Colleges To Take Action On Slime Parade ‘Invasion’

By JIM DEEGAN
Thresher Staff

Disciplinary action concerning the five Rice freshmen who invaded the 4th floor of Jones College Friday, October 16 after the Slime Parade has been turned over to the College governments.

The punishment will be decided upon and administered by the legislatures of the various colleges involved, and such action is hoped to set a precedent for future disciplinary action.

In the words of Mike Lockerd, president of Will Rice College: “It is time for college governments to be governments in fact as well as name, capable of coping with the problems of intercollegiate discipline.”

The case in question concerns the actions of a group of five freshmen who invaded the fourth floor of Jones South up the elevator from the lobby and back down again. The boys then walked to the North Wing where they rode the elevator to the fourth floor, pilfered several articles of feminine underclothing, and returned to earth in the same elevator with the housemother, Mrs. Morrow, who was unable to restrain the rambunctious frosh. The intrepid adventurerers then vanished into the blackness of the night with their spoils.

The college masters met with Dean Sims at the urging of the college presidents. They stressed (Continued on Page 12)
the fact that the colleges were indeed partially responsible for the breach of discipline by their students and could possibly handle the process of punishment.

As a result, the exact nature of disciplinary action will be decided on by each college legislature and then the punishment will be standarized by a meeting of representatives from each college.

A combination of disciplinary probation, house arrest, and confinement to campus has been tentatively decided upon.

College officials feel that such action was relatively mild in view of the fact that the frosh's action was an expulsionary offense in the eyes of the Institute, but that the punishment was just since the impressionable freshmen's judgment after hearing the upperclassmen's legends of Guidance and of "Collegiate Life" was understandably unsound.