

Insurance Plan Offers Riceites SWC 'New Deal'

Rice students are being offered the opportunity to participate in a new all-school group medical insurance program.

This plan was initiated through the efforts of Dr. Ray H. Skaggs, a faculty committee, and the administration after an attempt was made to double the rates on the old policy.

CIRCULARS MAILED to the students and made available at the Student Health Service describe in detail the provisions of the new policy, which offers comprehensive coverage to subscribers for medical expenses which students are likely to incur. Both Dr. Skaggs and Dr. Ossenfort have urged students to participate in the program for their own sake.

The purpose of the policy is to insure that a student who has an illness or accident of a limited degree shouldn't have to reach into his own pocket to cover medical expenses, according to Dr. Skaggs.

THE NEW POLICY with Standard Life and Accident was selected by competitive bid to replace the old policy with American General and includes some increased benefits at a moderate boost in cost.

Those higher rates are based on American General's current experience data. If the experience data for this year is more favorable, there is a very real possibility that Rice will enjoy the substantially lower rates which the new company offers all of the other Southwest Conference schools.