Slime Parade Commences Tonight; Kicks Off Weekend, Initiates Frosh

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Freshmen are indeed fortunate, for tonight, they will experience the "slime parade." The slime parade, Rice University's answer to Japan's student snake dances, serves a double purpose this year, one being to kick off the preparations for the walk over SMU, the other being to allow sophomores the pleasure of initiating frosh into the pleasures of the half-mile jog.

This evening's activities will kick off at 7:15 p.m., when Jones' girls will give an off-the-cuff skit to pajama and beanie-clad freshmen boys, in the Rice Memorial Center. Following this, the boys will proceed to the intersection of the Outer Belt and South Main to await the law.

THE INCOMPARABLE Rice Band will lead the parade on the way to the Shamrock Hilton Hotel, and the freshmen girls, ostensibly clad in something besides pajamas, will ride in cars. Girls will be allowed to take part in the slime parade for the first time in two years. Last year the girls were banned from participation because of resulting over-exuberance of some sort near Jones College the year before.

Actually, the old Rice tradition put the destination of the parade at the Loews State Theatre downtown. Before that, the destination was the old Rice Hotel. In the Loews Theatre days, (Continued on Page 7)
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(Continued from Page 1) the great herd of Rice students would invade the stage and hold a riot before horrified patrons. Such were the days.

AS THE FRESHMEN boys will find out, tradition also dictates that they be smeared with lipstick (and other goodies) by hardy sophomore girls.

Following the parade and the great rally, the boys will be transported back to respective colleges by bus, to complete the night with either water bombs or books.