Admissions Policies For Athletes

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The planned tuition charge will place a strain on this budget, but a readjustment of the budget has not yet been settled. Funds for athletic scholarships will not be taken from the endowment for general scholarships.

Despite persistent mention and use of the name on tickets, there is no Rice Athletic Association which provides financial support or scouts players. Athletic prospects are located by the coaching staff.

Follow The Rules

The coaches start in the fall identifying good prospects. They make contact after the close of the season in the high schools, following SWC regulations. First they talk to school officials and get the student’s high school record.

According to Giles, a student will not be considered unless half of his grades are A’s and B’s. If his record is satisfactory, the coaches will contact the student and give a sales pitch for Rice. His transcript is sent to the Outdoor Sports Committee, the Admissions Office and the Dean of Undergraduate Affairs.

At this time the coaches must reconcile the financial needs of their applicants with their budget. Any agreements between the student and the Athletic Department are dependent upon his final acceptance by the school.

College Boards

As part of the application procedure the students take the College Entrance Examination Board tests.

Both Chapman and Giles commented on the care taken by the coaching staff to find students who will be successful in more than athletics at Rice. This imposes a limitation on the Athletic Department perhaps not found at other schools.

Of the students entering this year under the athletic quota 25% were in the top 5% of their high school class; with 41% in the top 20%. Among them were five valedictorians and one salutatorian.

The diversity of the student-athletes can be seen in the fact that eight applied as Commerce or Physical Education majors, while 41 entered as majors in other fields.