

## **Rising College Profile & Institutional Priorities**

Rising College is a traditional residential liberal arts college located in eastern Ohio. It has an enrollment of 2,300, a 42-58% male/female ratio and a sound and growing national reputation. Last year, 2,600 students applied for admission to the freshman class, 1,560 (60% applicants) were admitted, and 540 of those admitted enrolled (35% yield). The SAT-I middle 50% was 1080 to 1240. Of last year's entering class, 68% came from public schools, and 32% from private schools. In the same entering freshman class, 60% ranked in the top quarter of their high school classes.

### **CHARGE TO THE RISING COLLEGE ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE BY THE PROVOST AND TRUSTEES**

The Committee on Admission is charged with enrolling students of the highest possible quality, both in terms of their attitude and commitment to learning. Classes are small at Rising, and the faculty expects to see students who are motivated and able enough to participate in discussion, collaborative research, internships, and independent study projects.

Given Rising's commitment to diversity, the committee is charged in particular with increasing its enrollment of students with a variety of life experiences, talents, and backgrounds. The Committee on Admission also looks for students who will participate and contribute to the life of the College. Additionally, the committee continues to be mindful of gender balance within the class.

Rising is unusual among liberal arts colleges in that it has a wide range of offerings in the fine arts disciplines, and a small conservatory of music. The Committee on Admission is also charged with keeping these fine arts and music programs vital.

Rising is a founding member of the Northeast Ohio Athletic Conference, an NCAA Division III athletic association that has produced a number of national championship teams, notably in soccer and field hockey.

The Trustees and Provost have noted with satisfaction that Rising has been included among the "top fifty regional liberal arts colleges" in surveys conducted by several national magazines in three of the last five years. Enrollment, yield, and test scores data are important considerations in such rankings.

In an effort to contain "runaway" financial aid costs, a committee of the Board of Trustees is considering ending Rising's commitment to a "need-blind" admission policy. In the interim, the Dean of Admission and Financial Aid has been charged with maintaining the old policy, while endeavoring to contain the spiraling financial aid budget.

### **THE CASE STUDIES**

Congratulations! You are now a full voting member of the Rising College Admission Committee. Your committee is charged with reading the three attached cases. Of the three, due to enrollment planning requirements, you must admit one, deny one, and wait list one.