Student Tutors Meet To Organize Project

By LYN MARTIN

San Felipe Tutoring Project, sponsored by the Interfaith Council, begins this year with its organizational meeting Wednesday, September 25, at 7:15 in Anderson Hall.

Through the project, Rice students have the opportunity to work with children living in a low-cost government housing project, San Felipe Courts. The work may involve supervising a study hall, teaching children who are having special problems, or calling on parents to convince them of the importance of the tutoring program and regular school attendance.

IN WORKING at the course a student meets some of our most pressing economic and social problems in a very personal way. The children he works with are those who often become “dropout” statistics, whose families are found on welfare rolls, whose fathers (if indeed, they have any father at all) make up the “hard-core” employment figures.

About 960 families live in the Courts, an average of six children to a family. Forty percent of the children are Latin American, many of them starting school with little or no ability to speak English.

BUT IN SPITE of the less than perfect home situations which some of the children have, many parents do show interest in the program and many children have been helped by it in the last two years. “Children and parents are already asking me when the tutoring will start,” reports Jimmy Reese, Minister to Houston Public Housing Parish.

The program, however, is not only important for what the Rice student gives,” continues Mr. Reese. “It is important for what he learns. It helps him to evaluate his own feelings about ‘poor’ people.”

Any one who is unable to attend the meeting, but who would like to participate is asked to call Chuck Redmon, MA 3-6679, Judy Gathers, JA 2-1472, or Lyn Martin, JA 3-4557.