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President Elmendorf addresses students in the Music Room.

Elmendorf Announces Decisions

In an address to students Wednesday evening President John Elmendorf announced several recent administrative policy decisions.

The first part of the president's address was a report of last Saturday's meeting of administration and department heads. Among the issues discussed at this meeting were study at other campuses, tuition rates, financial aid, and college publicity material.

According to the president, students who obtain faculty approval to study at another school or abroad will be given as much financial assistance as possible. Ideally, he said, students will study elsewhere between the second-year qualifying exam and the end of the first course term of the third year. He added that students who leave New College for a full year or longer will not receive financial aid from the college during their absence.

Full details will be announced after discussions with the Board of Trustees.

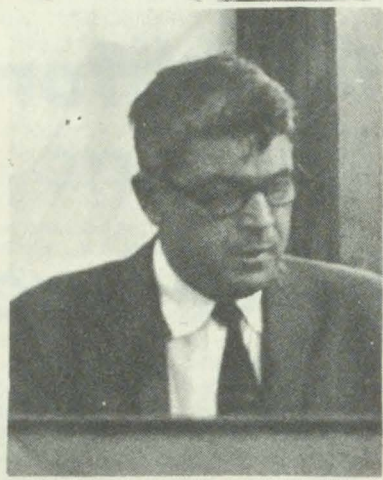
Dr. Elmendorf reported that, due to limited resources, the college cannot provide financial aid for more than three years. Also, he commented that there would be some positive correlation between a student's performance and his financial aid.

Those present at the Saturday meeting reached no agreement on the subject of increased controls for first-year students, but they had an "interesting" discussion, said the president.

On the subject of the college catalog, Dr. Elmendorf expressed the view that it should be a mixture of "the ideal that ought to be and the reality that is." He did, however, admit that there was too big a gap between the two and reported that attempts are being made to bridge it.

Memorial Plaque Placed In Library

A memorial plaque in honor of Ted Held has been placed in the New College Library. In addition



Baughman Resigns Trustee Position

Dr. George F. Baughman, founding president of New College, resigned Wednesday as trustee and as executive officer of the New (College) Foundation, a post which he has held since May.

Dr. Baughman's resignation came in a letter which said in part that his action was prompted by "my acquisition of the world famous Sarasota Jungle Gardens as an investment,

Reserve Seats Now For Sebring Race

Advanced ticket orders for the Sebring 12 hour endurance race, Saturday, March 26, will be placed next Friday, according to athletic coordinator Peter Odell. Reservations should be in to him by then.

Price for Saturday admission and bus trip is \$5.50. Seats on the bus will be reserved for students only until Tuesday, when they will be available to faculty and staff.

The college bus will leave the East Campus in time to arrive at Sebring about 8 am. Mike Mather will drive the flatbed truck to Sebring the preceding Thursday to serve as a meeting place and viewing platform for spectators from New College. The truck will be parked on the course's hairpin curve.

to the plaque, a collection of psychology books is being added to the library as a further memorial.

Ted became the 101st member of the Charter Class after he hitchhiked to Sarasota although he had previously been denied admittance to New College because of lack of space. He was killed last summer when the car he was driving collided with a school bus as he was returning to college.

In a letter written February 6, Ted's mother, Mrs. Helen Held, said: "The wonderful memorial makes us feel that all Ted worked so hard for was really worthwhile."

Checks for the book fund may be sent to Mrs. Virginia B. Hall, Public Relations secretary. They should be made out to the Women's Library Association (for Ted Held Memorial).

Johnson Budget Drops Student Loan Program

The Johnson administration's proposed 1966-1967 budget has made no provision for the continuation of the National Defense

Student Loan Program. According to Joe Hall, Financial Aid Officer, "This means that as of this moment there will be no funds available for loan to needy students through this program in the 1966-1967 academic year and thereafter."

Upon receiving official notification of this news from the Office of Education, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, President John Elmendorf released this statement: "It is the intent of the college to do all in its power to see that no student is forced to leave because of the change in the government loan program, and I believe the Trustees will share this feeling. However, the sudden need for an increase of possibly 5% in operating costs creates a very serious problem not subject to quick solution."

The discontinuance of this program will affect millions of students throughout the nation. New College's total loan request for the academic year 1966-1967, includ-

Council Urges Student Concern For More Study Suggests One-Hour Cut In Intervisitation Rules

Members of the College Council expressed concern Wednesday that students are not studying as much as they should and urged increased student interest in the matter.

President John Elmendorf told the special meeting that "practically every faculty member maintains that students are not working enough."

"As a basis for consideration of the matter," the council unanimously adopted a motion to recommend that the SEC shorten intervisitation by one hour. If adopted, this would mean that intervisitation would end at midnight on weekdays and 2 am on weekends.

Members of the committee repeatedly emphasized that this recommendation is not made as a punitive measure but as an attempt to encourage students to study more and to encourage student consideration of the problem. Vice-president Paul Davis termed the proposal "an aid to academics."

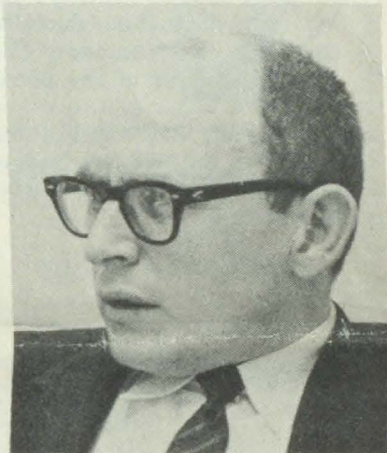
Dr. George Mayer, secretary of the council, said, "Here is an opportunity. It's no screaming solution, but an opportunity for students to carry the ball." Dr. Earl Friesen said, "It is an encouragement to students who could perform better."

President Elmendorf said the earlier end to intervisitation would provide "those people who have trouble disciplining themselves... a better chance."

The recommendation was adopted after much discussion of the overall interrelated problem of student discipline and academic performance.

Chuck Hamilton pointed out that action at the last meeting defining intervisitation as a "primary function" of the council was not within the power of the council and should be considered void. The council can only ascertain which of the

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Joe Hall

ing both extensions of existing loans and new loans for the incoming class, would have been approximately \$120 thousand.

The school has already sent telegrams of protest to various government officials in Florida and Washington.

"According to our democratic process," said Mr. Hall, "the legislative branch can write into a budget funding for any particular project which has not been requested by the administration. The college urges that all students who need NDSLP funds to continue their

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education next year write to their parents and have them, as well as the students themselves, write to their state congressmen, urging that funds be provided for loans to college students through the NDSLP."

The NDSLP was started in 1958 to provide students funds for educational purposes and especially to encourage the science-oriented. (This was one facet of the nationwide reaction to the Soviet Sputnik.) (Continued on Page 2, column 5)



Dr. Baughman

In a telephone interview yesterday, he said, "The number one place in my heart is for New College." He added that the college is in good hands and that he left it with "every best wish."

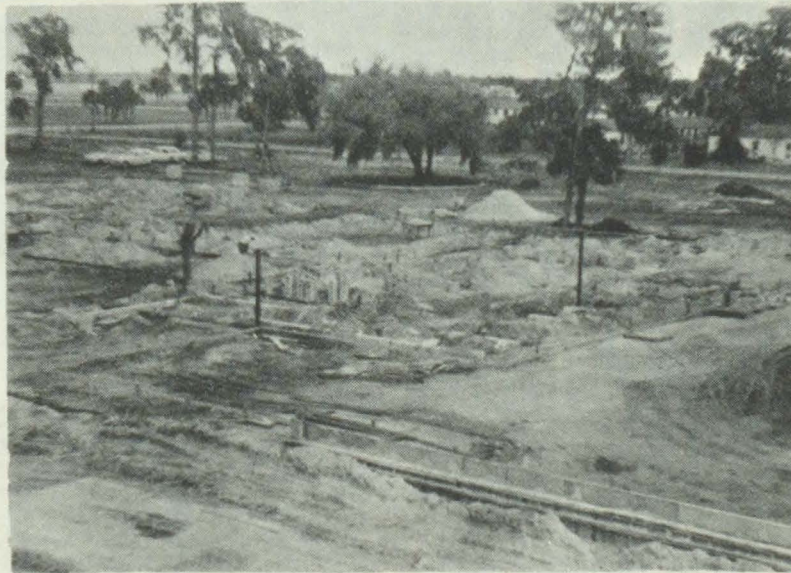
During March, Dr. Baughman has a commitment to work with the Navy on a classified assignment. He and Mrs. Baughman later in the spring will visit England in response to an invitation from the British government.

Speaking for the trustees, Chairman Louis H. LaMotte said, "The trustees of New College accept with sincere regret the resignation of Dr. George Baughman. His dedication as a founding trustee, as the founding president of the college, and later as executive head of the New College Foundation is eminently recorded in the progress the college has made. His contributions are symbolized by the vital institution the college has become."

Dr. Baughman's resignation from the board of trustees is effective immediately; he will act as head of the Foundation until August 31. He said yesterday that he is not sure whether a successor will be sought.

SEC To Report To Students

Members of the Student Executive Committee and its various subcommittees will report to the students at an assembly tomorrow at 6:30 pm in the Music Room.



VIEW OF CONSTRUCTION SITE on East Campus, looking out toward the northeast. Captain Ralph Styles, Planning Officer, reports work is one week ahead of schedule.

Editorially Speaking

Congress Will Listen

The national administration's decision to discontinue the National Defense Student Loan Program is, for several reasons, extremely unwise at this time.

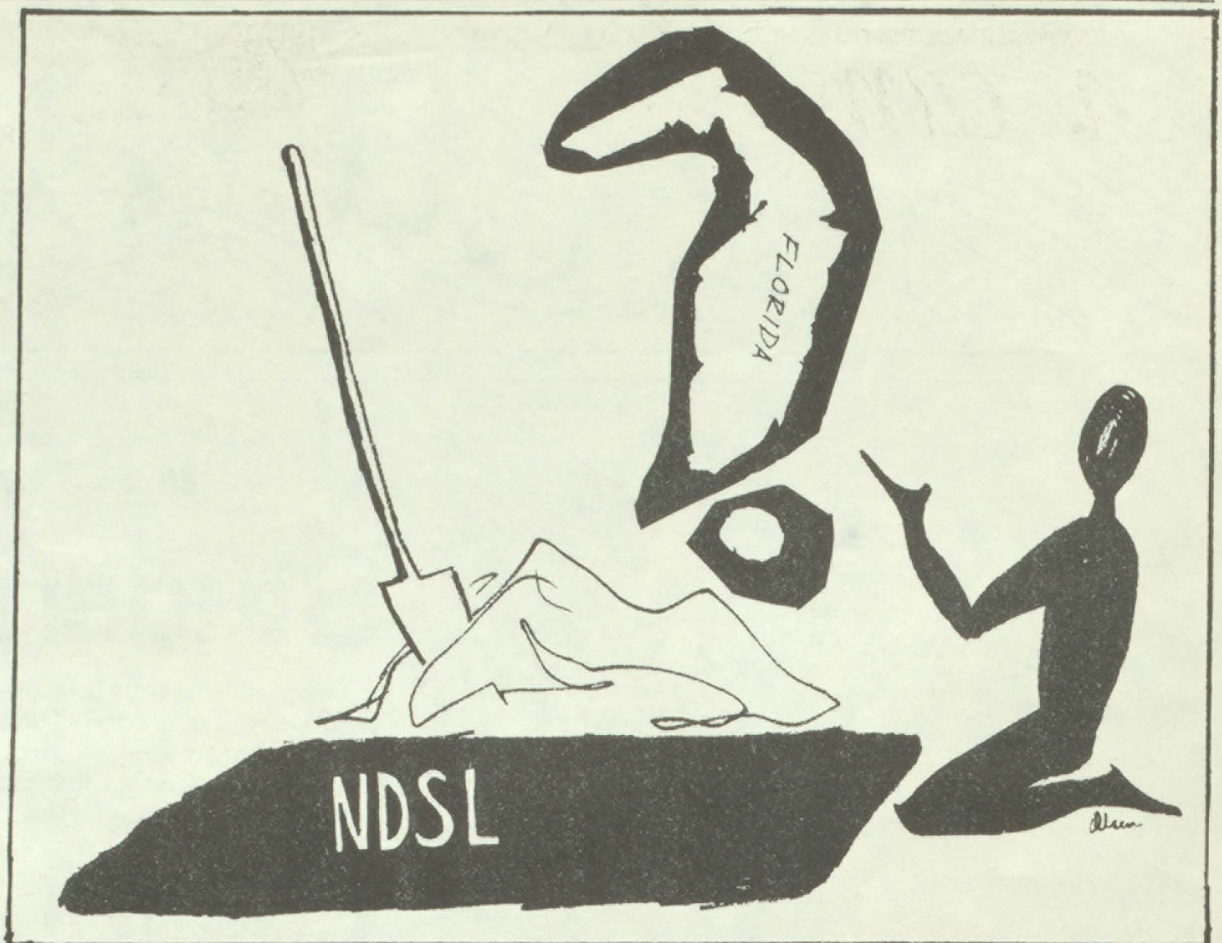
It had been planned that the NDSL, a product of the Sputnik scare of 1957, would be replaced by programs within each state instituted by the state, with the aid of private capital and federal interest subsidies, under the Higher Education Act of 1965. Although a handful of states have put such programs into effect, it has been estimated that a minimum of two years will be necessary for most of the other states to follow suit.

Apparently, the federal government has overlooked the time factor and is satisfied with what is on paper. However, this oversight leaves vast numbers of students without an immediate substitute for the NDSL as a means of financial support.

Whether the reason is oversight or something worse, the fact remains that students, including many at New College, are in dire circumstances. There is an answer, however.

As constituents, students and their parents have the right and the responsibility to express displeasure at this action to their representatives in Congress. Congress can, and will, modify the administration's budget request. Since this is an election year, Congressmen will be most receptive to the opinions of the public.

If students will express their feelings to those who will approve or modify the budget and ask their parents to do the same, the NDSL may be reinstated for the vital transition period.



Letters to the Editor Chairman Explains Discipline Procedure

To the Editor:

As it appears that a large number of students are uncertain about the methods and actions of the Student Disciplinary Committee, I feel that I should offer some explanations. First, no student has had action taken against him, or even been discussed specifically, by the SDC without either prior notification or actual presence at the meetings. Secondly, this procedure of prior notification is becoming an official method of pro-

cedure for the committee. Thirdly, the committee will in the future have a regular day, time and place of meeting. These meetings are open to any student. Also, a more formalized procedure has been introduced. If you do not already have copies of it, they will be available soon.

Those things that I have mentioned above are some of the expressed concerns of students. More important, I feel, are those concerns dealing with the actual philosophy of the committee. The SEC transferred this authority to the SDC. There is no mention of the SDC in the Modes of Procedure. The committee is responsible to the SEC for all action taken. Any truly severe punishments (social probation or recommendation for expulsion) require the specific approval of the SEC before they can be effected. The SDC is merely removing the burden of disciplinary matters from the SEC as a group. The SEC still has very close contact with the SDC as two members of the SDC are also (as stated in the rules governing the SDC) members of the SEC. As the ultimate aim of the SDC is to act for the SEC in disciplinary matters, I feel that the remaining members should be appointed by the SEC and not elected directly by the student body. The SEC, not the SDC, has authority in matters of student discipline. Because it is a committee created by the SEC, the SDC must be responsible only to the SEC if it is to remain within the existing Modes of Procedure. The student body, of course, can remove any member, or members, of the SEC by recall, and more directly, can petition the SEC to remove any members of the SDC that they feel are not fulfilling this function. I feel that, in order to have sufficient freedom of action, the SDC should be responsible to the SEC, not the students. Direct election of the non-SEC members of the SDC would remove disciplinary control from the body which is responsible for it, the SEC. Also, and here I speak for the SDC as a group, the number of members should not be raised beyond the existing five because it appears, from our meetings, that a larger number could easily become unwieldy.

Now, we get to the most important part. The SDC has met with only very limited success. The vast majority of our trouble is caused by the failure of the students, individually and as a group, to meet their responsibilities to the college in the area of discipline. We are a self-disciplining student body that has not disciplined itself. For a year and a half, we have been allowed to break every rule

Letters submitted with the writer's signature will be considered for publication. Names will be withheld upon request. Letters will not be returned and are subject to editing.

we have imposed upon ourselves without reaction from those people who are responsible for the college, the president and the board of trustees. I think that the actions of the College Council in the past month indicate that this lassitude must end if we are to retain control of our discipline. As it appears that, by nature, we, as students, will not enforce the rules voluntarily, there should be an outside authority to be responsible primarily to the SEC to report student violations. This is the procedure which has been recommended by Ray Enslow's Student Disciplinary Reform Committee. I stress again, this action, or similar action, will be necessary if we are to continue to retain primary responsibility for our discipline. I wholeheartedly agree with those students, such as Sam Treynor, whose letter in last week's Catalyst I thought superb, who wish to be left alone. However, we will not be left alone until we discipline ourselves. The college is still subject to all the rules which apply to everyone. If we aren't disciplined internally, we are going to be disciplined externally, either by the board of trustees or by local authorities. We would not be dealt with with as much laxity as we are now if this should be true, particularly if discipline rests with the local police. This is a very extreme example, but, I feel, the point is justified. If we don't discipline ourselves we will be effectively disciplined by someone else and we will not have any authority in deciding the rules by which we will be disciplined.

(signed) Bill Chadwick
Chairman, Student
Disciplinary Committee

Loans

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nik.) The program has since been broadened to include all the disciplines. Maximum loans were set at \$1000 per year or \$1300 for those in accelerated programs, such as New College's.

Repayment terms are described by Mr. Hall as "exceedingly favorable."

"We are now pursuing alternative loan sources," Mr. Hall went on, "but it is doubtful that any can be found with as favorable terms as the NDSL."

Apparently, according to Mr. Hall, the federal administration left the program out of the budget because it was felt that the NDSL was no longer necessary. According to the Higher Education Act of 1965, a state-run loan system with federal interest subsidy was instituted to replace the NDSL. However, such a system will take at least two years for most states to develop.

In the meanwhile, concluded Mr. Hall, unless there is a change made, students and schools will have to suffer.

A Night at the Opera Turnau Players Give Fine Performance, Relax Backstage Before Stately Opera

by Tom Manteuffel

Outside, a soft rain moistened fur capes and glistened hair. Inside, men slightly stiffened by the haut ton and women relaxed by it, chatted cordially. "It's a wonderful old chestnut of an opera," a matron reassured her friend, "You will like it."

It was opening night at the Asolo Theater for the Turnau Opera Players performance of "La Traviata" (The Lost One), by Giuseppe Verdi. The theater was totally in character with its delicately painted tiers and glamorous box seats that would become impossible within a matter of minutes.

The story concerns beautiful Violetta Valery (played by beautiful Marajean Marvin), a nineteenth century Paris socialite who renounces the jet set to marry Alfredo

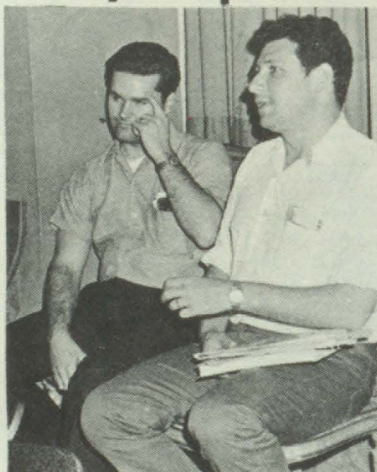
Germont (convincingly played by John Thomas). His father (William Covington, in great vocal form) pleads with Violetta to stop the marriage to save his family's honor. Painfully she renounces Alfredo, who then leaves on a long trip. He learns the truth, however, and returns to find Violetta dying of tuberculosis. She dies, of course, in his arms, professing her love.

The program in its standard fealty to Verdi commended the tragedy "despite the motivation of Victorian moral standards which may not seem as pertinent to our era." The music, however, survives the dated libretto, and the leads accomplish the extreme sincerity needed to pull off such a purely romantic drama. The staging, heighted by dramatic backlighting, is modestly sensitive to shifts in mood or lighting.

Prime credit for the subtle dual-piano accompaniment goes to Herb Kaplan, youngish musical director from Boston, a veteran of only two years in opera, and who got his job largely because opera companies "want to hire people not bogged down by tradition."

The first-night audience of about two hundred fifty applauded the performance warmly. Included in the first-nighters from the college were President and Mrs. John Elmendorf, Dr. and Mrs. Gresham Riley, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hopkin, and several students.

But if the opera was stately and the audience formal, the players themselves in the moments before Tuesday's performance were candidly relaxed. When Miss Marvin confessed she was from Missoula, Montana, all barriers were down. Johanna Meier, who will play Violetta Monday and Tuesday of next week, then said she was from



Turnau players Richard Crittenden, left, and Howard Ross.

Spearfish, South Dakota. Howard Ross, one of the founders of Turnau, asked where I had bought my blue work-shirt. Herb Kaplan revealed that a drunk had inadvertently wandered into the piano pit during the performance Monday. "He was heard to say as I ushered him out, 'I think you're a helluva nice man.'"

More momentarily, the actors split in answering whether they preferred English or Italian librettos. Kaplan and Johanna chose Italian.

The Turnau Players, one of the best touring groups in the country, was founded twelve years ago in Woodstock, New York. The company annually performs an eight-week season in Woodstock, followed by four weeks in Sarasota, and three to five weeks of cross-country one-night stands.

An innovation this year is \$1.00 standing-room tickets (seating after the first act). Regular admission is \$2. Tonight, Rigoletto, also by Verdi, opens for four performances.

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on campus

with Laurie Paulson

The Paulson Poll

With everyone making surveys of student opinion on discipline and conduct, I decided that it was only fair that I make my own informal survey of the student body. My editor felt the same way. "Why don't you make your own informal survey of the student body regarding discipline and conduct?" he asked.

"Is it because you want for your readers the same intelligent, sensitive insight that characterized my other valuable surveys of student discipline?" I asked, modestly.

"No, it's either that or a full-page picture of the Social Science faculty."

Heartened by this expression of confidence, I set to work immediately. Proceeding by the scientific sampling methods I knew only too well, I stopped the first person I saw. He was standing in the palm court, spraying the trees green. "Why weren't you in my last dream?" I asked him.

"I have to do this," he said. "There's a prospective student arriving today."

"Do you think something should be done about the noise level in the courts?" I asked him.

"Why, no, I don't think it's a problem."

"Then it's very quiet in your part of the court?"

"Are you kidding? There's one constant party next door from 9 pm to 4 am. I can't even hear myself think."

"Then there is a problem. When do you sleep?"

He looked at me in disbelief. "During the day. When do you think?"

Moving on, I met two students busy digging a tunnel under the walkway construction. They explained that they were doing it in memory of a fellow New Collegian who met a heroic end leaping over the wall to his Porsche. I asked one of them my question. "I'm conducting an informal poll," I began.

"Is that why you're wearing that



Paulson

torn shirt and filthy chinos with no shoes?"

"I know it's ridiculous," I said, "but I'm going right to the Candlelight dinner after this. Now, do you think intervisitation hours are the cause of a high noise level in the dorms?"

"I would think just the opposite," he said.

I went to the other student. "What do you think of student discipline?"

"I don't know," he answered, "I've never tried it."

"Well, do you think there should be a proctor in the dorms?"

"I believe that if the faculty thinks they need one, they should get one. A lot of them are still quite immature, you know."

The next student I ran into didn't even excuse himself, or help me up from the ground. He seemed very unsteady on his feet and slurred his words as he spoke. I asked him, "Do you drink more than the national average?"

"Of course not," he seemed to say, "I'm just a social drinker."

Indicating the bottle in his hip pocket, I remarked, "I don't see anyone else."

"Well, I hate people," he replied.

So far in my sampling, I had not encountered anyone dissatisfied with any aspects of discipline. To be absolutely fair, I wanted to interview at least one griper. I found him in the third court, drafting a nasty letter. "How do you feel about student conduct?" I asked.

"It's absolutely disgraceful. As I say in my letter, something has to be done. Why, there are regular orgies that go on around me regularly. There's laughing and shouting and screaming and loud music and dancing and alcohol and just awful carrying-on. They'd better stop this kind of thing right away or else."

"Or else what?"

"Or else invite me."



Mr. Mike Mather, Assistant to the College Examiner, points out some of the intricacies of the New College Sociogram, a three-dimensional representation of student association habits. Mather constructed the Sociogram from data collected through individual questionnaires.

To Ready Boats In Three Weeks

According to athletic coordinator Peter Odell, all three sunfish and the pram "hopefully" will be operating within the next two weeks.

Mr. Odell also said that the motor boat is now being kept at Lowe's Marina, off the Tamiami Trail south of Whittaker Bayou.

Keys for the sailing lockers are available at the Reception Center.

After sailing, Mr. Odell said, students should leave the boats with the mast and rudder in place, the sail wrapped in the mainsail sheet, the plywood rain cover under the sail, and the cockpit drained.

He also requested the return of a dagger board.

Faculty members may reserve the motor boat through the Reception Center.

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That, Brother, Was A Blast; The Story Of A Jam Session

Things all started innocently enough.

It was 4 in the afternoon. A half-dozen or so kids came in, instruments in hand. There was a trumpet, a flute, bassoon, drums, and bongos. Someone set up a tape recorder. Then they began to play.

When it was all over seven hours later, it was like coming back from a little bit of Birdland.

Saturday afternoon and evening, aspiring student musicians went to town in the residence court, jamming for six hours (with a break for dinner). What started out as a gathering of 5 or 6 kids developed into a full-blown session with a dozen people playing and the entire student body listening (not all of them by choice.)

In the course of the evening, the original group was joined by two guitars, an alto sax, and three horns. Being one of those "aspiring musicians," I can attest with all sincerity and feeling: That, brother, was a blast.

We played and played and played so long that everyone was hurting at the end. There were shot lips, ringing ears, notched and ragged fingers, sore wrists and ankles. We didn't really know that many songs. We just played the 5 or 6 songs we knew about a dozen times each ("Summertime," ah!).

What really made the thing was the presence of all those wild, crazy people who came in and listened and made noise and had a good time. At first it was fun; then it turned to excitement. If you listened to the tapes, you can hear these crazy people shouting to each other and to the cats who were playing. It's almost scary.



(Since I've mentioned it, the tapes, considering the conditions

under which they were recorded, came out great. The "recording engineers"—Steve Waterman and Sandi Stewart—deserve something for their efforts, but I don't know what.)

As for the music itself, it was a mixture of Dixieland, rhythm and blues, traditional, church, and modern jazz forms. (And it really was a mixture, since five different people with five different styles would usually be "soloing" at once.)

A follow-up session is planned for tomorrow night in the Barn. This way, we'll have use of a piano and we won't bother anyone. Everyone, of course, is invited.

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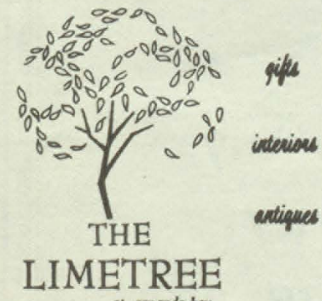
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