior college from January, 1936 to January, 1937 and participated in football in the fall of 1936 and in basket-ball in the spring of 1936 and in January, 1937, and who entered a conference institution in September, 1938, would be eligible for three seasons of football and two seasons of basket-ball, with six years from January, 1936 in which to complete his football competition and with five years from January, 1936 in which to complete his basket-ball competition.

6. The report on the work of the statistician was discussed earlier in this meeting and action was taken as indicated elsewhere in these minutes.

7. The Conference voted to change Article XI, Section 4 (a), of the By-Laws to read, "Silver trophies or cups shall be awarded to conference champions in football, basket-ball, baseball, and track." It was agreed that for each of these trophies about fifty dollars should be expended.

8. A suggestion was made to the Conference by the treasurer that the collection of annual dues be abandoned. This suggestion was withdrawn when it developed that the Conference would not be receiving any funds from the Cotton Bowl Game.

9. The Conference voted to send Mr. James C. Dolley, vice-president for the sixth district of the N.C.A.A., to the December meeting of that organization, as the representative of the Conference.

10. In this section of his report the president discussed the Cotton Bowl game. Matters relating to this game were considered later in the meeting.

The Conference then turned to the consideration of other matters.

In order to facilitate plans of the N.C.A.A. for the selection of tennis players from this district who might enter the national intercollegiate tournament, a proposal was made that Article XI, of the By-Laws, be changed for a one-year experiment. The effect of the changes would be "to discard the conference tournament and determine the conference championship on the basis of season team play." The motion did not receive a second.

Another proposal "to combine the conference and district tournaments into one affair" was not accepted.



The members of the Conference were then urged to cooperate in plans for the district tournament of the N.C.A.A.

Messrs. G. A. Mabry and J. B. Wilkinson, representatives of the Humble Oil and Refining Company, visited the meeting for a few minutes to express their continued interest in the broadcasting of conference football games and their appreciation of the cooperation received from representatives of the member institutions during the past season.

The case of Gilliam Graham, mentioned in the minutes of the conference meeting of December, 1937, was reconsidered. On grounds of equity in the light of changes made in Article XXV, of the By-Laws, since his case was first considered, a motion was passed to allow Mr. Graham to participate in track in 1939.

A motion was passed to apply the regulations of Article XXV, of the By-Laws, to students who registered prior to September, 1938, as well as to those registering on and after that date, if such application of the regulations be to the advantage of the students who registered prior to September, 1938.

The case of Clifton C. Carter, of the University of Texas, was considered. Mr. Carter was a student at Schreiner Institute from September, 1935 to June, 1938 when he graduated. In the fall of 1935 he was carrying only one college course, the remainder of his work being high school courses. He participated in football for three seasons at Schreiner Institute. According to Article XXV, Section 4, of the By-Laws, a man who has had two years of football in junior college may participate in only two seasons of conference football, "which participation must be completed within five years from the beginning of the semester or term in which the student first registered in any junior college." The Conference ruled that because Mr. Carter was carrying a college course in the fall of 1935 and was playing on the Schreiner football team, his period of five years should start from September, 1935.

Mr. Dan Rogers, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Cotton Bowl Association, visited the meeting to give a report on the affairs of the Cotton Bowl game. He explained to the Conference all of the circumstances involved in the decision of Texas Christian University to play in the Sugar Bowl.

Later the following statement was given to the press:

"After a full discussion of recent events connected with the Cotton Bowl Game, the Southwest Athletic Conference went on record as approving the efforts of the Cotton Bowl Association to put on the game in accordance with plans previously worked out by the Association with the Conference. The Conference is thoroughly convinced that all parties concerned acted in good faith, but that they faced a situation over which they had no control.

"The Conference will continue relations with the Cotton Bowl Association and expresses the hope that by next year the Cotton Bowl game will be universally accepted as the final event of the Conference football season."

Mr. Bible brought from the meeting of the Association of Directors and Business Managers a suggestion that Article XIV, of the By-Laws, be



changed to read, "Spring training and practice in football shall not exceed a period of forty-two consecutive days." The Conference voted not to change the article.

A letter was received from a member of the Board of Directors of the Texas Technological College making application for the admission of that institution to the Southwest Athletic Conference. Consideration of the matter was postponed until the spring meeting.

The auditing committee, Messrs. Dolley and Waterman, reported that the Treasurer's records were satisfactory.

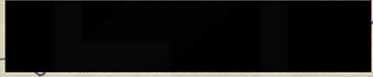
The Conference declared the following championships in sports for 1938:

Basket-ball	University of Arkansas
Swimming	University of Texas
Fencing	Southern Methodist University
Track	Rice Institute
Tennis - Singles	Rice Institute
Doubles	University of Texas
Golf - Individual	Southern Methodist University
Team	University of Texas
Baseball	University of Texas
Cross-country	University of Texas
Football	Texas Christian University

Assignment of meets for 1939:

Swimming	Baylor University
Track	A. and M. College
Tennis	Rice Institute
Golf	Rice Institute
Cross-Country	A. and M. College
Fencing	Southern Methodist University

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

  
Secretary