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NC Faces 'Double Crisis,' President Says

President John Elmendorf warned students Monday night of a double crisis facing New College—a crisis of integrity within the college and a crisis of confidence in the community which supports the college.

Speaking to third-year students, members of the student government and candidates for office, Elmendorf told of a loss of confidence in the college by residents of the area because of unfavorable impressions caused by the students.

The president also wrote a letter to the students on the subject "survival," which was distributed Monday.

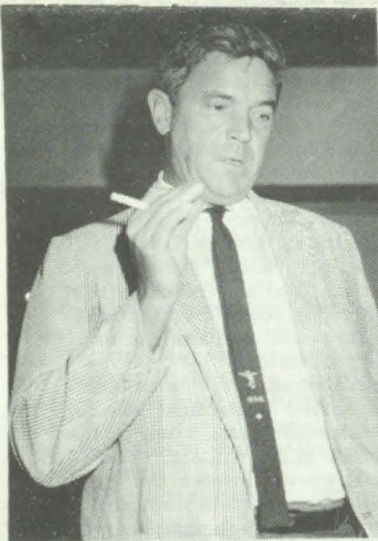
In his talk, Elmendorf said there is a "reluctance to support the college" on the part of some persons for a "variety of reasons." He said the reluctance is based in part on "isolated incidents."

"People who have visited the campus have found that they didn't find what they expected," he said. He cited the often unseemly activities of students in the main room of College Hall as part of what they found.

He said, "I thought it was time everyone became aware there is a relationship between the way we treat each other and the impression of the college."

About student observance of the rules, Elmendorf said there is a tendency toward "everyman for himself and the devil take the hindmost."

Concerning the proctor, he said,



Elmendorf

"I am very sure how effective he isn't. Most of the people who asked for a proctor have done everything they could to see the proctor be ineffective."

The president charged "the people of the student government show a singular distaste for doing anything about the rules once they are made."

Relating the problem of student behavior and support from the community he said there is "very definitely a problem of finding supporters for this college who visit the college and will still support it."

"If we wash out the soreheads and the nuts... we still have people who believe in the kinds of things we believe in who are repelled, embarrassed and disgusted when they are on this campus."

The president pointed out, however, "if we can get visitors in class then we've got no problem." He said the problem arises when visitors visit other parts of the campus.

"There is quite a bit of sympathy," he said, "on the part of the faculty for what goes on here."

He said, "the geographical situation of the dormitories puts you behind the eight-ball, very definitely."

The image the nearby area has for the college is so bad a "couple of student changes with other schools have fallen through," according to the president.

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Cassell Stands Behind Rules Cites 'Personal Duty'



The Pompeii Room of College Hall was crowded Wednesday evening as the "old" and the "new" SEC's gathered in a transitional meeting. Several visitors were also present.

Student Executive Committee chairman Mike Cassell took a strong stand Wednesday on the enforcement of student rules.

Saying, "I feel it is my personal responsibility to enforce whatever rules students make," Cassell indicated he intends to report any violations of the rules he sees and urged other SEC members to do the same.

He also pointed out, "I view this not as bowing to administration pressure."

After the president's address to students Monday, Cassell indicated he had intended, even before the president spoke, to deal with the problems outlined by Elmendorf.

Cassell said, "The reason I'm doing this is to show that the student body and the student government can exhibit some integrity." He said Elmendorf was upset "about the fact that he couldn't tell anyone that students are being honest with themselves."

Insisting, "I don't want to see anyone kicked out of school," Cassell said, "the only thing I can see for the student government to do is what the students have charged it with—and that is enforce the rules."

Cassell said he considers enforcement of the rules a "two-edged sword." He said the school will have to decide what facts are pertinent in the discussion of lack of integrity and the relationship of the community to the affairs of the school.

First-year representative Lee Crawford asked, "If we change the rules will we be vetoed?" In response, Assistant Dean Arthur Miller offered a "sketch of history" for those at the meeting.

Miller outlined the background behind the vote last year in which students voted for student enforcement of administration-set inter-visitation hours. He said at one time students "did have the prerogative to set their own student rules," but lost it after they did not enforce their rules.

He concluded it is "unlikely" students can change the inter-visitation hours. He said, however, "I see no real move on the part of anyone to make the hours earlier."

Cassell also discussed student behavior in College Hall, which Elmendorf had pointed out as one of the greatest causes of negative impressions on visitors to the college.

He said the problem is students consider the main downstairs room to be a student lounge although "practically every visitor to the

college goes through there."

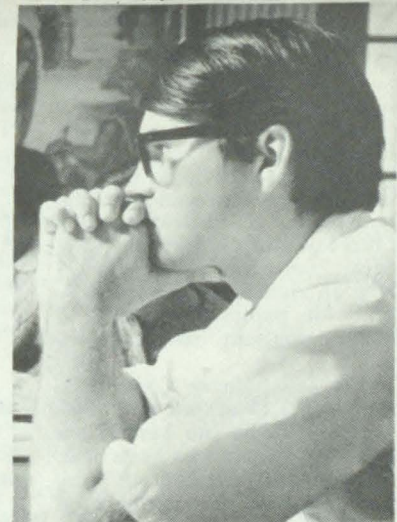
"What you see when you come in is not disconcerting to students but I can see why it would be to visitors," Cassell said.

Denby Barnett, an observer, commented, "It's fairly obvious, we're going to have to adjust our conduct or lose money."

Ron Kronenberg, also an observer, added, "If it's obvious anarchy is running loose we're going to lose money."

Vice president Paul Davis, who attended the meeting, said "There's just no good solution to that problem now. The whole building is open to the public."

Miller said the completion of Hamilton Court should solve many problems of this nature since a snack bar is included in the court and will serve as a student lounge. He summarized the problem of students in College Hall this way: "One quality which causes negative



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reactions), I suppose, is bareness. The other is horizontality."

Students had been criticized both for bare feet in the main room and for lying on the furniture and the floor.

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Committee Reduces Student Dance Fee

Students will be charged 50¢ admission to the Monster Mash, a Halloween costume dance, instead of one dollar as originally planned.

The student social committee announced this reduction this week as preparation continues for the informal dance, set for Oct. 29 in the Sanford House.

Arrangements have been made with some faculty wives to allow interested students to use their kitchens and bake cookies for the dance. A sign-up sheet has been tacked on the reception center bulletin board.

Also, the Student Activities Fund Committee voted Tuesday to grant the social committee \$160 to pay for a band. (The Student Executive Committee must approve the grant.)

Plans call for informal dancing from 9 pm to 1 am. At 1, a horror movie will be shown.

The Galaxies, a Tampa rhythm-and-blues group, will provide the music.

Judicial Election Fills Government

The election yesterday of five students to the newly formed Judicial Committee completed the first election of student government under terms of the revised Student Executive Committee charter.

Elected as at-large members to the Judicial Committee were third-year students Charles Raeburn and Richard Waller and second-year students Dale Hickam and Lee Wallingford.

Second-year student Steve Hall, who served on the now defunct Disciplinary Committee last year, was elected to chair the Judicial Committee.

In other balloting during the past two weeks, the nine-member SEC and its chairman were elected.

Representatives on the SEC are: Tim Dumsworth, Rachel Findley, David Pini, Class of '67; Steve Hall, Jerry Neugarten, Kenji Oda, Class of '68; Lee Crawford, Jon Shaughnessy, Katie Smith, Class of '69.

By polling the highest number of votes in their respective class elections, Dumsworth, Neugarten, and Shaughnessy also earned seats on the College Council.

Second-year student Mike Cassell was last week elected chairman of the SEC.

At-large members of the Judicial Committee were elected for full-year terms. Other members of student government will serve half-year terms.

The new SEC took office Wednesday evening.

The Judicial Committee officially took over the duties of the Disciplinary Committee last night, and the new committee's first meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Monday.

Election supervisor Kenji Oda noted yesterday that student turnout in the elections was "impressive."

At least 75% of the students voted in each of four separate ballots held during the past two weeks, he said.

Ballet Tonight

The fourth ballet series of the Florida Ballet Company, Inc., will be presented tonight, tomorrow, and Sunday at the Asolo Theater.

Directed by Miss Jean Spear, who conducts a ballet class for several New College girls, the series will include Degas Dancers, Pas de Deux, Harlequinade at the Asolo and Pas de Quatre.

A number of New College girls will have minor roles in the program.

Students, Editor To Pursue Image

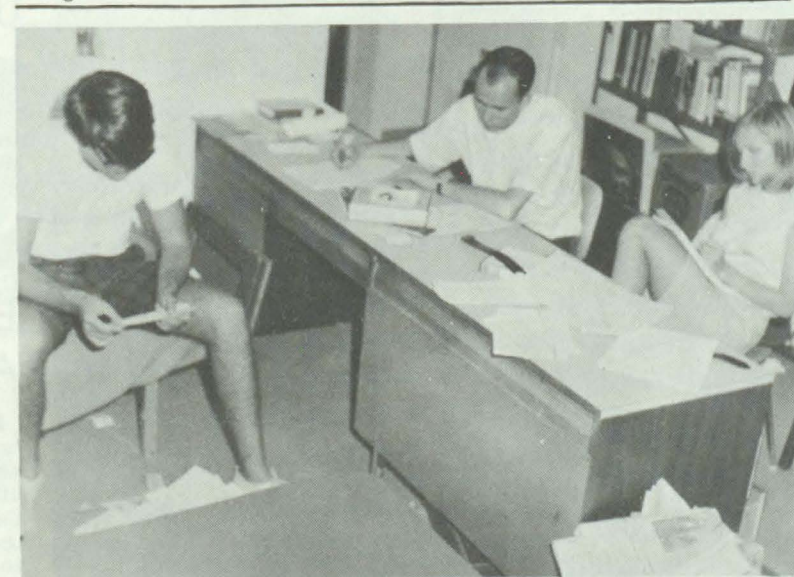
An editor of the Chicago Tribune and two students will pursue the elusive New College image when they join in a panel for tonight's forum.

Sponsored by The Catalyst, the forum is entitled "Who's Afraid of Mack Thomas?" or "Who Killed the New College Image?" Clarence G. Peterson, associate editor of the Chicago Tribune Magazine, will be a guest along with SEC Chairman Mike Cassell and third-year student Charles Raeburn. The forum will be moderated by Tom Todd.

The idea of the forum is to explore, with the help of an off-campus agent, some of the recent uproar to hit the campus about the college and its students.



Peterson



SEC chairman Mike Cassell, left, reads off ballots from Tuesday's SEC election. Tallying the votes are Laurie Paulson, center, and Kay Moller.

Editorial

A Hard Road

Mike Cassell told the Student Executive Committee Wednesday the reason he is going to enforce the student rules is "to show that the student body and the student government can exhibit some integrity." This statement is in itself a beginning of the demonstration of that integrity.

Cassell has set out a hard road for himself and for the SEC. Bill Chadwick, for example, speaking as a long-time chairman of the Student Disciplinary Committee, said, "my experience has shown it's almost impossible to be a member of the community and to follow the policy outlined by Mike."

Indeed it was almost impossible before. But Cassell's policy will, we believe, effect a change in our community so that it will no longer be nearly impossible to follow such a course. Once such a policy is begun, it becomes easier for more people to aid in the enforcement of the rules.

More important, however, is the ultimate change the new chairman and the new government will bring about. They will, by pursuing a hard line policy against violators of the rules, eventually make such a policy unnecessary. This can be done in one of two ways: either everyone will begin to obey the rules as they now exist or the students will change the rules--to others which they will obey more readily.

Whichever way this ultimate change is wrought, the increased honesty and "integrity" which will result should bring about definite and necessary changes in the predicament of the college.

Mike Cassell has, indeed, set a hard road for himself and the SEC. The Catalyst offers him its wholehearted support. We hope others, as well, will make sure he does not walk alone.



A Statement From the Chairman

Article V Sec. B of the constitution of the Student Executive Committee states in part: "The chairman shall ensure that all enactments are carried out." There is no reason why this should not be. There are enactments of the student body which have not been carried out as conscientiously as they might be. This will cease.

I feel a personal responsibility, both as an upperclassman and as a member of the student government, for the "level of anarchy" in the residence courts. I think that most of the problem stems from the possibility that there are a number of new students who are not aware of precisely what is expected of them in terms of social conduct. This is not their fault, it is the fault of the upperclassmen, the fault of the student government, and, perhaps fundamentally, the fault of the engineers of Orientation. The first two of these groups should now set about correcting the situation.

The role of the government will be simply to discharge those responsibilities which were placed on its shoulders by its electorate. The student rules will be enforced by the students. This follows from the fact that they made them and it would be irresponsible to expect some other party to enforce them. There are presently six student rules, and each member of the body should be familiar with them and observe them himself and report violators. I am certain that not every student will do this, but I quite honestly believe that every student who calls himself mature or responsible (first-class mind) is obligated to. Your student government feels this obligation and intends to see to it that the rules are observed. What this means to me is that if I witness an infraction I am going to inform the party involved that it would be in his best interest that the activity cease and if it recurs I will be forced to bring the matter before the Judiciary Committee. This will be hard for me to do because I don't agree with some of the rules, but it is a matter of the integrity of the student government. I expect other members to do likewise.

This does not preclude the possibility that the rules may be changed. It would be foolish to expect the students to obey a rule the necessity of which they denied. The point is that in a referendum last year the students felt the rules were necessary. Personally, I feel that most of the rules are perfect and reflect the good sense of the student body. Sections B and C of Rule 3 (restricting hours of intervisitation) are, I think, unnecessary, morally reprehensible, logically absurd, and universally hilarious. This is irrelevant to the question of enforcement. They are student rules; rules which the students have charged me with enforcing, and I will observe them and enforce them as long as they are. I will do whatever the students want. I will enforce their rules; I will not enforce anyone else's.

This statement is intended to insure that students are aware of the gravity of the situation. I do not want to be responsible for getting someone in trouble who did not know what the score was. Now you know.

I realize that many students will probably think that I am out of my mind, or have sold out, etc. If you do not like the way things smell, your representatives are available 24 hours a day for your comments. My room number is 318.

Love (believe it or not),

Mike Cassell
Chairman SEC

Letters

Probation Defined

To the Editor:

The term "social probation" has been bandied around a few times already and has been applied to a few people without a complete definition being given for the benefit of new students. Perhaps this is the proper time to outline the possibilities of sentences for those who are found guilty of breaking student rules.

Normally for the first offense a student will be given a warning that any further violations will in all probability be dealt with much more severely, but that the student is being given a second chance. Another infraction of the same rule will usually lead to either another warning with "imminent social probation" or occasionally social probation, depending on the gravity of the situation. A second offense of a different nature from the first will usually lead to another warning or imminent social probation. Further infractions after imminent social probation will definitely lead to social probation and further infractions after social probation will very possibly lead to expulsion. Use of the words "normally," "may," "will usually," etc., above indicates that each case is decided on the relative merits and faults of the individual's situation.

Social probation indicates possible expulsion on the next offense, but puts no other restrictions on the actions of the student. The JC does, however, reserve the right to infringe on certain student privileges when it feels that it would be the most proper sentence. In most cases, social probation also calls for a letter to be sent to parents indicating the situation.

Warnings come directly from the JC, social probation must pass a two-thirds vote of the SEC, expulsion both two-thirds vote in SEC and College Council. All decisions are appealable to the next higher body with appeal for expulsion to the College Council. Finally, all sentences of social probation and imminent social probation have fixed, specified durations.

I sincerely hope that my duties as chairman of the JC will be few. My thanks to those who voted for me.

(signed) Stephen W. Hall
Chairman, Judicial Committee

College Will Fill Dangerous Fountains

The fountains in the residence courts will be filled in and used as planters, Planning Officer Ralph Styles said yesterday.

Styles said an electrical engineer checked the fountains and reported that there is no way to make them "100% safe" electrically.

A student was given a serious electrical shock a month ago when he accidentally fell into one of the fountains.

The fountains have meanwhile been drained.

Styles said the wiring plan of the fountains makes it impossible to insulate them "in a foolproof way."

Cassell

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The first concern of the new SEC, which was seated after the old group had taken care of the routine business, was a complaint by a student about the conduct of the proctor.

Miller said, in reply to the complaint, "We've been in considerable trouble with the proctor situation." He pointed out the frequent changes which had taken place and the propensity of the weekend proctor for sleeping and staying in the television room.

The present week-night proctor, James Murphy, has recovered the record player which was missing for three weeks, Miller said, and he also "ran down a dramatic incident of violation of intervisitation." He requested the SEC to take the complaint "under advisement."

Former Disciplinary Committee chairman Bill Chadwick said Murphy "tends to be the best of the bunch" of proctors who have been on campus. He pointed out Murphy had 30 years of experience on the Poughkeepsie, N. Y., police force as a possible reason for the methods cited in the complaint.

Second-year representative Jerry Neugarten moved to endorse the rehiring of Bob Ritchie as campus proctor. The motion was changed to urge the administration to "seriously consider Ritchie's application" for the job.

Miller said he was unsure of the official level of consideration of Ritchie's return.

DoubleCrisis

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Telling students the letter which was waiting for them in their mailboxes was not "a call to arms," he said there is "dignity involved in making a rule and keeping a rule. To do otherwise (than enforce the rules) is morally degrading."

In the letter, Elmendorf told students "We are absolutely dependent on the good regard of the people of Sarasota and Manatee counties."

He said, "the basic rules are very simple and are certainly not new." Students, he wrote, "are expected at all times to conduct yourselves with full consideration of the rights of others and to dress in a manner appropriate to the occasion, both on and off campus."

A detail of this rule he did not leave to the students to fill in was "College Hall is not a private lounge, but our most public building."

Elmendorf concluded the letter by saying, "We have at New College a remarkable opportunity to build an institution based on genuine intellectual and academic freedom. . . . I ask you to treasure the essential, not the superficial, and respond with good judgment to a crisis of our own making."



Elmendorf Named UN Day Chairman

Pres. John Elmendorf was named chairman of the local United Nations Day observance by Sarasota mayor David Cohen in ceremonies Wednesday.

United Nations Day is Tuesday. Mayor Cohen, 1., presents Elmendorf a plaque in appreciation of his service.

Evaluations Available

First-year students in Basic Natural Sciences (Chemistry) should come to the Natural Sciences Lab after 12 today to pick up Problem Sets VI and VII, Assignment Sheet, and Self-Evaluation #1, according to Prof. R. W. Griffin. The Self-Evaluation should be returned to the Natural Sciences Divisional Secretary at the lab before 5 pm Friday, Oct. 28, not Wednesday as indicated on the evaluation.

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Author Speaks Out for Integrity

By KENJI ODA

"I told them I felt the best interests of the students might be served by telling the trustees to take their money and their minister of bigotry and buy themselves a college elsewhere."

Sound like a disgruntled, disillusioned student speaking his mind on the "crisis of integrity" issue?

The speaker is not, as it turns out, a student, or a faculty member, or anybody at all who's formally connected with the college.

The above quote is an excerpt

from "The Death of Edge," which, believe it or not, is a "highly personal account" of one author's experience with New College.

The author is Mack Thomas, New College's first -- and thus far its last -- "writer-in-residence," and the article appears in the current issue of Cavalier magazine.

With all the dramatic timing of a coincidence, Thomas's article reveals another facet of the dilemma in which the college currently finds itself caught: Can New College afford to adhere strictly to its liberal philosophy against the tide of public relations and financial de-

pendence on an "assembly-line" world?

Thomas seems very definitely to think it can.

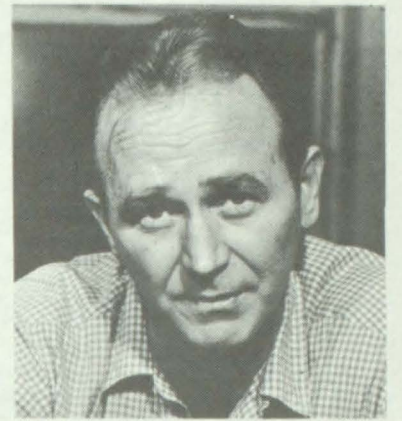
In the magazine article, Thomas publicly reveals that his planned three-months-or-longer stay was cut short at less than three weeks because unnamed members of the college's board of trustees were disturbed that he had spent five years in prison for possession of narcotics.

The personal conflict that certain officials (referred to as "Comfort" and "Dignity") underwent in asking Thomas to leave quietly is described in detail, but Thomas makes it quite obvious he feels their distasteful but necessary task was not really necessary at all.

"I told them (Comfort and Dignity) to go to their powerful trust-

tees and tell them to take their financial support from the New College, as they had threatened," he writes, "and then explain through this country's vast news media exactly why the New College came to be in financial difficulty, the whole story, names, all of it, and see what happened, see if there weren't a few people somewhere who would come flying with their assistance and support once they learned the New College was not going to be the same old puppet, the same old dummy, wooden-lipped, the same old meat lies."

This is Thomas's main point. He speaks subjectively, and emotionally. But what he has said has excited more than a few students, and a little inspiration has been known to go a very long way.



Thomas

Hall, Findley Elected To SEC Offices

Second-year student Steve Hall was elected vice chairman of the student Executive Committee Wednesday. Rachel Findley, a third-year student, was named secretary.

Both were elected by acclamation. Hall was elected chairman of the Judicial Committee yesterday.

These were the only posts filled at Wednesday's meeting. Chairman Mike Cassell said he would consider appointments to committees this week and submit them for approval at the next meeting.

In committee reports, the SEC heard Disciplinary Chairman Bill Chadwick report three students had been disciplined by the committee. He said one had been given a warning, one was placed on imminent social probation and the committee recommended social probation for another.

The social probation, which was given to a first-year student, was later approved by the SEC. The other two sentences did not require approval.

Karle Prendergast, chairman of the Social Committee and a member of the Student Activity Fund Committee, reported she had requested \$160 from the SAFC for a dance being organized by the Social Committee.

The SAFC approved the request, Karle said, "with the stipulation that as much money be paid back as possible. Final approval of the appropriation will be considered Wednesday, Cassell said, because under the provisions of the constitution at least 48 hours must elapse before the SEC may approve the action of the SAFC.

Food Committee chairman Tom Todd reported a regular hot meal will be served a week from Sunday instead of the usual buffet. He said Thomas Estep, managing chef, had expressed interest in changing the time of the meal to accommodate students who are hungry because only brunch is served on Sunday morning.

The SEC recommended no change in the meal time.

Todd also reported Estep is concerned by the amount of food wasted by students. He quoted Estep as saying, "three garbage cans full is too much."

He said Estep urges students to "take all they can eat but eat all they take." The amount of food consumed is one reason why the kitchen is now being operated at a loss.



Hall



Findley

Another factor, Todd reported, is the number of glasses, cups and other items which have disappeared from the kitchen. Estep said 150 coffee cups have disappeared in the first six weeks of school. In addition, 14 dozen water glasses and seven dozen juice glasses have also gone.

Cassell said the House Committee will begin to take steps to secure the return of these items to the kitchen. Todd indicated the Food Committee will be willing to help in the undertaking.

David Pini, a member of the Academic Committee reported that Tuesday's meeting was "mostly organizational."

Former secretary Tim Dunsworth reported he had completed the revision necessary in the SEC Modes of Procedure but the college had run out of paper and they could not be mimeographed.

Cassell reported the President had said he would call the College Council as requested the week before on Tuesday "if he had time." But, because he did not have time the meeting was not called.

All new members of the SEC were present and all but one of the old. Approximately eight students observed for at least some part of the meeting.

Students Plan Confab On Current Affairs

Plans for a conference on international affairs to be held at New College in April were announced this week by a student current affairs group.

The conference topic will be "Popular Revolutions: What Are They and What is U. S. Policy Toward Them?"

Second-year student Charles Raeburn, a member of the affairs group, said the topic was chosen on the

bases of several factors, including the popularity of the "Anatomy of Revolutions" course taught by Dr. Crane Brinton and Dr. George Mayer last year, and the interest among many students in Latin America, "an area in which many popular revolutions have occurred."

Dr. David Nelson Rowe, professor of political science and director of the graduate program in international relations at Yale University, and Dr. John W. Spanier, associate professor of political science at the University of Florida, have already indicated they would accept invitations to participate in such a conference, he said.

"We have invited Hans Morgenthau, Hannah Arendt, I. F. Stone, James Reston, former Undersecretary of State Thomas Mann, and several others."

The committee has not yet received replies from these people.

Raeburn stressed the tentative nature of the invitation acceptances

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Miami Med School Admissions Officer To Be On Campus

Dr. George T. Lewis, chairman of the Committee on Admissions of the University of Miami School of Medicine, will be on campus Nov. 3 to counsel students on medical school admissions requirements.

According to Natural Sciences Chairman, Dr. Peter Buri, students who are interested in any medical school should take this opportunity to talk with Lewis.

He will be available after 1:30 pm in Room 5A of the Natural Sciences Laboratory. Interested students should make an appointment with the Natural Sciences secretary, extension 57.

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The Truth About Students

After hearing the President's talk earlier in the week, and reading his letter, I was very much disturbed. The President accused New College students of lacking integrity, of being sloppy, rude, and childish. But I knew this couldn't possibly be the truth. I had great faith in New College students. "Who does he think he is, making these charges?" I asked. But, rather than sit by idly, arguing in the courts, I decided to prove the President wrong, to go out and show what New College students are really like.

The first students I encountered were fastening a large green road sign that said, "Bradenton, 8 Miles" to a royal palm. "Didn't that sign used to be on the highway?" I asked.



Paulson

"Why, yes," said one of the students, "but we felt that too few people on the campus had a really clear idea of how far away Bradenton is. It's a kind of public service."

"I knew it was something like that," I said, and moved on.

Finding that virtue did, indeed, reign at the dorms, I went to see if the situation was the same at College Hall. I had some difficulty in entering the building, however, because several dozen students were stretched out on the floor and statuary, sleeping. I woke one of them and asked them why they didn't sleep back at their rooms.

"Out of courtesy," he replied. "We heard a rumor that the maids were going to clean our rooms today, so we came over here to keep out of their way."

"That's quite considerate of you," I remarked, "but it'll take the maids the whole day to clean all of your rooms."

"Well, we intend to sleep here all day."

"By the way," I asked, "what can you tell me about the treatment of visitors by New College students?"

"We always try to greet visitors with courtesy and respect. Of course, at the same time we're well aware of the threat to the campus of unwanted visitors. I think this is what's caused the problems."

"What do you mean?"

"Well, a group of us were at College Hall when we saw a suspicious-looking person try to enter the building. Alert to the dangers, we shouted foul curses at him and threw ash trays and grape drink at him until he was forced to leave. It was only afterwards that we found out who we'd ejected."

"Who was it?"

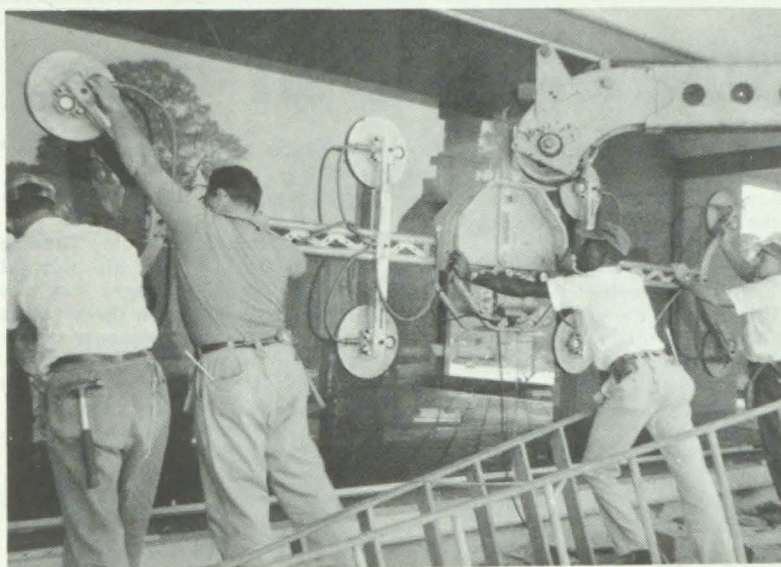
"The Dean of Students. But heck, he looked suspicious. His tie was crooked."

Agreeing that their hearts had been in the right place, anyway, I entered the dining room. I knew there was a meal going on, because as soon as I stepped in the door, I was hit in the face by some wayward spinach and three rolls. I went to the student who had thrown the food. "How come?" I asked.

"It's not our fault," he said, dodging a veal cutlet. "It's so hard to check out athletic equipment. We have to get our exercise somewhere." He tossed a glass of milk.

Having heard enough, I left, at the same time avoiding a dish of tangerine sherbet that was flying across the room in my direction. My survey was completed. Having proved that New College students were as mature, polite, honest, and dedicated as I had always suspected them to be, I was anxious to take my findings to a friend of mine who shared the same feelings. I was quite surprised, however, when he only glanced at the report, then shook his head disdainfully.

"Good grief, man," he said. "How do you expect me to make a decent airplane out of this kind of paper?"



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