Ex-Presidents Visit Hanszen Anniversary  
Applaud Success, Remember Rally Club

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"The fifth anniversary celebration was an idea that the first Hanszen College officers and members were looking forward to as a development of the college system," stated Emil Tejml, the first Hanszen College President, last weekend.

Tejml was president in the spring semester of 1957, when the colleges were instituted. He is now employed by American Cyanimid in Beaumont as an engineer.

ALSO ATTENDING Hanszen's anniversary program was another past president, Earl Singleton, who is at present in Texas Medical School in Galveston.

Tejml had fond recollections of what he termed the "roll-throwing days" and said that he was tremendously impressed with the change. He said he was surprised that the college didn't have the "torn-up look," as he and his fellow college members had feared might happen.

TEJML OBSERVED that Hanszen College had started with a group that was really interested in making the college system work, but he ascribed the real success of the college to Dr. W. H. Masterson, Master of Hanszen.

"The blazer idea," said Tejml, "originated at Hanszen College, and everyone laughed at us. About six months later, all the other colleges followed us."

TEJML RECALLED the first open house that the College held and compared it to the fifth anniversary celebration. He said that parking was less of a problem than it is now. Most people parked their cars on the playing field area adjacent to the new part of Hanszen.

The only problem was that it rained. Boards were laid over the grass to let people walk from their cars to the college. Then it began to rain harder, and the boards floated away!

"Tejml, past leader of the Rally Club in his Rice days, was surprised to learn that the club had been put on probation.

HE REMEMBERED one outstanding incident in which parts of Anderson Hall had been almost destroyed. He said that it

used to be the custom to "divide the house," when any issue became close; this involved dragging people on one side of the room over to your side.

On one particular evening, the house was divided, and the riot ended only when Frank Ryan, of quarterback fame, went out of Anderson through a second story, window to land unharmed on the concrete below.

THERE WAS no probation, Tejml said, because "Dean McBride was afraid the organization would go underground!"

Tejml and Singleton expressed amazement at the intellectual atmosphere that had sprung up about Hanszen and the rest of the University.

Tejml said that he was surprised that so many would stay to hear a man like J. Frank Dobie, the principal speaker in the anniversary celebration, but that the original members had hoped such an atmosphere would become an essential feature of the colleges.