PBK Chooses Ten Seniors

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In bestowing the highest honor for the highest academic distinction, the Rice University Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa elected ten members - in - course from the Class of 1963.

MRS. KATHERINE F. Drew, current secretary of the Rice Chapter, approved the designees (all Texans):

Myra Shultz Bahme, a history major from Houston; Mary Fae Coulter, an English major from San Antonio; Dillard Wayne Farries, a Kerrville physics major; Diana Joan Frosch, a French major, Houston; James Edwin Jones, a Wichita Falls physics major;

Robert Roy Maxfield, also of Wichita Falls, electrical engineering; Kathleen Much, Houston, French major; Paul Bruce Pipes, Jr., physics, Fort Worth; Martin David Tilson, III, a philosophy major from Texarkana; Mark Howard Vaughn of San Benito, a physics major.

HOWEVER, THIS is but the first contingent of this class's total possible membership, explained Mrs. Drew. It is the custom of the University's chapter, though, to hold a first election in the fall and a second in the spring.

The Rice Chapter, which was formally installed as a member of this famous national honor society on March 1, 1929, is bound by its constitution to limit these selections to 10% of the students receiving the B.A. degree in any one year.

THE THRESHER contacted at random a few of these honored electees to obtain a representative, initial reaction to the announcement.

"It's kind of hard to say what I feel," Myra Bahme replied. "I'm still deliriously happy. The reality of it - something you work toward for four years, hoping, but never sure that you will get it - suddenly, there it is!"

"This is the one thing in the way of goals in school that I would have liked to attain," added Bob Maxfield. "For that reason, it is the greatest experience of my college life."

FOR KATHLEEN MUCH the news had a special significance. "It's nice to keep it in the family!" she said. Her mother was elected to Phi Beta Kappa on April 1, 1938.

"We always tell her that it was an April fool joke. Of course, I am very happy at my own election."

Initiation of this first group of electees will take place at 5:00 p.m. December 14, in the Lecture Lounge of Fondren Library. The second group will be initiated at the society's annual banquet in April.