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The Rice Admissions Office, that oft-forgotten and little-visited corner of Lovett Hall which sifts and sorts the thousands of applications for admission and recommends the “fortunate 425” each year, is entering the busy stage of its work. Director James B. Giles has “those problems” again.

Fall is here, and so are hundreds of applications—with thousands more to come.

Although Rice students are generally too busy to give much thought to the Admissions Office after entering, the staff in Lovett Hall is busy year round.

WITH THE excellence of each entering class exceeding that of its predecessors, an interesting fact apparently has been overlooked by everyone—except the Admissions Office. Of the top 425 freshmen admitted to the Class of 1966, 176 turned Rice down to go to another school—that is, a surprising 41% of Rice’s first choices that failed to choose Rice first.

Many of the larger Eastern universities have guided campus tours by staff members to acquaint prospective freshmen with the university, its curriculum, and its student life. Some universities encourage outstanding applicants to live on campus for a day in their effort to snare the best students.

IN ORDER TO lessen the high “turn-down” percentage and keep the best applicants at Rice, last year the Admissions Office established “Project Hospitality.”

Project Hospitality at Rice is similar to the program at Eastern universities. Members of the student body serve as hosts to outstanding applicants when they visit the campus for interviews—guided tours, discussion of Rice student life, and occasionally, providing a night in the colleges are all part of Project Hospitality.

The Admissions Office hopes that the project will show more of an interest on Rice’s part and will help interest the applicant in Rice; they hope that it will help dispel Rice’s reputation for being “cold,” as well as reduce the “pre-entrance drop-out rate.”

Members of the Class of 1965

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are supplying manpower for Project Hospitality. Class officers urged anyone interested in helping with the project to contact Miss Anna Byrne or Miss Wendy Stern.