Rice Social Schedule Runs Gamut
From Bizarre To ‘Conventional’

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Freshmen coming to Rice have before them a social as well as an academic experience, for as they learn how Rice works, so will they learn how it plays.

The Colleges also participate in a vigorous intramural athletic Grunch. This annual occasion is notable for the extremes in clothing that may be seen and the quantity of beer that will be drunk. The purpose is to relieve the frustration of the first week of classes by indulging one’s most “degenerate” self on Saturday night.

RICE’S ENTIRE social calendar, however must not be judged by the first impression received. This type of festivity, although recurring at such times as the Blizzard and Grondelet, is supplemented by other more conventional events.

Of the latter, the most important is Rondelet, sponsored by Jones College one weekend in May. With its competitive songfest, informal dances, famed Beer-Bike Race, and the formal dance and crowning of the Queen, Rondelet is one of the high points of Rice’s social year.

Another important event will be the Homecoming Weekend, when the Owls play A & M. Rice celebrates the return of the Alumnae by a bonfire, the Hanszen Minstrel, and the Homecoming Dance.

LIGHTENING THE dreary days of winter is Archi-Arts, given by the Architectural Society. Each year the architects pick a theme for their ball. This theme, allowing full scope for all imaginations, is the basis for the costumes worn.

Aside from such all-school parties, notable events are sponsored by different groups on campus for members and their dates. These include the Jones Formal, the Will Rice Playboy Formal, Rally Club Spring Formal, the lit societies’ dances, and the Army and Navy Balls.

THE COLLEGES, literary societies, and other organizations are also responsible for a variation of more informal gatherings ranging from Friday night mixers to songfests.

During football season there are pre-game suppers and after-game parties. With spring come beach parties and picnics.

Through the year Rice students manage to keep their sanity, and perhaps even a sense of humor, by the many extracurricular opportunities for amusement and relaxation.