The Nature of Man” Is Topic For New Lecture Series

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“The Nature of Man,” a new campus lecture series sponsored by the Canterbury Association, will present Dr. Konstantin Kolenda as its initial speaker on Monday, February 16, at 7 pm. The series will continue every Monday evening until May 4, with eleven guest speakers chosen from some of the outstanding faculty lecturers of the Rice Institute.

The intention of the series is to encourage the speaker to present his opinion on “Man and his relation to society and history.” Each speaker will approach the topic differently, through his own particular field of study. After he has concluded, the lecture will be thrown open to remarks from the audience and the speaker will be asked to further explain and defend his views as he is questioned. Everyone on campus is especially encouraged to attend these lectures and to compare them to similarities and differences of opinion between the various speakers.

The topic, “The Nature of Man,” was selected by the Canterbury Association, the Episcopal Church at the Rice Institute, as one which will best bring out the views of the speaker, and, under the general heading, each of the speakers has been asked to consider:

1. What is a person?
2. What is society?
3. How are the two related? i.e. Is one dependent upon the other? If so, is it totally so; if not, what constitutes their respective areas of independence and interdependence?
4. What is history? (Not strictly in the written field, but about the actions which make history.)
5. Is there any reason why one should not commit suicide? ... blow up the planet?

Seven faculty members have accepted the invitation to discuss this topic and will speak on the following dates: Dr. William H. Masterson (February 23), Dr. Lester Mansfield (March 2), Dr. Paul Pfeiffer (March 9), Dr. James Chillman (March 16), Mr. George Williams (March 23), and Dr. John B. Pickard (April 27). The remaining lecturers will be announced later.

These seminars will be given in the Projection Room, second floor, Fondren Library, at 7 pm on Monday evenings, beginning Monday, February 16. It is hoped that they will attract a large and interested audience and that the lectures will stimulate participation by all during the discussion period.