TRADITIONAL MERRIMENT

Frosh Cavort In Guidance Games

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Each week from the start of classes until the Texas game, the freshmen of Wiess, Hanszen, and Baker assemble in their respective colleges to participate in the traditional merriment known as "Freshman Fun and Games."

The freshmen are organized in sections of seven or eight with each section being presided over by a "Sophomore Section Leader." These sophomores are responsible for planning and executing the weekly extravaganzas.

The aspect of this segment of freshman orientation that most students in the university are familiar with is the homage paid to Sammy at the first few home football games.

Wiess and Hanszen freshmen are once again bowing to the Owl—the traditional act of honor and respect.

This year Baker gave its freshmen a choice between bowing to the owl or presenting a skit at the first few home games. The Baker freshmen chose to exhibit their theatrical talents... and it is hoped that the SMU performance will be as entertaining as was the Duke.

Remaining true to its own special tradition, Will Rice freshmen participate in no fun and games—nor do they bow to any owl. But at the Duke game last Saturday night two Will Rice freshmen left the stands and started bowing to Sammy. This began a chaotic episode of mass bowing to a calm pair of owls—not only by Will Rice freshmen, but by Will Rice upperclassmen as well.

Activities at an average session of fun and games range from sports as humiliating as pushing an ice cube with the nose, to deadly inter-college contests such as the Wiess-Hanszen Rope Pull, to that noble climax of Fun and Games—the Greased Pole Climb.

Greased Pole

The Greased Pole endeavor pits the freshmen of each college against the sophomores of their college. The freshmen assault the greased pole, atop which there is a college beanie. Traditionally, the freshmen erect a human pyramid to remove the beanie from its lofty perch: a pyramid that is constantly assaulted by sophomores as it is being constructed.

A few years ago the Hanszen freshmen, exhibiting exceptional ingenuity, rented a helicopter and retrieved the beanie from above instead of below. But informed sources say that it is unlikely that any other such unorthodox method will be devised. So the human pyramid appears to be in vogue this year.

Slime Parade Ended

In past years fun and games ended with a legendary spectacle known as the slime parade, a pageant that found hundreds of freshmen being herded down Main Street in pajamas.

But because of the extreme "slimyness" of last year's activities, the "parade" and the accompanying Jones skit have been eliminated from the planned activities of fun and games.

This year there will be no pageant of pajamas and freshmen fun will be brought to a close by the greased pole climb, after which the freshmen will put aside their beanies, name tags, and college uniforms to become students.