

entitled "A Study in Nationalist Politics in West Africa" and an undergraduate lecture course on the history of West Africa.

Theodore Hershberg, who taught the University's first black history course last year. History 473, said he has made "complete, total, and radical changes" in his class. The course, which was beset by internal and external problems last year, will feature this year a series of seven visiting speakers who will share the lecturing load with Hershberg. Among the guest lecturers, whose talks will be open to the public, are renowned Marxist and black historian Herbert Aptheker, recently appointed to the Bryn Mawr College Faculty, and Playthell Benjamin, a militant black teaching this year at Amherst College.

The American civilization department will feature Dr. Harry Jones, professor of English at Morgan State University, teaching American Civilization 585, "The Negro and American Culture." Jones, who will teach at the University one day a week while also teaching at Morgan State, lectured here last spring on "The Language of the Blues."

Morgan State, a predominantly black state college in Baltimore, Md., has a federally financed cooperative exchange program with the University, Dr. Robert Zernsky, associate professor of American civilization, said the department has been working for some time to have a professor from Morgan State teach the black culture course, adding that the department hopes to make the Morgan State affiliation an integral part of its program.

The English department is offering for the first time a 200-level reading course on "Readings in 20th Century Fiction: Black Literature/* The course is taught by John Wideman, a black former Rhodes Scholar and a published novelist.

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"500 assemble in Fine Arts for a College Hall protesters' reunion

By DON HOROWITZ

About 500 former demonstrators from last year's February sit-in protest in College Hall reconvened Monday to hear community leaders discuss plans for low-rent housing in University City.

Lorenzo Graham, the president of Renewal Housing Inc. (RHI), a West Philadelphia non-profit redevelopment organization, told the assembled students that his group has scheduled a planning seminar on low-rent housing for Sept. 20. The seminar, to which University and University City Science Center officials have been invited, will formulate housing plans for University City, Graham said.

The meeting in the Fine Arts Building auditorium was called as a "plenary session" of the University of Pennsylvania Community of Demonstrators, a group formed at the College Hall sit-in in February. That peaceful protest focused on University and science center expansion into West Philadelphia among other issues.

In a question and answer period Graham said that the science center agreed to send a representative to the conference, but would not give blanket approval to any plans before they were formulated.

Graham predicted that because of the science center's refusal to accept beforehand the results of the conference, there may be extensive "arguments" and "fights" during the conference.

Jules Benjamin, a graduate student, said that if no plans result from the seminar, the Community of Demonstrators will consider the housing demand formulated in the College Hall sit-in, "unfulfilled." In an impassioned appeal to the audience he said, "We will not rest until justice has been done."

Benjamin is a member of the Quadripartite Commission, which was set up as a result of the sit-in. The commission is supposed to foster low-rent housing in University City and review plans for institutional expansion in West Philadelphia. At its initial meeting, the commission turned over its complete allocation of \$75,000 which it received from the University to RHI.

In addition to Graham, two other black community representatives, Ed Sims and **Walter Palmer**, addressed the standing-room-only crowd.

Both Sims and Palmer talked about the "struggle" of the residents of Renewal Area 111, a section bounded roughly by 34th, 40th, and Chestnut Streets and Powelton Avenue, into which the science center is expanding.

Sims charged that many residents of the area have died as a result of "pressures from the University's institutional expansion in Area 111."

He reminded the students in the audience that, "The struggle for the human liberation of people does not begin in September and end in May or June. . .it goes on for years and years."

Palmer called attention to what he said was the ability of the black community to mobilize and to accomplish their goals. He cited the three day "blockade" of a four block area near 38th and Market Streets which emphasized the community's demand for three traffic lights in that area. The blockade ended last night as the city completed the installation of the three traffic signals.

The two black leaders were both interrupted several times by outbursts of applause from the audience. Palmer concluded his speech saying, "The minute one person begins re-examining himself, then the war against racism is on."