Tutorial Program Now Under Way
For Children At San Felipe Courts

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A program was inaugurated last week whereby Rice students can give a couple of hours each week to help an underprivileged child with his schoolwork.

Underwritten by the Methodist Student Movement on campus, but certainly welcoming anyone who wants to participate, the program is designed to help the children of San Felipe Courts, a low-rent housing development on Buffalo Drive, with such basic problems as the multiplication tables, sentence diagramming, and reading.

THE NEED FOR a program of this sort was seen by Larry Landes, recreation supervisor at San Felipe Courts, and his wife Merle, who have been giving the youngsters a blanched fare of play, help, and understanding for the short time the couple has been there.

They saw that because so many of the children are Latin-Americans, they have difficulty in keeping up with the all-English instruction in school. Yet they are willing and eager to learn—they simply need a little extra instruction outside the classroom.

The first few students who went out last week were impressed by the children's receptiveness to someone's actually caring whether or not they passed their school subjects. "They're the most tremendous group of kids I've ever seen," was one student's enthusiastic comment.

THUS FAR, arrangements have been made for Rice students to go over in groups to San Felipe Monday through Thursday, from about 2:30 to 5:30.

At San Felipe, the children are divided according to grades and the subjects in which they need help so that the Rice student will be tutoring a small group of usually three or four children having more or less the same general needs.

If interested in being a part of this rewarding project, call Bob Leffingwell, coordinator, at JA 3-7262.