Committees Study Tuition Policy; Seek Effects On freshman Class

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Two committees of the students are conducting a joint survey of Rice undergraduates to compare the three upper classes with the freshman class.

The Scholarship and Tuition Committee and the Admissions Committee are attempting to determine exactly what influence the newly initiated tuition policy has had on the quality and composition of the freshman class.

The survey attempts to investigate elements of the pre-Rice background and to isolate changes that may have occurred since admission. A questionnaire is being administered to a random sampling of 45 students in each of the four undergraduate classes.

Charles Shanor of the Admissions Committee and Allen Blackburn of the Scholarship and Tuition Committee are in charge of the project.

Concerning the purpose of the survey, Blackburn said, "One of the main purposes of the survey is to obtain a sampling of the various classes in order to compare and contrast the pre-Rice background of those who entered Rice on a non-tuition basis with those who entered on a tuition basis."

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Scholarship athletes are included in the random sampling to insure its comprehensiveness, even though tuition is not and never has been a consideration in their decision to attend Rice.

It is hoped that the survey will indicate the effects of tuition on the quality and composition of this year's freshman class as well as the evolution of attitudes and interests in post-admission Rice students.