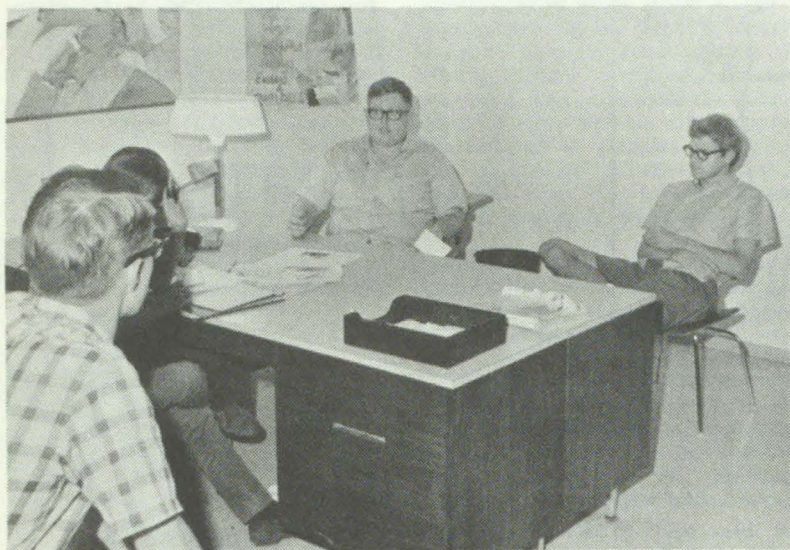


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SEC members Hamilton, Oda, Chadwick and proxy Pini at yesterday's special meeting in the reception center.

SEC Appoints Worby to SDC In Extra Session

In a special meeting yesterday the SEC appointed Carol Worby to the vacancy on the Student Disciplinary Committee created by the withdrawal of Roy Van Vleck.

The appointment was made on the recommendation of Bill Chadwick, Chairman of the SDC. Approval was unanimous.

Chadwick was directed to look



Carol Worby

into the possibility of naming two more members to the committee for the remainder of the study period.

David Pini attended the meeting as proxy for Karle Prendergast. He was given voting privileges by the regular members.

Members attending the special meeting were Oda, Dunsworth, Chadwick, Enslow and Hamilton. According to Oda, all the absent members were off campus.

Himelhoch Takes Next Term Off To Finish Report

Dr. Jerome Himelhoch, professor of sociology, will take a leave of absence the coming term in order to return to Vermont and complete the final report of the Vermont Youth Project, a study which he headed while at Goddard College.

One of Dr. Himelhoch's former students, James Feeney, will temporarily assume the professor's teaching duties here.

Dr. Himelhoch will return to New College in September, and he also plans to be on campus during the comprehensive examinations in July.

Dr. Himelhoch described Mr. Feeney as "the finest student I had in my years at Goddard." Mr. Feeney is currently completing work on his doctorate with the Sociology Department at Washington University in St. Louis. He is a member of the research staff working on the Mental Health Community Study, a project being conducted at the University of Illinois under a grant from the National Institutes of Mental Health.

According to Dr. Rollin Posey, chairman of the Social Sciences Division, Mr. Feeney will probably arrive here a few days before the beginning of the term.

Students Need Not Buy Rings At Bookstore

Students will not be required to buy class rings from the Campus Book Store according to Miss Paula Paster, operator of the store, and Charles Harra, controller of the college.

There has been much recent discussion about a contract between the bookstore and the college making it impossible for students to buy rings directly from the manufacturer.

Miss Paster told The Catalyst yes-

terday, "I am willing to say go ahead and get your rings this year." She also said, "In the future we will handle them." She cited the work already completed by the members of the ring committee as the reason for this policy.

She added, referring to students, "If you can avoid a higher price you're going to. I don't want to cause any antagonism."

Miss Paster could not say whether sale of rings through the bookstore would result in a higher price to students. She said the rings, like "every single book in the place" would be pre-priced by the manufacturer.

Because of the college's contract with the bookstore, Harra said, the college cannot endorse the student purchase of rings by allowing an official of the college to sign the agreement. He added the college "is not restricting students from acting on their own." Students, he said, "are perfectly free" to go a-



Miss Paster



Harra

head if they can find another individual to sign the agreement.

Harra quoted the contract, which he said is dated Sept. 22, 1965, as granting the "exclusive privilege" to L. J. Paster to supply textbooks, paperbacks, basic school supplies and "other items that may be needed by the students."

Paster, who operated the book store last year, died Nov. 18, 1965. Miss Paster is his daughter.

If the college signed the agreement with the ring company, Harra said, any deficit incurred in the purchase of the rings would have to be made up by the college. He said this would be diverting college funds and the college cannot afford to be "in the bookstore business."

He said it is customary on other campuses for the bookstore to sell class rings. Miss Paster cited several advantages to be had if the bookstore sells the rings. One of them is the possibility of ordering rings "throughout the year if need be."

According to Karle Prendergast, chairman of the ring committee, a meeting has been set including a representative from the manufacturer and all those on campus who are concerned. It was not yet known yesterday when the company representative would be in Sarasota.

SEC Meeting Canceled By 5 Absent Members

Only four members of the Student Executive Committee were present for the regular meeting Wednesday and as a result the meeting did not convene.

There were two other members on campus at the time but they could not be located for the meeting.

Those present discussed several matters "informally."

Chairman Kenji Oda told the group a new member of the Student Disciplinary Committee should be appointed to replace Roy Van Vleck. Bill Chadwick said there are only two members of the SDC on campus, which makes it impossible for that committee to consider any cases.

Chuck Hamilton reported Capt. Ralph Styles and Al Minter are "going to talk to Dixie Linen to see if we can get more big towels." He said they "seemed to be in favor of it."

He also said Warren Berliner is trying to get an ice machine installed somewhere near the dorms.

Hamilton added he had been told the county would take care of any mosquito problem resulting from the water which stands on various parts of the east campus.

Athletic coordinator Peter Odell, who attended the meeting for Dean Robert Norwine, said the SEC's memo had been passed on to the swim team coaches of Sarasota and Riverview High Schools. The memo asked the hours the teams would use the pool on Saturday.

Odell said he had added a supplementary note suggesting the teams only use the pool during the hours agreed upon. He also said he was not sure if Riverview even uses the pool any more. He assured the committee "It won't be much longer until the swim season is over and the teams stop using the pool."

Odell also reported receiving a memo from Capt. Styles reminding life guards and swimmers, all persons with long hair must wear swim caps in the pool. The reason for the memo, Odell said, was the recent break-down of the filtration system for the second time.

Arthur Miller, adviser to the SEC, reported he had sent a memo to Capt. Styles about instructions given to the maids who clean the reception center Saturday morning. They had been instructed by Al Minter to take the telephone off the hook while they were cleaning the room, Miller said. He said some important calls had and could

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Faculty Meets

Members of the faculty met in a special meeting Wednesday to discuss questions of faculty tenure, academic freedom and faculty leave, according to President John Elmendorf.

The faculty decisions will be presented to the board of trustees when it meets May 2 and 3. The board will then approve, reject or amend the proposals, President Elmendorf said.

Students Tell Posey Seminar Unsuitable

A three-member student curriculum committee told Dr. Rollin Posey, chairman of the faculty curriculum committee in a memorandum sent Tuesday the proposed senior seminar "seems unsuitable for the Charter Class."

The three were Sam Treynor, Esther Lynn Barazzone and J. Allen Whitt. They are all second-year students.

Yale Professor To Summarize Lecture Series

A Yale philosophy professor will present the final lecture in the New College New Perspectives series Thursday in College Hall at 8 pm.

Dr. Paul Weiss, Sterling Professor of Philosophy, will discuss "A Philosopher Looks at the Arts" as a summation of the entire six-lecture series which this year dealt with the area of the humanities, and especially the arts.

For philosopher Weiss the arts are familiar subjects. He has written two books, "World of Art," and "Nine Basic Arts" in recent years.

Other lecturers in the series have discussed literature, drama and art.

Harvard educated, Dr. Weiss has taught there and at Radcliffe, Bryn Mawr, and as a visiting professor or lecturer at such institutions as Wesleyan College, Purdue University, Grinnell College, Indiana University, and Hebrew University. He also has been a visiting lecturer at the Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies in Colorado, and a consultant to the Great Books Foundation.

In 1946 Dr. Weiss was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship and later he received a Rockefeller-Rabinowitz Grant for study in Israel and India.

Beginning in 1929 with his first book, "Nature of Systems," he has written and published "Reality," "Nature and Man," "Man's Freedom," "Modes of Being," "Our Public Life," and "History: Written and Lived," plus his two volumes on the arts. Dr. Weiss also has been coauthor of more than six other volumes.

He is a member of the American Philosophical Association, the Conference of Science of Philosophy and Religion, Metaphysical Society of America, Philosophical Educational Society, American Society of Aesthetics, and Phi Beta Kappa. He founded and is editor of the Review of Metaphysics.

The senior seminar is a proposed integrated course for the third year on the "great issues."

Members of the faculty committee are currently in the process of investigating similar programs on college and university campuses across the nation. Their research is funded by a \$2000 grant from the Ford Foundation.

The memo reads:

"The proposed Senior Seminar seems unsuitable for the Charter Class. It has taken us a year and a half to acquire some degree of stability in our academic structure. We would rather not be involved in another program which will inevitably, because of its newness, be disoriented."

"Secondly, the basic ideal of the integration of knowledge (at least as something to be taught in a seminar) seems to need re-examination. It is perhaps of doubtful academic value. For example, for any issue on which integration is to be focused, there will be a few fairly well-informed students, and a majority comparatively ignorant. The level of the seminar would then be at some mean of mediocrity, a little above the majority, far below the few, valuable to none. Of

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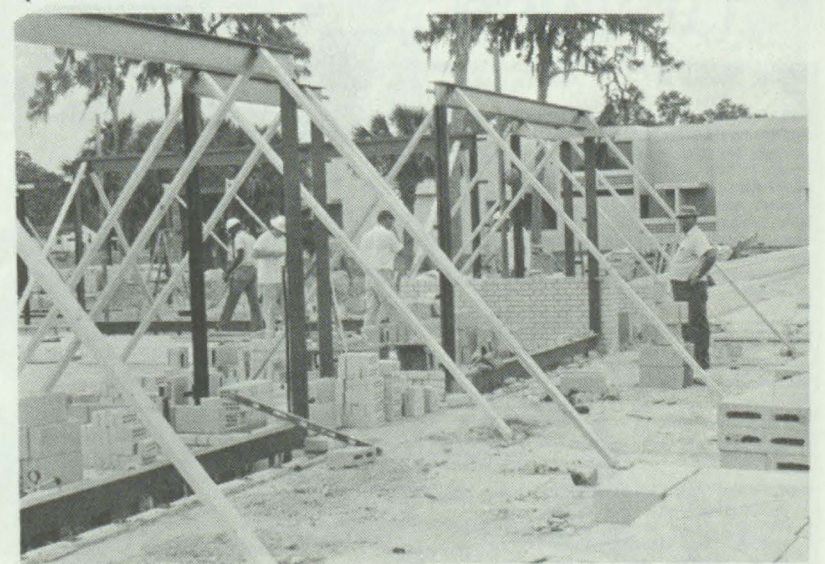
Paster Tells Bookshop Theft

Miss Paula Paster, operator of the Campus Book Store, told The Catalyst yesterday several items have been stolen from the bookstore.

She said the thefts involved mostly little items someone could easily put into their pockets. The missing items have only recently come to her attention, she added.

If merchandise continues to disappear from the store she may require students to leave books and parcels outside before entering. She also said she had talked to Capt. Ralph Styles about providing shelves outside the store on which students may place their books.

"Generally speaking," she said, "the student body has been real honest--when it comes to stealing stuff from the bookstore." She added she thought only a few students were involved in the thefts.



Mr. Frank Settecasi, right, partner in the firm of Settecasi and Chillura, builders of Hamilton Court, watches as steel beams are put into position.

Editorially Speaking Of Curriculum...

The three members of the student curriculum committee are to be commended for sitting down and thinking critically about something which most everyone else seems to be accepting without much thought--namely, the Great Issues Program.

Generally, The Catalyst agrees with the committee's conclusions. Admittedly, little information is available to anyone at this point about the program, but from what is known already, the program has little to make it worthwhile.

The Committee's first point about the program being dis-oriented is true. We feel, however, it is not their best argument. We hesitate to discard a program simply because it is new and lacks organization.

But their next argument is certainly worth long consideration by those who are in charge of instituting this program. It appears very unlikely students (and probably faculty, as well) could become sufficiently well-informed on even just one "Great Issue" to be able to carry on a meaningful discussion. And anything but discussion based on facts and research is almost valueless.

Here we would like to make a point of our own. There has been discussion as to whether this program should be required or elective. To require such a program would be folly. If a student does not feel sufficiently motivated by the topics to be discussed to enroll voluntarily, we doubt if he would make a valuable member of the discussion if he were required to take the course. Further, some of us are going to be very busy with our own projects and other concerns during the third year. To require 25% of our time to be spent on the "Great Issues" could (and probably would) effect a proportionate decrease in the quality of our own work. The senior seminar definitely should be elective.

The committee's observations about integration are only too true. First year courses for both classes are evidence of this. Not that these courses are supposed to be especially integrated, but the great diversity of concerns demonstrates the supreme difficulty of bringing three disciplines meaningfully to bear on a single topic.

Finally, the question of whether there is sufficient time to develop a good course is telling. We submit there is not even enough time to prepare for it even if it were already developed. We suggest the faculty committee continue their work for a "Great Issues" program. But we hope they will take the time to make it truly worthwhile.

...And Admissions

We value the efforts of the student curriculum committee enough to recommend a similar committee be formed to consider the college's admissions program. Admissions is an area which affects all students because it determines who will be added to our community and, in effect, it determines the future of the college. For these reasons students are validly concerned about the admissions procedure.

Perhaps such a committee could answer questions such as these: How many students are admitted with not overly impressive academic records because the college needs an opening into their prep school? How many students are admitted with some indication of emotional problems because their fathers are presidents of universities in areas in which the college could use some publicity? How many students do we admit with low test scores because they are charming?

The answers to these questions should be of vital concern to students--and validly so.

Women Journalists Will Tour College

A number of Florida women journalists will be guests of the college tomorrow morning. About a dozen newspaperwomen have been invited to have coffee at College Hall and tour the campus.

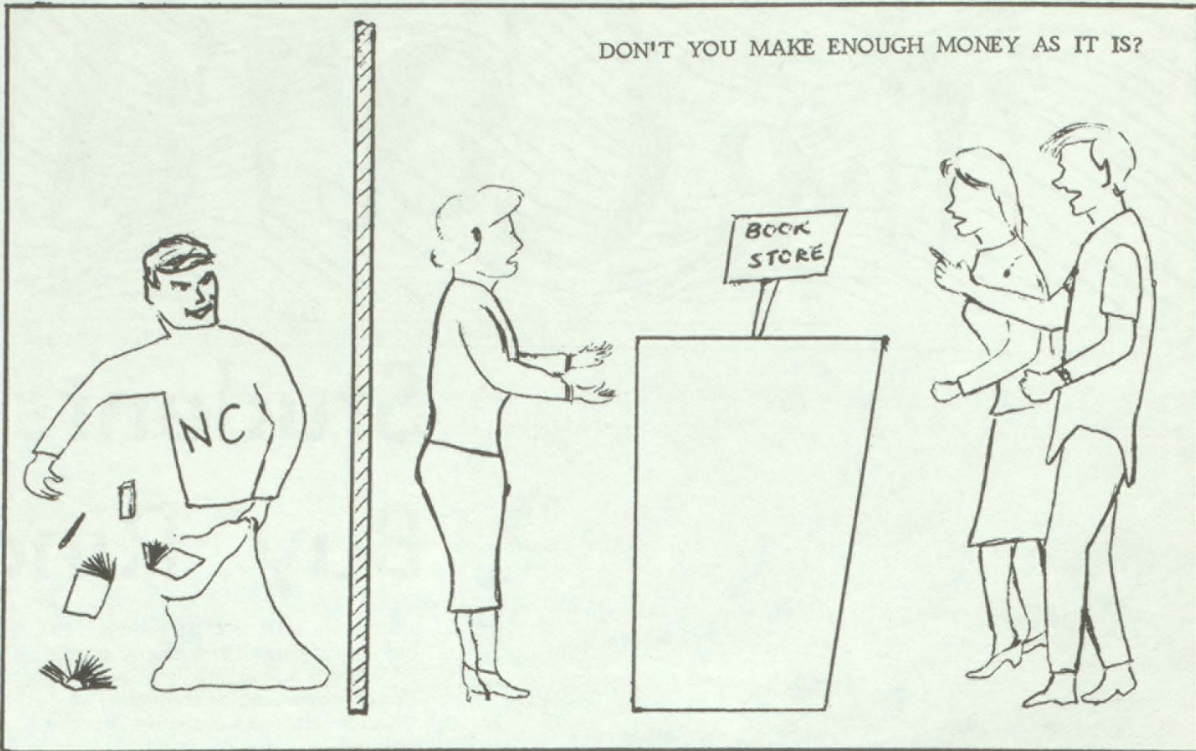


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Letters

NC vs. 'the Blue Thing'

To the Editor:

The "blue thing" is gone and beautification efforts will soon restore the East Campus parking lot to its former hazardous, muddy self. Like the Maginot Line, however, remnants of the battle will linger on and partisans will recreate the agonizing trauma ad infinitum.

I would hope, however, after the last splinter of glass is removed there will be those who will join me in assessing the "causes and effects" of this holocaust which I think from a long past modern European history course is traditional procedure.

I concur with the Caped Crusader partisan, who because of his my-opically directed vendetta against the opposition deletes the basic truths he espouses, that in this act of immature violence (not as bad as mature violence) there are traces of that infirmity which now and again plagues the New College student body--the oft' accused, rarely proven, seldom chastised crime, freedom without responsibility. My concurrence with him is more than casual concern in that my own batmobile was bumped by someone on that same battlefield and the damnable culprit never notified me.

There is the feeling among many students here that they are immune to federal and state laws, the golden rule, and in fact any of society's ethical rules. More disturbing to me is that they defend their immunity by saying it is an integral part of a New College education, that without these rules they ultimately grow to respect them more. To this rationale and its resultant "poetic" license, I say blankety,

bland, blue bull! (This is just to maintain the flavor of my earlier analogies while I preach.)

The whole incident might further demonstrate the need for a campus cop of sorts. The "blue thing" had been illegally in repose in the parking lot for two months without any visible identification, i.e. license plate or New College sticker. It was an eyesore and a hazard and should have been removed sooner.

Just perhaps, and I haven't discussed this with him, this was the perfect example of highly motivated students working in close contact with high-powered faculty, the Admissions Office's dream come true--no, it couldn't be. Were they interceding for obvious voids in the administrative structure of the college? Was this an aesthetically minded circle of friends which through a desire to have the East Campus rid of this monstrosity was frustrated by its continued presence to the point of metamorphosis -- to unrestrained mob violence menacing the very existence of the community?

Did they really think that by unleashing that ponderous offensive that it would make the "blue thing" disappear-- what naively concocted planning from such a formidable group. My disdain for them lessened when I was reminded by that decorated aviator who flew ground support during the attack that their efforts, supplemented by Major Byrd's local underground resistance party, were successful.

The "blue thing" is gone, but remnants of the battle remain for posterity.

Truly enjoying my effort to make a point, I remain.

(signed) Coach Odell, Ret.

Against Condensation

To the editor:

I would like to know what justification you hold out for yourselves with regard to your practice of your self-affirmed "right to condense." By way of reply, I and others of your readers are not concerned with words about convenience or practicality, for we could say them ourselves: we would like to understand how a seeming barrier to free expression is reconciled in your minds with the notions of a free and responsible press. Your "right to condense" appears arbitrary to me--whether it "really" is or not, you have not provided any public, apparent means for me to determine. Because condensation can change an initially subtle attitude which was intended for communication into nothingness, or worse, I would greatly appreciate learning: a) what standards you have to guide you in the act of condensation, and b) how you use these standards in the midst of your practical "act of condensing." I am asking that this letter not be condensed, or, that the original and condensed forms be printed together, perhaps with an enlightening commentary by way of partial fulfillment of my admittedly large requests. Thank you.

(signed) Dolph Bezoier

Fired UofF Editor Withdraws To Fight

The fired editor of the student newspaper at the University of Florida withdrew from graduate school last week to fight what he called "political interference" in his dismissal.

According to The Tampa Tribune, Benny Cason, the fired editor, said, "I either had to drop out to fight or devote all my time to studying for exams."

Cason said principles were involved in his withdrawal which "transcend my own personal welfare."

The Tribune said the decision was voluntary on Cason's part and he "left in good standing" according to university officials.

Cason and two other editors were fired three weeks ago by university president J. Wayne Reitz who charged them with irresponsibility and inaccuracy in reporting news. He also charged the newspaper had failed to represent the students.

Cancel Forum

Tonight's Forum has been canceled due to the absence of a large number of students from campus for independent study.

The status of next week's Forum is not definite, but Dr. John O'Keefe will definitely speak on May 6, according to Esther Lynn Barazzone, a member of the Friday Forum Committee that organizes the programs.

An instructor at the Ringling Museum of Art was to have lectured tonight on "Creativity in Painting."



A Haitian woman prepares a meal with battered utensils. John T. "Jet" Lowe, first-year student who is spending the study period in Haiti, wrote The Catalyst, "You really wouldn't believe the hospitality of these people." Jet added, "All you have to do is treat them as equals, smile and say 'bonsoir.'"

on campus

with Laurie Paulson

Independent Study Activities

It seems that during Independent Study Period, there is too little communication between students and too little sharing of discoveries and accomplishments made in the course of individual work. So, in my usual public spirit, I have decided to report on what students, both on campus and off, are doing for their Independent Study projects.

In the field of Natural Sciences many interesting experiments are being conducted. One dedicated student has set out to study the effects of twenty-four hours a day of sleep on the human metabolism. Using himself as subject, this brave individual has launched into his



Paulson

project with enthusiasm, and, although it has not been possible to converse with him directly about his experiment, he seems to be suffering no ill-effects. One chemistry major has taken up the novel project of turning base metals into gold, and we wish him much success. This same student, who is in his second year here, had an unfortunate experience last year with one of his projects. He reports that he actually perfected a universal solvent, but could find nothing to put it in.

Students doing projects in Humanities face different problems. One student who set out to study the literary style of Ayn Rand reports that she doesn't seem to have one. Another, doing creative work, states that it is difficult to proceed with his symphony when the only two instruments he can get together are an electric guitar and a harmonica. However, another Humanities major working in the field of philosophy is satisfied with his progress in delineating the existential elements in old "Jackson Twin" comic strips.

Social Science majors working in the field of education are facing a difficult task. Their projects concern making up a comprehensive in Social Sciences that has even less to do with the basic course than the test after the second term. They are continuing with their project despite the fact that they have been told by members of the department that it is impossible. A political science student working to increase the efficiency of the SEC reports that he has found that the entire committee could be replaced with trained macaws from the Sarasota Jungle Gardens without any notable loss of effectiveness.

Students working off campus

Grace Palmer Dies

Mrs. Grace Palmer, wife of the late Honore Palmer, passed away at her home in Sarasota.

The Palmers, who had extensive land-holdings in this area, helped establish New College with a donation of \$1 million. Mr. Palmer had been an honorary trustee.

Mrs. Palmer is survived by several nieces and nephews.

appear to be involved in some fascinating projects. A literature major has been examining critically the use of first person narrative in the "Handy Household Hints" column of the Plainfield, New Jersey *Courier News*, while another has been tracing the origin of street names in the southern portion of Peoria, Illinois. No report has been received, however, from the sociology student who set out to study the ecology of primary groups in New York's Central Park after dark, and it is hoped that he will not be late in turning in his project.

Finally, I would like to congratulate those students remaining on campus who have formed a committee to rid the campus, and especially the parking lot, of eye-sores. Their courageous and efficient efforts deserve the praise of all New College students, and they should certainly be accorded a well-deserved round of applause after they have finished serving their sentences.

Seminar

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course, one can eliminate disparity of competence by choosing a problem which requires little background information (e. g. overpopulation or nuclear warfare), but such problems hardly seem likely to be other than shallow.

"But even if the value of integration is assumed, its practicability cannot be. There seems to be some difficulty finding issues which involve more than one or two disciplines. None of the suggestions we have heard (current trends, contemporary social problems, etc.) is of real academic concern to everyone. Social scientists and philosophers, for example, are quick to offer ideas—but they amount to social sciences and philosophy; everyone leaves out natural sciences. It seems reasonable that a workable integrated program would require an integrated faculty. It is our observation that integration often is difficult within divisions; we doubt, therefore, that it would be any easier between divisions, in the unified effort that the Senior Seminar would require.

"All of this is based on the assumption that the goal of the Senior Seminar is integration. One suggestion that has been offered, that of Great Books, does not involve this goal. Or it may be asked, then, what the first year program should achieve? And if it accomplishes nothing different, why is it necessary, particularly to the extent of one quarter of our time.

"And finally, we don't feel that an appropriately superior, or even an acceptable mediocre program can be designed in the four months remaining before the beginning of the coming academic year. To maintain that professors can conduct current classes, administer comprehensives, design a Senior Seminar, and prepare themselves adequately for it seems unrealistic. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further with the committee."

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First-year student Bob Dixon records a blues number.

Why Not a Folk Festival?

Why not a New College Folk, Blues, and Jazz Festival? As far as I know, nothing of the kind of thing that goes on each year at Newport or Monterey goes on within driving distance of Sarasota. So let's start something right here.

No, I'm not suggesting we get George Wein and have him contract big-name musicians. We've got plenty of amateur and semi-amateur talent in the local area, and gee whiz, if it's going to be a matter of professional quality for thousands of dollars versus almost-professional quality at practically nothing....

The reason I bring it up is I've been inspired by some stuff I heard at the benefit "hootenanny" at Our Lady of Martyrs School last weekend. There were seven acts, offering a wide range of folk styles, and all were surprisingly good.

New Collegians Bob Dixon, Anna Hart, and Sandi Stewart took part, and all came away with a share of the prize money. The fact that, because several people doubled in two separate acts, all but one performer was given an award notwithstanding, the trio deserved their checks.

Anna Hart revealed a charming and robust voice in singing a series of "party-type" folk numbers, including "Bottle of Wine" and "San Francisco Bay Blues."

Dixon played both as a soloist and as accompaniment for Miss Stewart. As most students here are already aware, he is a remarkable blues guitarist, and he has a solid voice and good stage presence. His artistry, sadly, was lost to much of the audience, however, which was not able to fully appreciate it. (There was an extraordinary standard deviation in the ages of the



Oda



members of the audience, which included large numbers of grade-school kids and retired people.)

Miss Stewart was in fine form that night. She exhibited unusual poise and style, although at some points she seemed to be over-interpreting. Her impact on the audience was second only to that of a country blues yodeler, who, incidentally, took first place.

Students have indicated that more "hootennys" and things would be welcome. I suggest we conduct a music festival of sorts each year somewhere on this campus, perhaps as a complement to the Summer Music Festival.

Think of the possibilities. Good music, fun, loads of interesting people, business for Sarasota, publicity for the college, and maybe some ill-feeling among the local law-enforcement officers.

Ah, what dreams....

Styles Says Hair Caused Trouble

Athletic coordinator Peter Odell said yesterday he had received a memo from Capt. Ralph Styles which said last week's pool shutdown was for repairs to the filter system "necessitated by hair causing damage."

He was asked to remind lifeguards and swimmers of the requirement for "people with long hair" to wear bathing caps when they are swimming.

Odell also said he would be available during the remainder of the study period to give basic sailing instructions to those interested. He said he would drive the boat for water-skiing, preferably during the afternoon, and give basic instructions at the same time.

Athletic activities for gamma term include gymnastics, volleyball, synchronized swimming, archery, lifesaving and scuba diving instructions, according to Odell. He said sign-up sheets will be posted from time to time.

SEC

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be missed because of this practice. He told the SEC the maids have been instructed not to take the phone off the hook while they are working.

Oda then asked if there was anything else "we can discuss?" He said, "I wish there was some way to get proxies." He also said the SEC should consider methods to determine if proxies who present themselves to the meeting are qualified. "There again," Oda added, "we can't do anything about it now. It's regrettable, but we just can't get a replacement on the SDC this week."

Oda then suggested a quorum could be gathered for a special meeting to name a new member to the SDC. The committee then decided to have a short meeting Thursday to make the appointment.

Members attending the regular meeting were Oda, Chadwick, Dunsforth and Hamilton. Odell attended for Dean Norwine; and Miller and Black, advisors, also attended.

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Is Our Library Adequate?

In an article in April's Saturday Review, the librarian of Parsons College in Fairfield, Iowa, says that "twenty-five to thirty" new four-year colleges will be established in 1966, and one of the major problems that will face each is the collection of adequate library facilities. After nearly six years, New College has only 30,000 volumes, far below the minimum of 50,000 set by the American Library Association.

The Catalyst talked with the library staff to find out what plans are for the growth of the New College library. This article is the first of two.

By KENJI ODA

Is the New College library adequate? The Catalyst has found the answer is a qualified "no."

This conclusion is not based purely on numbers. As Dr. Corinne Wilson, librarian, points out: "A well-selected and continually updated collection of 20,000 books is much more desirable than a collection of 50,000 volumes selected just for the sake of having 50,000 volumes."

The selection process here is, indeed, a good one. Quality, in terms of need and permanence, rather than quantity, is stressed.

All book orders must come through the faculty, although students are encouraged to make suggestions. Under the system being employed, each faculty member is responsible for deciding what books the library should procure in his particular field. Out of a total operating budget of \$50,000, the library allows each of the three academic divisions \$10,000.

The library staff is allotted \$10,000 to purchase materials on its own. (The remaining \$10,000 is used for supplies and salaries.) The staff's portion of the budget is used mainly for reference and general works, subscriptions to periodicals, and materials for the vertical file (pamphlets, brochures, etc.).

Dr. Wilson has final veto power over book orders suggested by the faculty. She told The Catalyst that she has used this power "fairly regularly" in her effort to build the library as efficiently as possible. Among the things she looks out for are textbooks, paperback books under \$1, duplicate orders, and books which would, in her opinion, become obsolete too quickly.

Even with this continual rejection of book requests, growth has been extremely fast. Most of the library budget has already been spent, and one academic division has already exhausted its book fund for the year.

Dr. Wilson attributes the rapid growth mainly to a healthy interest on the part of the faculty in seeing the library expand--an interest which was somewhat lacking last year. In September of 1964, when the Charter Class was admitted, the library possessed approximately 19,000 volumes. During that entire year, there was a net increase of only two thousand volumes. So far this year, however, some eight thousand volumes have been added to the library.

Once again, however, figures do not tell the whole story. "In four years, we've probably had 50,000 volumes come through the library," revealed Dr. Wilson, "but we've not kept a great many useless volumes. We're constantly weeding, and, especially in the natural sciences, the weeding process is very important in keeping our library up to date." (Also, the figures given include books only. Periodicals and material in the vertical files are not counted.)

A quick check through the stacks verifies that the library is aiming at laying a strong foundation. Rarely will one find works of fiction, unless they have achieved "classic" status. Also, there are no duplicates among recently acquired volumes. This was a change from an original library policy of purchasing several copies of each book. "That ate up a lot of money on one work which could have

been spent on many separate works," Dr. Wilson explained.

Was the school opened too soon as far as library resources are concerned? "No, I don't think so," says Dr. Wilson. "If the college hadn't opened, we wouldn't have grown to where we are now."

One problem New College faces which many other infant institutions don't is that there are no large, established libraries within the immediate vicinity of the college. Although the college can use the inter-library loan program, that is a cumbersome and time-consuming system of obtaining needed books.

Dr. Wilson admits that the library is in no way outstanding, and she expressed a hope that more funds could be allocated for library expansion in the future. Pending also are grants from national foundations.

Although the great majority of the volumes in the library are bought by the library, the college periodically receives book donations from the Women's Library Association and various schools, libraries, and private citizens.

Dr. Wilson said the college is aiming for an eventual collection of one to three hundred thousand volumes. Only then, she agreed, would the library really be "adequate." "For now, however, we can only continue working toward that goal," she said.

The Catalyst can only agree. NEXT WEEK: The Catalyst will report on a study of the periodicals department of our library.



Miss Julie Curtiss, head of cataloging, has the arduous job of keeping tabs on all the volumes in the library. Above, she inserts Library of Congress cards for new books into the file catalog.



Dr. Corinne Wilson, librarian, takes some brand new art volumes from their shipping box. The books then go through the long process of cross-checking, indexing, and cataloging before they find their way to the stacks.

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