

The success also occurred because of the "way in which we were able to forge an alliance with the community groups," he added.

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"Courses added dealing with black themes"

By BOB HOFFMAN

The University, currently in a state of official limbo over proposals for a black studies program, is meanwhile adding new courses and bolstering existing ones centering on the black experience.

The departments of English and American civilization are offering new courses in black literature and black culture respectively, while the history department has made numerous innovations in History 473, the "History of the Negro in America," a course initiated last year, and added two additional courses.

The University has hired several blacks, including a local community leader and a native Nigerian, to teach the courses.

A full program in black studies either in the form of a school of black studies, a department, or as an interdisciplinary major is still in the research and committee stage.

After the (Dr. Alfred) Richer Committee report calling for a school of black studies was submitted to the University Council in May, that body set up its own review committee to further investigate black studies.

The Council committee, headed by economics department chairman Dr. Almarin Phillips, dissolved in early July after encountering political, more than substantive, problems caused by what some call the University's doubledealing with regard to black studies.

Currently, three individuals and a group called the Black Studies Research Commission are working on research relating to the establishment of a black studies program at the University. **Walter Palmer**, a member of the Citywide Black Coalition, is teaching a 200 level history seminar entitled "Black History: A Catalyst for Human Development." Palmer, one of the community leaders involved in last winter's College Hall sit-in, is teaching at the invitation of history chairman Dr. Alfred Reiber. Palmer, who does not have a doctorate, declined to discuss any specifics pertaining to his course.

The history department also plans to institute a course in African history beginning in the spring semester. It has already hired Patrick D. Cole, a native of Nigeria who will arrive in January. He received his doctorate from Kings College, Cambridge. Cole will teach a 200-level seminar

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.