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THREE NEW DEPARTMENTS ANNOUNCED AT FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING

The establishment of three new departments in the college was announced at the Faculty Council meeting of March 17. The Department of Information Science offering computer-related courses is completely new and in the process of organization, with a chairman yet to be announced. The other two new departments, Afro-American Studies and Puerto Rican Studies, have existed since last fall in the form of institutes. The two institutes will continue to coexist with the departments, the chairmen heading both the departments and the institutes. Josephine Nieves is directing the Puerto Rican Studies, while Daniel Mayers is acting head of the Afro-American program.

Departments will be able to function more successfully than institutes, Prof. Nieves said, because they will be empowered to develop curriculums, offer courses, hire faculty members, and cooperate with other departments in setting up intradepartmental classes. The two institutes will further develop community projects, research programs, and other activities more appropriate to them than to departments. Prof. Mayers said that his institute had already conducted several field trips to acquaint students with their own neighborhoods and others of the city. An extended midwestern trip--to Chicago, Detroit, and Gary--planned by Craig Bell for spring vacation will study the black neighborhoods of those cities.

Computer courses have been given in the past by the Department of Mathematics. Three new computer-related courses were approved earlier this year by Faculty Council. The President's Advisory Committee on Computer Science has functioned under the chairmanship of Melvin Ferentz.

BC-DOWNSTATE REACTIVATE BACCALAUREATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM

Brooklyn College's baccalaureate degree nursing program has been reactivated under cooperative arrangements with the College of Nursing of Downstate Medical Center. The next program, which will begin next September, was announced by Dr. Joseph K. Hill, president of the Medical Center, and President John W. Kneller.

Being launched on an experimental basis for five years, the program will admit students each year from the entering freshman classes at BC. They will be selected by a joint committee representing the two institutions. After completing 64 credits in liberal arts courses at BC, including courses specified by the College of Nursing, the students will enter the nursing program and thereafter maintain joint matriculation. They will graduate with B.S. degrees from The State University.