All Colleges Announce Completed Plans For Guidance, Organization

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Overall guidance seems to be running quite smoothly in all of the colleges according to college officers and guidance chairmen. Here are the plans, by college, for introducing the class of 1964 to the Rice system.

At Baker College, an orientation committee of upperclassmen determines guidance policies and evaluates results of inter-sectional competition. Twelve freshmen are in each of the sections which will compete in touch football, polar bear races and scholastic success. There will be other organized inter-college grabs to follow the September 16th victory over Will Rice College.

In addition to name tags and beanies, Baker frosh wear their red shirts on Friday and to all football games. Also, upperclassmen wear nametags at the evening meals to aid in introductions.

At Hanszen, guidance began on September 4th when the freshmen arrived and will end at Thanksgiving or before if a beanie is removed from a 'lightly' greased pole. Along with the traditional '64 beanies and nametags, new Hanszen men must wear the bright red suspenders on Fridays and before football games.

Rules for conduct and quiet during study hours are rigidly enforced, with violators providing the legwork for shack runs. A sophomore heads each of the five sections and a junior coordinator ties the program together.

At weekly section meetings, frosh are enlightened and entertained with broom races, polar bear runs and other inter-sectional competition for a yearly awarded prize. Academically, help is available to freshmen by section leaders, all upperclassmen and especially the Hanszen Fellows by means of tutorial sessions.

Hanszen is introducing a program to familiarize freshmen with social usage and etiquette to further increase the Hanszen prestige and prepare freshmen for other than a strictly academic life.

By dividing the girls into five sections and heading each section with three sophomore 'administrators' Jones college has produced an efficient, rapid means of informing freshmen of coming events. The girls are required to wear nametags and beanies and in addition, must have blue dresses at all football games, where they will sit in a single area.

To introduce them to the Rice boys, a plan of exchange dinners with the other colleges has been instituted. In October, the annual Powderpuff Bowl will feature the 'fighting' frosh against the upperclassmen in a match of feminine brawn and brains.

Plans for a freshman skit are still indefinite, but something will be arranged by October 15th. It is to be noted that each girl's attitude toward guidance is one item to be considered when the outstanding freshman award is presented next spring.

In Wiess college, weekly games combined with serious talks constitute a well-rounded and beneficial program. Inter-sectional teams vie for honors in polar bear slides, broom races and the like, and plans are being formulated for inter-college tugs-of-war, a Wiess specialty, and tire grabs.

In addition to a speech by Dr. Talmage on November 7th, Wiess frosh will be enlightened by talks on the college system and sportsmanship. Name tags and beanies are being worn as everywhere to aid in identification.

The purpose of the program at Will Rice college is threefold: to ease the transition from high school to college; to provide fun and entertainment; and to help the freshman become an active part of Will Rice.

Upperclassmen welcomed the freshmen on September 4th with signs aiding the newcomers to rooms, keys and food. During the reviews, tutorial sessions and the posting of old tests kept the frosh from falling behind.

A helpful aid was provided in a list of laundries, drug stores and a map of Houston. On September 14th, a polar bear race was held to beat the heat and on 9/17 a tire grab with Baker helped the unity of the new men.

As a result of careful planning, freshmen have been responding well, despite the non-compulsory policy toward the various activities. Pride in one's college is already appearing, and spirit is high at all times.