

Class Of 1969 Faces \$1200 Tuition Charge

Following the favorable decision on the Trustees' charter suit last March, the Board of Governors has announced plans to charge a \$1200 tuition fee to students entering in September, 1965.

Simultaneously, however, the Board authorized over one million dollars in new scholarships for almost 60% of the entering freshman class.

The tuition charge will only partly cover per-student outlay which has increased by over \$2000 per student, or more than one thousand per cent since 1940. The tuition of \$1200 will cover 40% of the \$2950 the University now pays per student enrolled.

Rice currently awards approximately \$50,000 in scholarships each year, in addition to the athletic program. The million dollars of new scholarships will be in addition to the program already in existence.

Scholarships Available

New scholarships will be of three types. William Marsh Rice Scholarships (\$720,000) will be awarded to students from Houston and Texas showing financial need. University Scholarships (\$300,000) will be granted to students regardless of residence. Prize Scholarships (\$48,000) will be awarded without regard to residence and without regard to financial need to the most exceptional candidates.

The new program will provide 185 full-tuition four-year scholarships and 75 four-year partial-tuition scholarships.

A study of tuition charged at schools comparable to Rice in academic character reveals that in 1965 costs will range from \$1400 to \$1800 or more. In the South and Southeast the range will be \$1100 to \$1500.

Four-year scholarships will continue unless a student goes on academic probation for a second time. They will be extended to a fifth year for architects and engineers.

Undergraduate students currently enrolled at Rice will not be subject to tuition unless they leave the school and return. Graduate students will be charged a tuition of \$1500 effective September, 1965.

Financial Aid

Students will be admitted solely on an academic basis as in the past. President Pitzer stated: "No qualified student will be denied admission because of inability to pay tuition. . . the student will be admitted first and the financial need will be determined second."

The Committee on Scholarships and Awards will determine a candidate's need and award scholarships using the College Scholarship Service's Parents' Confidential Statement.

Policy concerning tuition and scholarships is still in the planning stages, and some questions remain unsettled. M. L. Wilkens has been appointed Financial Aid Officer. A publication explaining procedure for scholarship application is being printed for prospective candidates.

The University has also recently announced an Early Decision Plan similar to that employed by many schools. A high school student whose first choice is Rice may apply in October of his senior year and receive early notification of acceptance. If not accepted, students may still apply under the regular procedure.