WOMEN IN SCIENCE

Molecules Show No Preference

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Rice University had two delegates at the Symposium on American Women in Science and Engineering held at M.I.T. October 23-24. Jones College, the Biology Department, and the Student Association paid the way for Jean Rawlings, a senior chemistry major, and Olive Ellis, a senior biology major.

Dr. Bruno Bettelheim, a specialist in psychoanalysis, gave the keynote address on "The Commitment Required of a Woman Entering a Scientific Profession." Dr. Bettelheim asserted that a woman scientist has obligations to her laboratory work and to her home; however, child care and a professional career can be made compatible if there is some change in attitudes.

Efficiency Fetish

First of all, Americans have a fetish for efficiency which is unreasonable today. One need not be driven to exhaustion in single-minded pursuit of a goal in order to be commendably productive. Furthermore, "work needs to be humanized — and that is the special genius of women."

Dr. Bettelheim facetiously added a third point: "Opening up career opportunities will go a long way toward controlling the population explosion because it will enable women to find