Beer-Bike Preparations Underway In Colleges

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The Beer-Bike race is scheduled for May 7, and preparations in all four men's colleges are well underway.

The Wiess bike team, which will occupy the outside lane this year, has been working out for three or four weeks already, according to captain Dave Bailey. An all-college callout was held just last Tuesday, and many riders, including Wiess President Chuck King, are expected to join a returning nucleus of about six. These include Mickey Trichel, a graduate student returning for his seventh race, Dick Wesley, Dave Linnick, and Bailey.

According to Bailey, Wiess will start time next week. “I look for a well-rounded team at first, with standouts not showing themselves until later,” he said.

Pro's Lead Hanszen

Hanszen is led by two riders who participate in bike races in the area throughout the year, Jim Scott and Roy Meals. Under their leadership, the Hanszen team has been working out on an individual check-out basis for several weeks. Other riders expected to play an important part in the team's success are Chuck Latourette, Pete Branson, and Randy Ridell.

Almost thirty riders have been working out for Will Rice. Captain Eddie Classen, Rick Herr, Chuck Younger, and several others are back from last year's team. In addition to the veterans is a group of freshmen whom Classen calls “more outstanding than the average group of freshmen.” The team has been working out individually, although time trials have been conducted twice already.

Inside Advantage

Baker, who holds the inside lane advantage on the .88 mile course this year, has been practicing in the evenings under the leadership of Warner Strang for about two weeks. Strang plans to gradually increase the number of Baker's 10 pm workouts as the weather gets better, and to have initial time trials in the next week or so.

To avoid reaching their peak too early, the beer teams have generously held their action down to one workout a week so far. Wiess, led by Brad Marrs, will work out once a week until race time. Of almost 24 aspirants to the team, Dick Ostman is currently fastest with several times close to 3 seconds.

Boone 21

Homer Walker has just been voted $25 by the Hanszen Cabinet to get Hanszen's team into action. Walker will lead the team this year, and Bill Boone returns, really 21 years old this time.

Ken Narahara and Russell Simpson once again will drink for Will Rice, which is captained by Terry Gaiser. Will Rice, which has 19 or 20 members out for the team, will use water for the next few workouts, not tackling beer for several more weeks.

Baker has had no formal practices to date, but plans to start workouts within the next week or so.