Chapel gives old shuttlecock-and-bull story....

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Dr. "Deals" Dielsons, Chairman of the Committee on Religious Activities, has announced that the Rice Chapel has been selected as the sight of the 59th International Badminton Tournament to be held April 31 through May 2 of this year.

The Tournament Selection Committee, Dr. Dielson noted, was overwhelmed by the great advantages of the Chapel. The very high ceiling and the hard marble floors were high on the list.

"They were glad to hear that no Rice students will interrupt the matches," said Dr. Dielson about Rice's selection by the Committee. "People avoid the Chapel like the plague," he added.

Carpet Removed

For the matches the orange carpet in the Chapel will be removed for a while, but the directors of the tournament have assured the Student Chapel Committee that the present color clashes of gold, pink and orange will be restored by the Thursday following the tournament.

As well, the Memorial Sacrificial Stone will be sculpted for a special ceremony to be held the last day of the Badminton Bout.

A hole and drain will be cut in the center of the Stone for a heart-rending sacrifice a la Aztec.

'Not For Losers'

One of the selection committee members said that "badminton is not a game for losers." The ceremony is designed to emphasize this fact.

Between the matches, Mr. Rotund Pomegranate, Chapel Organist and Carrillonier, will offer baroque music for the added amusement of the players and spectators. Mr. Pomegranate is composing a special piece for the closing ceremonies of the tournament.

Under Wraps

The composition itself is being kept under wraps, but Special Sources have leaked that it will be a funeral dirge with an Aztec background arranged in the style of George Philipp Telemann, the "In" composer.

In other religious news on campus, it was disclosed that noted atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair will speak in the Rice Chapel Series on Thursday, May 5.

Mrs. O'Hair's lecture will be entitled "A Rational Discourse against Billy Graham."

When asked to comment on her newly scheduled appearance on the Rice campus, Mrs. O'Hair began quoting figures on church wealth in the US. "I also have evidence that the Catholic Church owns the Rice Math Department," she added.

According to Johnny Come-