

Three New Courses in Spring Semester

The Spring semester is slated to show the same course relevance and expansion of the student body as the Fall semester. Three new courses are being presented, and two are being extended to a second semester because of student interest.

One of the new courses is Leonard Rubin's "The Environment: Problems and Solutions." Mr. Rubin is an instructor at Baruch College and has taught courses in *Progress and Poverty* at the School. His new course begins with the land policies of the Egyptians, Greeks, Romans and early Europeans. Subsequent sessions deal with the population problem and pollution; Mr. Rubin leads the students through a sequence he titles "what pollutes, who pollutes, what can and should be done about it," for air, water, and land. He then turns to environmental problems such as slums, crowding, education, and transportation; garbage and waste, and chemical destruction of the balance of nature. Finally, Mr. Rubin brings these together with a discussion of citizen action and individual contributions toward the solution of environmental problems. Citizen action entails defining the public's rights in land and asserting them through land value taxation, among other ecology-saving measures.

The second new course is "Critique of Political Economy," presented by Janusz

Wisniowski, an instructor at Lehman College. "Critique of Political Economy" is a radical reassessment of the reigning schools of economic thought. Mr. Wisniowski looks critically at the way economics has developed into logical systems that fail to explain social and economic reality. Part of the course is examination of Samuleson's famous text and discussion of problems that academic economics does not or cannot elucidate.

The third new course is called "Individualism," taught by Henry Epstein, the Hunter College instructor who last semester presented "Reform, Revolution, Utopia." His new syllabus charts the course of individualism from John Stuart Mill and Jeremy Bentham to de Tocqueville and George, from economic individualism to political and social individualism. The question asked is whether in today's technological world, with today's mass society, the concept of the individual is meaningful, and if so, in what way. Mr. Epstein draws upon the recent work of the psychiatric establishment and the anti-psychiatric establishment, too.

The two courses to be expanded into a second semester are "Economic Policies for America's Cities" and "Man vs Society." "Economic Policies for America's Cities" will probe further into poverty and poverty programs, slums and urban renewal, land use and taxation, and other urban problems that have become structural—and what various governments are trying to do about them. This semester Dr. Ralph Kaminsky, Associate Dean of the Graduate School of Public Administration at New York University, will lead the group.

"Man vs. Society," taught last semester by Dr. Lester Hoffman, instructor at C.W. Post College, is being developed further for the Spring semester. This course

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investigates the changes wrought in American society by technology, the distance of government from the people, communications break-throughs, and so on. Dr. Hoffman looks at women's liberation, the youth counter-culture, and all else that is bewildering in modern America.

Other courses to be given in the Spring semester are "Real Estate," a series of lectures by New York's real estate experts; "Investing in Securities," another series on the stock market; and, of course, "Reform for Our Time," dealing with George. The semester begins the week of February 22; all classes are from 7 to 9 p.m.; courses are either 10 or 15 sessions.