Standards 'Narrow-Minded' Claims Archaeologist Hole

By PETER GUY

"Rice is not the Harvard of the South" was the conclusion reached by Dr. Frank Hole in the Wiess commons Monday night. He added that Harvard is undoubtedly great, but that he didn't know why; it might be a result of good public relations, a self-perpetuating reputation, or simply larger contributions from alumni.

SAYING THAT a university needs many standards of excellence if it is to be great, he declared "Rice has a somewhat narrow-minded standard of excellence; for instance, what does a football player do—he may be just as talented as someone else, but is it recognized here? A community looks to a great university for cultural contributions, what does Rice offer? The Rice Players.

"ALSO, A GREAT university needs some hard courses; and good professors; here, some professors pride themselves on how many students they fail. It takes a writer to teach a writer—is this attitude followed at Rice?

"If a university is to be great," he continued, "there should be a way for anyone to take additional courses; just because the registrar disagrees is no reason not to take a course.

"OF COURSE, there are obvious ways to excel; for instance, copy Harvard, educate as many as possible, be the cheapest, or have as many good departments as possible. Does not the football player contribute just as much as the physicist? Therefore, why not have a good football team?"

Hole said that in a great university, a person should have time to exploit his potentials, but charged that at Rice this is notably lacking unless a student's potentials are purely academic.

In concluding, he stated that what a university is depends on a large extent on the attitude of the community; if Harvard were brought here, its greatness would not be as great, since "it would probably have its reputation interpreted in a typically Houston way."

AUTRY HOUSE SPEAKER

Dr. S. W. Higginbotham, Dean of Students, will deliver the seventh lecture in the Autry House series on "The University and its Work" tonight at 8 p.m. The talk is open to all members of the Rice community and will be held at Autry House, 6265 South Main.