MacLeish's 'J. B.'
Early Fall Outing
For Rice Players

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Summer was not completely lifeless on the Rice Campus. Research went on as normal, and the Rice Players prepared their production of Archibald MacLeish’s prize-winning drama, “J. B.” to be shown September 25, 26, and 27.

Brought in to direct for the Players was David Dannenbaum, graduate in drama from the University of Texas, veteran of many Alley Theater productions, and now Speech and Drama coach at St. John’s School.

JOSEPH K. RIDER, graduate of Rice, designed the set and lighting. Mr. Rider, who was a Players Co-ordinator while at Texas and who is now studying design and historical criticism at Texas, has executed an open-stage setting based on the concept of presentational theater instead of the more conventional representational theater.

In the latter, objects represent reality exactly, while in the former they are presented as generalizations.

Starring in the contemporary drama are Michael Holmes as J. B., Michael Cox as Nickles, John Katzis as Zuss, and Claudie Pettigrew as Sarah.

OTHERS IN the cast include David Walker and Mike Cooper

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as Roustabouts; Rhona Wilbur and Jane Wulfs as maids; Ann Crosby, Gordon Dees, Carol Crosby, Middy Randerson, and Ward Hillyard as J. B.'s children; Beverly Wehking and Beverly Babin as ladies; and David Dannenbaum, Bill Edwards, and Rodney J. Morgan as J. B.'s comforters.

MacLeish's play is a "modern play (built) inside the majesty of the Book of Job. His J. B. is a happily married American businessman plagued with the trials of modern life."

CURTAIN TIME for the Hamman Hall performances is 8:00 pm with the opening night time set at 7:30. This will allow a discussion about the play which will be held in Hamman immediately after the Wednesday night performance.

Tickets are $1.00 to Rice students and may be purchased in the Student Center or at the door. Season tickets for all Players productions this year are now available to Rice students for $2.00.