

NMSC List Ranks Rice Eleventh Among US College-Bound Students

"Rice University is among 25 institutions of higher learning preferred by the nation's bright kids," one of Houston's downtown papers reported last week.

According to figures released by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation and Rice's Office of Development, Rice ranks eleventh as a preference among the boys and twentieth among the girls. It is the only Texas school appearing on the list. The figures are the result of a 1961-'63 study among the colleges preferred by the 120,000 students tested by the NMSC.

Currently there are 147 Merit Scholars among the 1650 undergraduates enrolled at Rice, a percentage of nine percent. This includes 120 boys and 27 girls. Rice's freshman class includes 35 boys and 6 girls who are Merit Scholars while the sophomore class boasts 44 boys and nine girls.

The Houston Chronicle derived its article from information appearing in the Chicago Daily News, Jan. 28, 1965, which listed the 20 top preferences as

follows:

Among the boys: Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard, Stanford, California Institute of Technology, University of California at Berkeley, Yale, Princeton, Cornell, Columbia, Michigan, Rice, Notre Dame, Dartmouth, UCLA, Illinois, Northwestern, Duke, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Rensselaer.