

The Catalyst

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Harb To Contest Election

Charles Harb, who ran against Daryl Laatsch and was defeated in the election for SEC Chairman held two weeks ago, is formally taking the matter of the SEC-Chairman run-off election to Student Court.

Laatsch talked with Ron Davidson, ex-Elections Chairman, and in turn with Harb. Laatsch's decision regarding the suit, said Harb, was "that the discrepancies weren't significant enough to warrant a new election." Laatsch then will not be supporting Harb when Harb brings the matter to Student Court on Tuesday, February 13. "Although he wouldn't support our action," Harb said, "he wouldn't defend his own position too strongly. He instructed Eric (Lofgren, his defense counsel) to mount a limited defense."

Bryan Reid will serve as Harb's counsel.

Commenting on his actions, Harb said, "This case isn't to decide who shall be SEC Chairman. The purpose is to decide whether the SEC elections were mismanaged enough to demand a new election."

Fumigation Fee Sparks Controversy

Special SEC Meeting Called

Last Monday, February 5, the SEC held a special meeting in the President's Dining Room to discuss pet policy.

Earl Helgeson, Dean of Student Affairs, stated that, sometime before this summer, all of the rooms on campus would have to be de-fleaed. This would cost \$300; in addition, there would be an additional cost of \$100 a month to continue the service. The total cost would be \$1500 a year. Helgeson went on to say that, "if there were no pets tomorrow," it would still cost \$700 to eliminate the fleas.

Rick Lathrop, first-year representative, said that if students wanted pets, it was up to the school to pay the expense. Len Nuttal, second-year representative, responded that it was unfair for people who do not have pets to subsidize the pet-owners. He then moved that a referendum be held to determine student opinion on the subject. The motion failed when Daryl Laatsch, Chairman, cast the trying vote. He explained this by saying that he was in principle in favor of a referendum, but would prefer a motion that was specific in regard to the wording of the referendum, which was left open in the original motion.

Bill Luker (first-year) then

moved that a tax be placed on all pets. Wendell Wagner (third-year) amended the motion to read that if \$500 were not raised each term, the SEC would make up the difference. The motion failed, with only Luker and Wagner in favor.

The idea of a Town Meeting to discuss the issue was presented and Nuttal moved that one be held on Wednesday, February 7, at 8 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Town Meeting Discusses Issue

A Town Meeting was held Wednesday, February 7, in Hamilton Center to discuss the problem of paying for the fumigation of the campus--"the pet problem." The meeting was held following a meeting of the SEC with Earl Helgeson on Monday, February 5.

Daryl Laatsch, who served as moderator, started the meeting when about sixty people had arrived, about 8:15, fifteen minutes late.

The problem, said Laatsch, was to determine how to gather the necessary \$1500 per year to pay for periodic fumigation of the campus by city pest control. The fumigation, he said, was necessary, to meet Board of Health standards, and could not be avoided. \$300 of the money would go to pay for an initial fumigation; \$100 a month for each month of the year would pay for periodic pesticide treatments.

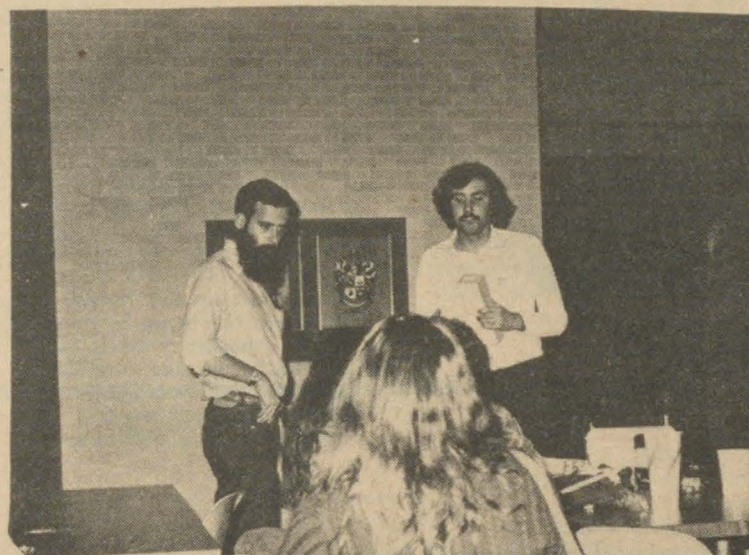
"The SEC felt very reluctant to take any position," said Laatsch on the issue without hearing from a number of students; hence, the meeting was held, since the motion to present the question to the student body in a referendum did not pass through the SEC.

So long as animals are on campus, Laatsch said about the \$1500 obligation, "there will be this charge...there's no way around it."

Opinion was divided among the attending students. Judy Schatz suggested that the SEC assume at least part of the cost, as it often appropriated money for minorities of the student body. Laatsch said that the SEC could afford to pay the cost, but that such a payment would substantially cut SEC funds.

Hank Pugh suggested that all pets on campus be required to be registered, and that any

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DARYL LAATSCH AND "SMITTY" LEAD THE DISCUSSION as pet owners and flea-haters collide at Wednesday's town meeting.

Court Busy With Three Meetings

Court Accepts Ackerman Case

The Student Court last night bound Ross Ackerman over for trial on a charge of possessing a "weapon or a dangerous implement that gives rise to feelings of intimidation or disturbance." The trial will be held next Tuesday, with the jury selection beginning at 5:15 PM.

Ackerman was charged with carrying a "BB pellet gun" at the recent Coronation Party and with a violation of the Non-intervisitation section of the Student Code. The court accepted the first charge but refused to try the second because there was no proper complaint made in reference to it. The accused pleaded "not guilty" to the charge and requested a jury trial.

Defense counsel, Ira Glasser made two motions to have the courtroom cleared because potential jurors were present and because the spectators were unruly. Both motions were denied by the court. The defense also requested that a record be kept of the hearing and the court then hired a secretary.

The prosecution moved that both the defense and the prosecution exchange lists of witnesses and evidence at least forty-eight hours in advance of the trial and that the defendant answer in writing the charge made against him. With the consent of the defense the motions were granted.

Craft Teachers Banned

The Student Court met twice last week to consider a complaint by Kenna Murray against the three jewelry-working instructors.

The initial complaint was brought before the court on Monday evening, but the court felt that since the instructors weren't present to defend themselves, it should wait until they were present to hear their side. On Tuesday the jewelry instructors were present.

Formal complaints were then filed by Mark Calkins, on behalf of Kenna Murray, and Bram Haver, Court Prosecutor, on behalf of two students. The complaints concerned guest rule violations and complaints of verbal abuse directed at women students by the defendants. In response to the first reading of the complaints, one of the defendants said, "Most of it's fabricated."

The three instructors defended themselves by saying that they were unaware of the guest rule and were led (by students) to believe that it was all right to stay nights on campus, even though they had been expressly told not to do this by Ms. Murray. It was, however, admitted that "we are guilty of sleeping on campus sometimes."

In response to the accusations of verbal abuse, the defendants denied that any abuse was intended. To this the plaintiffs replied that whether it was meant as such or not, that was how it was interpreted. The court then went into a closed session to deliberate a verdict. The verdict returned was that the three jewelry instructors were banned from campus for ten days. From then until the end of the term, they may be on campus until 11PM each night, provided

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Over 65 Retention Policy Set By Faculty

The faculty met in another of its monthly meetings Wednesday with the principle topic of discussion concerning faculty over 65 years of age.

Speaking for the Presidents Advisory Committee, Dr. Borden made a motion that the same voting procedure as is used for tenure consideration be used for consideration of the continuance of faculty who have reached the retirement. This procedure includes the vote of the division involved and a recommendation of the PAC. The motion also asked that those faculty members involved give notice of their desire to return in October of the year he or she turns 65, so that there will be ample time for the proper steps to be taken.

During the discussion of the motion it was brought up that a regular retention ballot (which calls for only the vote of the division involved) was sufficient and no new "machinery" was

necessary. However the faculty generally felt that this new machinery was not cumbersome and was already being used de facto. In addition, Dr. Knox added that this kind of decision shouldn't be made by the division alone. The motion carried.

The Faculty Status Committee introduced a motion to change the title of over-65 faculty to adjunct professor since they fit that category in the recent chart of faculty categories the best. Dr. Kirtley, speaking for the FSC, opposed the creation of a new category solely for over-65 faculty as being unnecessary, and anyway, "I want to keep my little chart as neat as possible." However the faculty felt that no change in title was necessary and the motion was withdrawn. Another later motion by Provost Riley on the same subject was referred to the FSC for further study.

The PAC also announced that they would relate the results of faculty tenure considerations at the next meeting. They also requested that students let their opinions of those faculty being considered for promotion, and second and fourth year non-tenured faculty being reviewed, be known. Said Dr. Borden, "We've been getting good response...we'd like more."

Dallas Dort, acting President, distributed copies of the proposed budget for next year. He announced that it is estimated that there will be only 499 students on campus this term. Since the budget is based on enrollment of 550, this drop could have financial repercussions. Contacted after the meeting, Ms. Ferraro attributed the drop to those students who complete their ninth term before the third term. When asked about the presidential search, Dort replied, "the chances of our having a president next September are 95%."

Buri Discusses Candidates

"We won't pick a woman if she isn't qualified," Dr. Peter Buri said Tuesday, speaking about unoccupied faculty positions in the Natural Science division, but he continued, "there is no bias against" and even "a certain interest in" recruiting more women for teaching posts at Nat. Sci. There is now one woman (as opposed to fourteen men) teaching at Nat. Sci., and there are three positions open; one in Biology, one in Physics, and a temporary position in Mathematics.

Dr. Buri, Division Chairman, said that they were sending notifications of the job openings to an agency to which women apply when looking for

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COURT MEMBERS CONFER at Tuesday's proceedings in which three non-students were convicted of guest rule violations and verbal assault.

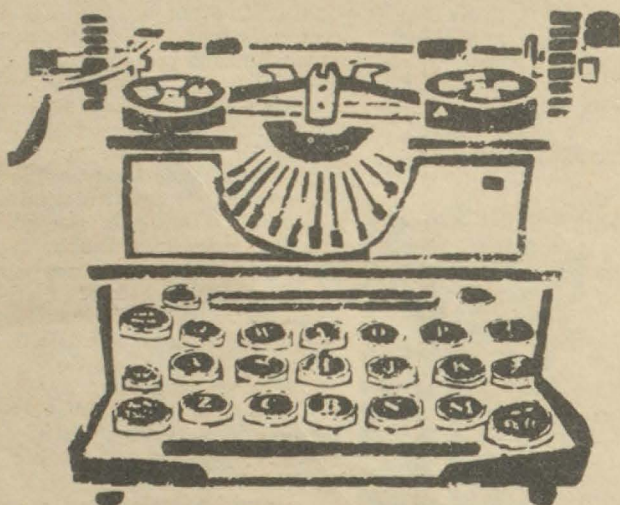
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Editorials

Tuition rates for New College are approximately \$3000 per year; room and board are around \$1300. For these fees

we have a small school, with good teachers. We have a school claiming to be innovative and excellent. We have a grand piano, an academic division without even an excuse for a building, an inadequate library, old air corps barracks for art studios, three modern-looking dormitories, a food service, and an old basketball net

out in the Hamilton Center parking lot. And we have no money to improve these facilities. Our money goes

for teachers, for basic maintenance, for holding the

student-faculty ratio down. We think these are the proper priorities.

New College cannot compete with Harvard or Chicago or Stanford on the basis of its facilities, or its cultural attractions, or its job-market prestige (try telling a local school board in Rossville, Georgia, that you went here: "Yes, but what's its name?"). We cannot turn out top-level research on pinched budgets and two-member departments. We cannot compete in "academic excellence" using students who, having seen that phrase only once in the catalogue, think New College might be trying something different.

Flexibility, or innovation, or experimentation: somewhere in the intersection of these three is what must be the essence of the New College education. Without this essence, we are an underequipped, understaffed, underendowed parody of a school, telling others, and ourselves, that we are a Harvard, and citing as proof our "demanding" professors, our "serious" students, and our history of recruiting valedictorians and class poets. Our only asset is the philosophy of our academic program, a philosophy based on the almost idealistic belief that, in the educational process, only the greatest flexibility can possibly produce the highest excellence.

To the Editor,

This letter is being written because I feel that my statement in last issue's election article might easily be misconstrued. The second count of the run-off election ballots did indeed show a discrepancy. While the original was taking place, the ballots were separated into two piles--the votes for Daryl and the votes for Charlie. By accident a ballot was placed in the wrong pile. This mistake was discovered, the ballot was placed in the correct pile, and a third count was made. The results of this count matched the results of the first count.

This letter is not meant to cast doubt on any other part of the election article or on the intentions of its author. I simply wish to clarify a statement that to me seemed ambiguous.

Sincerely,
Thomas McGuigan

To the Student Body,

Having just returned from attending my first (and most likely my last) SEC meeting, I feel moved to put my opinions on record. The issue that so moved me was the motion on which almost an hour was spent--whether or not to grant El Douche the sum of \$175 for its publishing costs for second term. Every conceivable opinion was aired on both sides,

with Jim Hunter being noticeably most vocal on the dissenting faction (in fact, his negative attitude was catching, it seemed). The issue slowly degenerated into purely personal opinion for and against with even the point being brought up that it represents the "free voice" that the CATALYST cannot provide because of advertising policies. The issue was no longer El Douche but personal antagonism. It culminated after the motion was defeated 4-2, with Wendall Wagner striking Ross Ackerman over the head with his umbrella (yes, folks) and the motion to "throw Ross out." He left.

Then visibly strained, the SEC discussed and passed the motion to reimburse Josh Stein for costs of the two issues published this term. Jim Hunter abstained. I make the observation that Jim Hunter actually voted on only one issue during the meeting--the El Douche issue. Though he presented all other Bread Board requests in a generally negative manner, he managed to remain "impartial." I see a highly opinionated person in a position of authority who feels it is his duty to look out for the supposed best interests of all New College students. I don't know how Jim Hunter obtained his position as shepherd of the flock (alias Bread Board Chairman) but I know I have never voted for him and never will. I strongly urge the rest of the student body to drop in on an SEC meeting and see how it "operates." I left laughing.

Karen Lundmark

Dear Sir;

Having read Ron Davison's letter I feel impelled to reply to several of his statements.

In his letter Ron states he could legally authorize money being given to Henry Patterson. This is completely untrue. An SEC Chairman has, in fact, practically no powers, beyond one vote in the SEC and certain secretarial duties (in which class I put chairing meetings). I myself voted Patterson the money only because I felt that he himself had presented the SEC with a reasonable request for money.

This brings to an attitude noticeable throughout Davidson's letter: his demand for a strong SEC chairmanship. I am vehemently opposed to this. I think a careful reading of the Catalyst will show that they have always agreed editorially with me about this. The January 11 editorial argues against strong government in any form, it seems.

I think we may see the evils of a strong chairmanship by looking at the national scene: the Presidency in the 60's and the 70's. During all this time the office was strong. When there was a good president, well-intentioned but short-sighted decisions were made; when there was a bad president, all hell broke loose.

More frightening to me is your demand that the Catalyst cooperate with you; it smacks of Nixon and Agnew's attempt to silence the press.

It is truly saddening to me that even young radical hip people like Ron Davidson can fall into power traps.

Wendell Wagner, Jr

Trustees Praise Development On Fund Raising Efforts

On behalf of the New College Community, the CATALYST would like to reprint this letter:

To the editor
Sarasota Herald Tribune
801 S. Tamiami Trail
Sarasota, FL

New College is proud, happy, and relieved to have again met the Ford Foundation \$1 million challenge. The result is that--again--we will receive from Ford \$250,000 in the coming year as a matching grant.

The Sarasota Community responded magnificently--again--especially in the final few weeks when--led by a \$50,000 challenge from Harry Suda-koff--it contributed nearly \$300,000 in a three week span.

Everyone in the New College community is grateful to all our contributors and we want all Sarasotans to know it, including the hundreds of retirees and working couples whose smaller contributions we especially welcome. New College is their school, too.

There is one group of people, however, which has been overlooked in our thank you's--Bob Drabik, our director of development and his small staff, especially the mesdames Adrienne Swift, Virginia Kundzic and "Joey" Dobbins. Just exactly how well they have performed may be highlighted by this fact: last year less than 5% of all public and private colleges and universities in the United States raised \$1 million or more in new operating funds. New College was one of the 5% and Bob Drabik and his staff did the job with so few people and such a small budget that we are told New College had perhaps the lowest cost of raising its money of any college in the country.

The Trustees Development Committee is tremendously proud of Bob Drabik and his staff and we feel that the college and Sarasota are fortunate to have associated with us a person of such character, dedication and capability.

Ted Sperling
New Colleges Trustees
Development Committee

To "Forum"

The recent SEC decision to withhold further money for El Douche is an outrage. Once every two weeks El Douche gives us all a break from the generally stogie humdrum of New College. El Douche provides us all with a few minutes to laugh at others as well as ourselves.

I'll be damned if I'll allow the "student council power elite" to decide what the students can or cannot read. SEC members generally vote based on personal convictions without consulting the student body. The El Douche money matter is no exception. How many students were approached by a SEC member and asked their opinion on the El Douche money question?

It seems to me El Douche is worth more than the \$300 the SEC willingly appropriated for booze at the Coronation of King David. Why doesn't the SEC throw a non-alcoholic party, where we could release our inhibitions naturally, and give El Douche the 300 bucks. In the spirit of Lenny Bruce, Frank Zappa, and Don Rickles, EL DOUCHE LIVES!

Dave Smolker

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TRUSTEES OPEN MEETING

The Board of Trustees of New College will meet this Thursday and Friday, Feb. 8 and 9.

SLIDE LECTURE

Bruce Gregory, instructor at the Ringling School of Art, will present a color slide lecture, "WPA Murals: The National and Local Scene," Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 10:30 AM at the Ringling Museum of Art. Admission is \$1.00 for museum members, \$1.50 for non-members, and 50¢ for students. There will be a question and answer period following Gregory's presentation. The talk will be held in the Education Department on the ground floor of the new wing on the south side of the Museum.

FINAL AUCTION

Friday's special auction of items left from the "big" regular Third Annual NC Auction and held in South Hall for the college community, brought in approximately \$700, Charles C. Harra, business manager, said.

NAT SCI DEDICATION

Dedication ceremonies for the newly constructed Paul H. Hanson Wing of the William G. and Marie Selby Science Center will be held Thursday, Feb. 15. The late Mr. Hanson was a secretary of the administrative committee of the Selby Foundation which provided the funds for the construction of the building. An open house will be held following the ceremonies.

"HUMANITIES AS SOCIOLOGY" NEW TRUZZI PUBLICATION

The Humanities in Sociology, an introductory reader edited by Dr. Marcello Truzzi, associate professor of sociology, has just been published by the Charles E. Merrill Publishing Co. of Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Truzzi, who contributed to the volume, said that most of the contributions are original papers, previously unpublished, and that it is the first book of its kind.

BOOK DEADLINE

Teachers who have not yet ordered third-term textbooks should do so immediately.

Tennis

Mr. Bernard Forer, former college and high school tennis coach, will be giving instruction on Mondays and Fridays from 1 to 3.

Mr. Forer would like to work out schedules for beginning and intermediate players beginning this Fri.

If you can't make Chris Baster's class on Wednesdays (12--1) come meet Mr. Forer.

Crafts

Mr. Manny Staub, professional jeweler and leatherworker will offer classes in the crafts room in A building on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 9 PM.

Swimming

The pool will be closed evenings (Wed., Fri., and Sat. 7--9) probably until Spring Term or until demands warrant reopening.

DOUGHERTY ATTENDS COLOMBIA CONFERENCE

Dr. Dru Dougherty, assistant professor of Spanish language and literature, attended a workshop for counselors in off-campus study with the Experiment in International Living in Atlanta, Georgia, January 26-27. Work is in progress on a program in anthropology in Colombia for the coming academic year.

CALENDAR

Thursday, 2/8:
New College Board of Trustees meets, Hamilton Center.

The Woman's Library Association for New College; a color slide lecture on Mexican art by Nancy S. Hine, associate director of education for Ringling Museums. Coffee, 10:15 am, College Hall. For WLA membership.

Friday, 2/9:
Board of Trustees meetings conclude.

Ad lib for faculty and staff; 4:30 pm, South Hall.

Sunday, 2/11:
Society of Friends (Quakers) discussion, 10am, worship 11 am, Music Room.

NC film series, Paisan, Italy 1946, directed by Roberto Rossellini. A sex-episode chronicle of wartime Italy. 7 and 9:30 pm, Auditorium, Hamilton Center.

Tuesday, 2/13:
Math Events; award-winning film (bronze plaque at the International Film and Television Festival) titled John von Neumann, 20th century mathematician who made significant contributions to almost every branch of modern mathematics, both pure and applied. 7:30 pm, Room 21, Selby Science Building.

Monday, 2/12
Lincoln's Birthday.

Civilization, celebrated film series of the cultural life of Western man by Sir Kenneth Clark. All 13 films will be shown during the winter and spring terms. Third of series, "Romance and Reality," 7:30 pm, Auditorium, Hamilton Center.

Wednesday, 2/14
St. Valentine's Day.

Natural Sciences Seminar, David Hartley, NC alumnus '67, (Charter Class graduate), speaks on electron microscopic investigations of motility of sperm of a coccid insect. Hartley receives his M. D. degree from Duke University in May and expects to take up a residency in psychiatry at University of North Carolina in September. 3:30 pm, Room 21, Selby Science Building.

Conversation and coffee for faculty and students. Dr. Peggy Bates' home at 141 Hamilton Court, 9 pm.

Thursday, 2/15:
Dedication of the Paul H. Hanson Wing of the William G. Selby and Marie Selby Science Center, 2 pm, Palmer Campus.

Friday, 2/16:
Ad lib for faculty and staff; 4:30 pm, South Hall.

NC film series, King Kong, the original uncut version. There may be an admission charge of 75¢ or so. 7 and 9:30 pm, Auditorium.

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that they are properly signed in. At the start of next term they may petition the Student Court for regular guest privileges. However, if any valid complaint is ever received about them at anytime in the future, they will be permanently banned from campus.

PETS from page one

animal on campus not wearing a New College registration tag be taken to the pound. "If no one claims him, he doesn't have a master and doesn't belong on campus." This action would require the hiring or appointing of a campus "dog proctor," which, according to Madge Peck, is provided for in the Student Constitution.

Another student suggested that pet owners be forced to assume all responsibility for paying for the fumigation.

Eric Lofgren asked Laatsch to give him a week to raise the \$1500 from the student body without imposing mandatory fees upon them. Laatsch granted him the week, but added that he could not speak for the SEC and, hence that his grant was worthless.

Laatsch said after the meeting that, due to the division of student opinion, he doubted that the Town Meeting would have much effect on the final decision of the SEC, which will meet to discuss and decide upon the issue on Friday, February 9. He did say that, "it's not a matter of banning dogs," and that the meeting reaffirmed his previous observation that the issue was a highly emotional one among New College students.

BASKETBALL, TENNIS VICTORS AT MJC

Asolo Opens 1973 Season

The Asolo Theatre opens its '73 season this week. The first two shows in the Theatre's repertoire for the season, *Pygmalion* and *Angel Street*, will be reserved for contributors to the company, invited dignitaries, and drama reviewers. Other performances are open to the public.

PAC REQUESTS LETTERS

Student and faculty wishing to give their views on 2nd, and 4th year faculty up for review, or to comment on tenure in time for the next Trustee's meeting are asked to submit letters as soon as possible to Dr. Border of the PAC. Please make comments as specific as possible.

TRUSTEE REMINDER

Send comments, suggestions, concerns of college interest--for better representation on Trustees to David Young, 79 Ocean Drive East, Stanford, Conn. 06902.

Available For

Internships

Graduates

Competition is now underway for internship appointments to the Florida Legislature for 1973-74. Applicants must graduate from college not later than September 1973. The internships pay a stipend of \$500 per month. Applications must be completed by March 1.

Applications can be obtained from Jim Feeney in Bldg. A. Competition is intense and only persons who would accept an appointment should consider applying.

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jobs, and later added that a large number of applications had been received, although not many seemed suitable. He pointed to the high standards New College looks for as one of the problems in hiring faculty.

The chances of two women who have submitted applications for the Nat. Sci. posts don't look very good, according to Dr. Buri. One, would only be offered an assistant professors' post, too low a rank for her ten year's experience, and would do no research; the other is a new graduate, and not well-qualified enough. Dr. Dennis Barrett, considered for the Biology position, would have had to be hired as an associate professor level--the administration--rejected his application because of the salary she would draw, and because he would have to be considered for tenure within three years.

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Bread Board Requests Top SEC Agenda

All members were in attendance at the second regular meeting of the SEC on Friday, February 2. The meeting opened with a student suggestion, but was dominated by Bread Board proposals and discussion.

Michael Spalletta, opening the meeting, suggested that in the Student Government elections a candidate debate be held to better acquaint students with the various candidates and their proposals. The value of this was recognized, but no mention was made.

Following this, the Bread Board brought up eight motions, five of which were carried. Jim Hunter presented the motions for a voice vote by members of the SEC. Most were met with discussion.

First, \$500 was unanimously granted to David Pini for the instruction of two classes. Following, Jean Beaird's request for \$250 for production of a play, *A Phoenix Too Frequent*, passed on a vote of 8-0. The play will be for all students and production is planned for the end of this term.

Norman Stein arranged for poet Hugh Steidman to visit the campus to speak and hold readings for interested students during a weekend this term. The motion granted \$309 when it passed with a vote of 8-0. The fourth motion that carried awarded \$250 to IMP Productions to build a stage for their productions as well as the use of the student body. Also granted was approximately \$35 to Josh Stein to reimburse him for the latest issue of *El Douche*. This motion passed with a vote of 7-1 and was met with intense discussion. Hunter cast the opposing vote.

Of the motions that did not carry, *El Douche* appeared to dominate with a request for \$175. Some SEC members felt that the editorial policy of

El Douche detracts from its worth, and that students do not appreciate reading material of *El Douche's* calibre. The motion failed with a vote of 4-2. Candy Boyd and Bill Luker cast votes in favor of *El Douche*.

Among other proposals that failed were a \$25 request by the Spanish Club and \$250 for a Krishna presentation on campus. There was some discussion on the decision not to finance the Spanish Club's request; but some SEC members felt that special interest groups do not reflect the interests of students or warrant special financial aid.

A previous grant of \$50 to Tom Estep was brought up. This money was used for the purchase of two kegs of beer for the picnic at the airport pavillion on Wednesday, January 31. Since the hours for dinner had been moved to 4-5

o'clock, a misunderstanding evolved and the kegs arrived late. Many students had already returned to campus. As a result of these misunderstandings, the beer was used for a private party on campus. This misuse was expressed as an unfortunate circumstance.

A special meeting of the SEC was set for Monday, Feb. 5 to discuss the pet situation on campus with Earl Helgeson. The formation of an Educational Sub-Committee was also proposed. Several members indicated an interest and planned a tentative meeting for Monday, February 5.

Two final motions were brought up and passed. The \$5 refrigerator tax was repealed; and the two Student Court prosecutors, David Parsons and Bram Haver, were approved. These motions both carried with a vote of 7-0.

Tiffany: On Record

For those of you who could make no rhyme or reason out of my last week's record review on the Groundhogs, an explanation is in order. Two of the paragraphs were juxtaposed by the printer. The second paragraph is actually the first, and the first should have occurred at the beginning of the second column. OK? Yeah. Yeah. Right. Right. Right.

It seems as though this will be another good year for country and bluegrass music by groups and individuals who have broken away from the old patriotic trips such as "screw the world's problems--I'm gonna be happy playing my jovial light-hearted music" style. A good example of this attitude expressed in music of the past was the good old blue-grass of the Dillard's as well as much of Earl Scruggs (also Flatt with Scruggs) old banjo pickin'.

A new album by a new group, Country Gazette, is typical of this upper trip bluegrass music. The album, *A Traitor in Our Midst* (United Artists, UAS-5596), really has some fine hard-core American bluegrass. Alan Munde on guitar and banjo has a style of picking which could very easily be mistaken for Earl Scruggs. His runs are just as highly polished, just not as lengthy. There's also some fine fiddle and mandolin supplied by Byron Berline. Roger Bush on acoustic bass (yes folks an all acoustic band--and it sounds great) and Ken-ny Wertz on guitar round out the group.

Country Gazette do many traditional numbers on the album, such as "Lost Indian" and "Swing Low Sweet Chariot," but most of the cuts are originals by members of the group. There are also two cuts written by the infamous Gene Clark (original lead singer and writer for the Byrds). One of the songs, "Tried So Hard" was also just recorded by Eagles on their latest (and only) album.

The only bummer about the album is the inside cover graphics. It's a wierd Pancho Villa-type photographic scenerio of the group plotting to set up a military junta somewhere (Mexico?, Amerika?, Gonuranaland?). In any event, they use a lot of female skin to keep your attention from picture to picture as the story unfolds. I really think the whole thing is actually junta schuck on Madison Avenue sexist advertising, but it still isn't necessary to help the marketing of this album. It's really a well organized and executed collection of times--a pleasant break from bluegrass as it's presently being handled in this country. You might say it's a return to the traditional style which was originally intended to be conveyed by bluegrass--intricate acoustic picking and light but intense vibrations. Right up your old yin-yang (to quote Ken Kesey).

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Coronation Ball



STUDENTS ROCK OUT at the Coronation Ball in Hamilton Center last Saturday night.



UNIDENTIFIED STUDENT IN PARTY HAT (arrow) carouses with friends at the gala event.

The Royal Coronation Ball, celebrating the crowning of His Highness, King David, Lord of the Leopard, was held the evening of Saturday, February 3, in the Royal Dining Room in Hamilton Center. The King was clad regally in his now-familiar ceremonial victory robe and blue jeans. The Queen was radiant in her pale blouse and slacks. The crowd was ebullient, obviously pleased to honor their new leader. Dress of the times abounded, though several of the loyal citizens wore proper attire, and looked quite respectable.

The refreshments were chosen by the King himself, with the help of his Royal Party Master, Steve Kaplan (who, we must say, did a remarkable

job this evening). The liquid refreshments were consumed with growing apathy, as minds grew numb, but those who drank appeared to enjoy. The cakes were also excellent, but most of the peasants were unable to appreciate the symbolic significance of four of the cakes being chocolate on white, while the fifth was white on chocolate. This symbolism should, of course, be clear to all by now.

The royal miracles did not all come off as well as was hoped, but the laser-light show was fairly effective. The highlight of the evening, however, was the abduction (and subsequent chemical seduction) of our Royal and Beloved Majesty,

King David. Unfortunately, the King was returned safely, and the party began to deteriorate later on.

A good time was had by all who attended.

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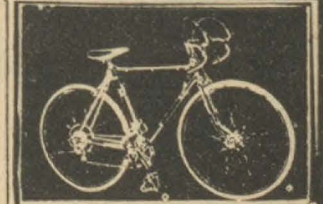
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