Hanszen victor in Beer-Bike Race

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Will Rice College carried away its usual honors at the Rondelet Songfest by winning the chorus competition for the seventh year in a row.

Jones College took second place in chorus as it did in all of the Rondelet weekend competition, Hanszen was third, and Baker avoided a dead last position by not entering at all.

A heroic film featuring that intrepid World War I peril of the skies, Snoopy, won first place for Wiess College in the novelty act competition. A Jones slide show with music was awarded second place.

Carolyn Porter, Brown senior, was named Rondelet queen at the Pageant on Saturday night. The other two girls nominated for this honor were Cindy Bagby and Eileen Doyle, both of Jones College.

Bike Race

Hanszen College, leading from the first lap, won the 1967 competition in the traditional Rondelet Beer-Bike Race.

As the result of an accident on the first turn which involved the Will Rice and Wiess riders, Hanszen built up a lead by the second turn which was never seriously challenged.

Among the other three teams, there were several changes in position. Because Chris Curran successfully avoided the pile-up on the first turn, Baker rode safely in second for the first half of the race, with Wiess third and Will Rice last. By the end of the seventh lap, however, Will Rice had caught Wiess and moved into third.

The last change of position occurred when Baker's Gary Neptune fell while rounding the second Lovett Hall corner. He was going too fast for the turn, and his pedal struck the ground as he leaned into the turn.

The rear tire, one of the lace-up type which are glued to the rim, popped off as he fell. Using the quick hub-release mechanism on his bike, Neptune took off the rear wheel, threw away the tire, and replaced the wheel. He then completed the course, riding on the rear rim.

As the result of Neptune's slow time (3:07.0), Baker fell into last place, while Will Rice moved into second, pursued by Wiess in third. This was the final order at the finish. Hanszen built up such a lead that the other teams could only try to stay upright and wait for another accident.

Penalties, Fines

There were only two penalties during the race. Ten-second delays were assessed against Hanszen and Wiess in the first half of the race, when riders were launched from the pit before the drinker had finished.

Differences in beer times were significant. The fast Hanszen chugs, in conjunction with the long running start taken by the pit crew, helped increase the team's lead.

The Baker beer times, probably the slowest, did keep the team out of the first wreck, but were of little help otherwise.

Just before the start of the race, the threat of rain was so great that a conference of the bike team captains was called to decide what to do if rain started during the race. The captains decided to stop the race if the course became slick, but the few drops which fell during the second and third laps were never a menace.

Times were slow this year—the winning Hanszen average was 2:04.5, Will Rice had 2:14.6, and Baker 2:15.2. No average was available for Wiess because some of their watches proved unreliable.

The fastest time of the afternoon was turned in by Hanszen's Lance Wilson—a 1:59.8, which was also the only time under two minutes.

A survey of the other team bests (WRC, Dave Bryan, 2:01.2; Wiess, Mick Trichelle, 2:01.0; Baker, Bill Pickel, 2:02.1) reveals that the best talent is fairly evenly shared among the men's colleges. The crucial difference in this race was depth, which was revealed by the team average.