Bent Pole, Purple Ink
Worry Fresh Climbers

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Sunday afternoon at 2:30 the freshmen of Wiess tried in vain to erect a human pyramid to remove the '69 beanie from the top of the greased pole near the tennis courts.

The effort by Wiess to remove the beanie came after many assaults on the pole by unidentified persons. Thursday night the pole, which is a 20 foot tall vertical cylinder, was pulled over to about a 55 degree angle by a car or truck. A freshman in Hanszen has reportedly claimed credit, and some suspect Will Rice, but there is no conclusive evidence.

Friday afternoon, the sophomores of Baker, Hanszen, and Wiess dug the pit surrounding the pole to a depth of three feet and approximately a 17 foot diameter. The pit was then filled with 1500 pounds of drilling mud donated by the Baroid Drilling Co.

Mud Dyed Purple

Hanszen and Baker were to climb the pole Saturday afternoon, but these plans had to be changed. Late Friday night Will Rice freshmen came to the pole and stuffed all of the University hoses that had been used to fill the pit down the pole.

After this group of freshmen left, an unidentified group poured printer's ink into the pit surrounding the pole, making the pit unfit for use in the planned climb Saturday. Viewing the bent pole and dyed mud, Hanszen and Baker postponed their climbs for a couple of weeks.

Wiess sophomores, however, rented a pump and Sunday morning the pit was purged of the dye and was refilled with new water and mud. The pole was greased with chassis gun grease and at 2:30 the freshmen of Wiess assembled in the grodiest of clothes to climb the pole.

Shortly before, the sophomores of Wiess had assembled at the pole to fill their traditional role of preventing a successful pole climb. As the freshmen leaped into the pit before the cheering spectators, the sophomores charged the pit from 40 yards away to break up their human pyramid.

King Chucked

The chaos resulting in the pit ended any hopes that the freshmen had of climbing the pole. Eventually the sophomores left the pit to give the freshmen a chance to climb the pole without hindrance.

Pyramid after pyramid collapsed, and the sophomores, becoming bored with the inactivity, cornered the president of Wiess, Chuck King (garbed in traditional street clothes), and threw him in the muddy pit.

Capture Disqualified

King then proceeded to direct several futile attempts at getting the beanie down. Finally, as sophomores were drifting back to their rooms, the freshmen secured a long bamboo pole and forty-five minutes after the initial charge, the freshmen had the beanie off the pole.

The freshmen claim that they got the beanie—which they did—but the sophomores cite a rule barring the use of any mechanical device—so they really didn't.