Dessler, Refugees Speak At Colleges

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Battered but still serviceable Rice students return to the academic world this week.

To lessen the shock of a sudden plunge into the icy waters of scholarly minutiae, Wiess and Hanszen colleges plan programs that, like the bear grease used by Channel swimmers, will stave off the chill for a time.

THURSDAY, Hanszen will sponsor a College Night with international political overtones.

Speakers for the occasion will be three Cuban refugees from the Castro regime. Two of the speakers took part in the abortive Bay of Pigs invasion attempt and were among those taken prisoner by the Castro forces. They were released and conveyed to this country over Christmas.

OF THE TWO, one had previously held a chair in political science at a Cuban university. The third refugee is the only one of the trio who speaks English. He will make a short opening statement after dinner and then, serving as interpreter, open the floor to queries from the audience concerning the Cuban question.

In recognition of the special significance of its guests, Hanszen will open its doors to the university at large and welcome all interested parties.

WIESS College's program will take place this Friday at 6:45 p.m. in the college commons. The guest speaker will be Dr. Alex Dessler, chairman of Rice’s new Department of Space Science.

Dr. Dessler, who graduated from California Institute of Technology and is presently connected with the Southwest Center for Advanced Studies in Dallas,