COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Senate Establishes Service Group

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In a move designed to gain increasing Rice participation in a wider program of campus-community involvement, the Student Senate last week created a new committee.

Primarily a co-ordinating organization for all existing and future social service projects, the committee calls itself the Rice Community Service Council. It is co-chaired by Seniors Emilie McGrath and David Pace.

Representatives from each college and others drawn from the university at large will fill out the rest of the committee.

Won’t Replace Others

According to a report detailing its proposed functions presented to the Senate by the two chairmen, the Council will not supersede existing campus organizations.

In the words of this interpretative policy statement, “the Rice Community Service Council is an organization designed to co-ordinate the service and charitable activities of the Rice Community, to find new opportunities for Rice participation in service projects, and to publicize these activities.”

Start Tutoring Project

The principal University projects already in existence are the Allen Parkway Tutoring Project sponsored by the Interfaith Council and the Blue Triangle Project sponsored by the Brown-Jones Service Club. Both deal with helping underprivileged children.

The Student Education Association will soon begin another tutoring program.

Athletic Programs

Next week, the Council will endeavor to set up a definite project for work in the nearby hospitals, preferably including Ben Taub, of both the orderly and clerical varieties.

Before the end of the month, it hopes to have students supervising athletic activities in Houston’s Northside youth projects. In these and other tutoring programs, recreational activities, or musical programs, the Council intends to procure musical instruments, athletic equipment, books and articles of food and clothing.

Seek Greater Commitment

“The Council has a dual purpose,” said Co-Chairman Pace. “On the one hand, it will help to perform a much needed service to the community. This is its main aim.

“On the other hand, through the council we hope to encourage a greater group commitment of Rice students to an active role in the community beyond the campus.”

Includes All Rice Groups

“Never before,” Pace concluded, “have the efforts of all elements of the Rice Community been brought to bear on one project. All departments, all organizations, everybody, faculty, faculty wives, graduate students and their wives—everybody—will be urged to participate with the Council in its work.”

College representatives so far enlisted for the committee include Diane Dodson, Brown; Marian Ruhlen, Jones; Dale Dierberg, Baker; Jim Martin, Hanszen; John Early, Wiess.

Projects Beginning

The Allen Parkway Tutoring project, under George Delevan, the Chairman of the Interfaith Council, will begin work Monday through Thursday of next week. Those interested are to meet at the Sallyport at 6:55 pm on those nights.

Children from the Blue Triangle Center YWCA will be brought to the campus, in the Brown-Jones tutoring program, Saturday, October 23.