Rice Peace Prof Is A Possibility, Pitzer Confirms

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Full-page advertisements in both Houston newspapers New Year's Day stated that Rice will soon appoint a visiting "peace professor."

The ads, sponsored by the World Institute for World Peace, said that students will be able to "study the problems of world tensions, and of ways and means for preventing a nuclear war."

Mr. Joe Weingarten, Rice Associate and president of the Institute, in a Thresher interview Tuesday said that he was hopeful that Rice could find "a highly qualified man who is deeply concerned with world peace" to fill the position.

President Pitzer indicated Wednesday, however, that the project was not yet well-developed. No professor has been selected. He added that a great amount of groundwork is still necessary before the completion of the proposed project.

The Institute describes itself in the advertisement as an organization working for world peace by "reaching the minds and emotions of the youth now in our universities." It functions by establishing centers for study of prevention of nuclear war and the attainment of peace.

Negotiations between Rice and Mr. Weingarten were first reported during the fall of 1963. At the time a student committee was involved, and a "school for World Peace and International Understanding" was being considered.