'65 Credentials: More Scholarships, Top Scores

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Enrollment came up, applications went down, and the College Board averages continued to climb. Thus say the statistics on the University's Class of 1965.

The Freshman Class of 358 men and 95 women, an increase of 25 over last year, contains recipients of 35 scholarships from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, two from General Motors Corporation, and 23 from the Rice University itself. The total College Board average of 662 is up from last year's 657 with the highest being the female science-engineers' composite score of 695.

FIFTY-EIGHT FRESHMEN graduated as Valedictorian and 33 as Salutatorian, while more than 64 per cent finished their high school careers in the upper five per cent of their graduating classes.

The science-engineering majors comprise the biggest part of the class with 222, or 49 per cent. The humanities boast 173 majors (38 per cent). The School of Architecture contains 23 freshmen; the Commerce Department, twenty. Also included in the class are fifteen physical education students.

THE NUMBER OF applications for admission to the Class of 65 was lower than last year: 2291 students filed applications and, of these, only 1795 were completed. In the opinion of Mr.
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for admittance to the better schools. According to Mr. Giles, a secondary reason was the decline in the number of multiple applications because of adverse pressure from high school and prep school administrators.

On the local scene, Lamar led Bellaire High in the number of graduates attending Rice University. Lamar sent 31 students to the class of '65, while Bellaire sent 28.