Slimes Strut At Dusk

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THE BATTERED and much-abused tradition of the Slime Parade will take a limping step forward in the history of the Rice Institute tonight as the freshman boys snake-dance their way to the Shamrock Institute.

Contrary to all expectations and apparently all official wishes, the freshman girls will also participate in the parade. While not attired in the glorious green dresses or conveyed in the glamorous convertibles of the past, the girls will be there to participate in the pep rally.

THE FRESHMAN boys will meet at 6:45 in their respective Colleges in the traditional garb of pajamas and nightshirts, to be decorated with lipstick by the sophomore girl section leaders, and the parade will start at 7:00. At the Shamrock, they will meet the freshman girls and have a pep rally.

AFTER THEY return to campus, the slimes will see the freshman skit, "The Idiot and the Oddity" at Hamman Hall at 8:30, to be followed by a dance for freshmen only in the Hansen College commons at 9:00.

THE ONCE-TERRIFYING Slime Parade has in the past included such delightful forms of exercise as romping through the downtown movie theaters after the pep rally, held in the past at the Rice Hotel, and having a grab session, made much more lovely by the smearing of much, much lipstick on the freshman girls by frustrated slimes who were taking full advantage of this rare contact with this creature (in the past carefully hidden from the freshman boys).

THE ORIGINAL plan was not to have a Slime Parade at all this year, but vigorous objection on the part of the freshmen persuaded the men's Colleges to sponsor the parade. Jones College, however, in view of bad feelings caused by former slime parades, decided not to sponsor the girls' participation; the girls are appearing in the parade this year and some willing sophomore girls, courtesy of Freshman Girls, Inc.

GUARDS ARE being stationed in front of all the businesses along the route of the parade to prevent any sort of vandalism which could completely cancel a Slime Parade next year.