High Enrollment Strains Facilities

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480 out of over 3000 people who applied for admission to Rice University this year were accepted, nearly 10 per cent more than last year. This extremely large number (the usual quota is 425) was due, in the words of Dr. James B. Giles, Director of Admissions “to a considerable upsurge in the number of extremely able applicants.” Dormitory space is strained, and there is probably more pressure on living quarters than on the crowded classrooms.

THE CLASS average over five College Board tests was 677, the highest yet in the history of the University. Both the mathematics aptitude and advanced mathematics tests averaged at 701.

Sixty-four percent of the Freshman class graduated in the upper 5 per cent of their high schools. The incoming students brought with them 40 National Merit scholarships. There are also 4 G.M. scholarships, 5 Teagle

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(Continued from Page 1) Scholarships, and a large number of other minor competitive scholarships. As a matter of interest, Rice tied Yale for third place in the largest number of National Merit scholarships in the nation. Harvard received 87 and M.I.T. 58.

IN THE class of 1966 there are 97 valedictorians and 21 salutatorians. Only half the valedictorians that applied were admitted to the University.

Of the students not accepted, 9.1 per cent scored between 750 and 800 on their College Board averages; 27.6 per cent of those turned down made between 700 and 749, 61.4 per cent made between 650 and 699, 84.7 per cent made between 600 and 649, and 94.4 per cent between 550 and 559. The athletes are not generally included in this evaluation, since their entrance requirements are less strict.

Thirty-nine per cent of the new Freshman class are enrolled in the academic school, 56 per cent in the science-engineering school, and 5 per cent in architecture.

EIGHTY-SEVEN per cent scored above 130 on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, 55 per cent above 140, and 14 per cent above 150.

The girls are said to be the prettiest since 1923. Empirical investigations does not reveal too much about this rumor. Dr. Giles refused to comment when asked if this were true.