Roxbury Tutoring "successful"

By Jim Smith

The Social Service Committee's newest project, the Roxbury Tutoring Program, is definitely a success, according to project chairman Michael Schaeffer, an MIT graduate student. The project, which was a joint effort with the Tech Catholic Club and St. Joseph's parish in Roxbury, has attracted many clubs and volunteers from other colleges and promises to be as successful as Tutoring Plus, a similar but older project of the SSC in Cambridge. The only major problems facing the project, according to its chairman, are overcrowding and transportation. It is hoped that other school facilities will be made available soon in answer to the former problem, and Fin.

For the present, the program is also being limited by the age of the tutors. With only a few exceptions, the tutors are junior high school children drawn from Trinity school, Levis school, and the 7th and 8th grades of St. Joseph's parish school.

The tutoring sessions are presently 1.5 hours long, and are held Wednesday evenings in the parish classrooms. The sessions are followed by a recreational and dancing period, intended to bring the tutors and tutees closer together as a group, but according to MiVke Schaeffer this has been of only moderate success so far.

Other attempts at establishing good tutor-tutee relations include possible field trips in the near future and a tutoring session tonight to which the parents have been invited.

Finances remain a problem, but not a serious one. The Lewis school has pledged materials to the program, and last Wednesday night in Ashdown House the Project held a fund-raising party which netted $40, chiefly to help pay for a bus to transport the tutors.

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