College Speaker Programs Set; Goodman Scheduled At Hanszen

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A survey of the program chairman at each of the colleges has shown that Rice students can look forward to a great degree of diversity in college-sponsored speakers and special programs to be presented this spring.

Subjects range from politics to pornography and include automobile design, professional football, and social and literary criticism.

The principal speakers at Baker this semester will appear in the year-long "Aspects of Form" series and will include Mr. Damion Woods, interior stylist with Ford Motor Company, and Kenneth Burke, one of America's foremost literary critics.

In March and April, Form in Texas law, the freshman year, and the communications media will be discussed.

Baker Form Series

Lawson Taitte, chairman of Baker cultural activities, said the concept of a "form series" was "to show how the idea of form as abstraction or structure is important in any endeavor of the human mind." He pointed out also that Baker had activities outside the series.

In conjunction with the appearance on campus of Professor Allen Tate, American poet and author, in the President's Lecture Series, Baker will sponsor lectures on March 9, 11, and 17 about his work. Professor Tate will read some of his poetry in the Commons on March 21.

"Waiting for Godot" is also being produced at Baker for presentation late this month; the art of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Rose, Charles Schorr, and Ellynn Evans will be exhibited in April; and Professor Charles Thompson will deliver a lecture on Rice's role in the Chilean Low-Cost Housing Project.

Symposium Planned

Hanszen College will concentrate its efforts on a two-day Spring Symposium, according to Richard Best, chairman of the program committee.

Paul Goodman, author of "Growing Up Absurd" and "Compulsory Mis-Education," will be the guest of the College on March 18 and 19. He is expected to deliver a lecture and be available during the symposium for conferences and discussions with students.

"He was selected," said Best, "because he has written perceptively and intelligently on the crisis in American education today at every level. He's a novelist, a political commentator, literary critic, and one of the more prolific American intellectuals."

Mr. Goodman's latest writings have concerned the recent Berkeley riots. [See page three]

Sunday Musicals

Best listed several other programs at Hanszen. Sunday afternoon music programs will begin February 21; Dr. Pearce Williams from Cornell will speak at the College as part of a University "History of Science" series; and Dr. Phillip A. Wadsworth will discuss the "Jews of Humanities in American Education."

Hanszen also has a tentatively scheduled visit by John Graves, author of the recent Holiday article about Rice.

The Jones College speaker program is not as definitely structured as the program in the men's colleges, reported Cynthia Fraser, Jones social vice-president. "Ours are more informal."

She mentioned the Jones tradition of inviting distinguished guests to the college for tea. Jones also co-operated with Rice departments in bringing speakers on campus.

Science and Society

Presently plans are being made for a Panel on Science and Society to be held at the last of this month under the chairmanship of Dr. Clark Read of the Biology Department.

At Rice College a principal speaker program now is the College Majors Program designed to acquaint freshmen and sophomores with opportunities and requirements of various possible majors.

The program is produced annually by Wiese College fellows, said Charles Upton, vice-president of the college.

The regular speaker program at the college has not yet been planned for this semester, he said. Jack Beaird, in charge of the regular program, is presently in Washington contacting prospective guests for the semester, Upton reported.

Topical Discussion Series

Will Rice operates a "Topical Discussion Series" which attempts to provide two or three speakers each week on various subjects. For instance, a Marxist will speak this Sunday; a photographer appears Tuesday evening; the ninth; and Houston District Attorney, Frank Briscoe, and John Silver, a University of Texas Philosophy professor, will debate the issue of capital punishment on next Thursday evening.

"We try to cover subjects that will interest everybody," said Jim Edmundson, chairman of the program. Controversial speakers are included to stir up thought on campus.

Important programs for the near future include a study of pornography in literature with special emphasis on "Candy," "Invasion of Mississippi," a film produced by the Mississippi Sovereignty Commission; a discussion of "sexual democracy," by James L. McCary; the appearance of Henry Guerlac in conjunction with the "History of Science" lecture series; and a speech on professional football by Frank Ryan, Rice mathematics professor.