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Student Chair?

Dr. Edwin Reischauer, former ambassador to Japan, noted authority on Japanese culture and history, Harvard University professor, celebrated author and accomplished speaker, will be the student chair's first guest of the 1972-73 year. Dr. Reischauer will be available to the New College community Friday and Saturday, September 15 and 16 according to publicity flyers distributed to the community. Dr. Reischauer's lectures on Post-Vietnam American foreign policy, and American-Japanese relations will be given Friday at 2:30 and Saturday at 10:00, respectively. Also scheduled for Saturday at 2:30 is an open session at which after opening remarks by the ambassador, questions from the audience will be entertained.

The events surrounding this year's "student chair" could, if one was looking for something of the sort, give rise to a moderate controversy. Briefly, the facts are these:

Five dollars of each student's activity fee, each term, is allotted for the express purpose of an extra faculty member. According to the bulletin, "the students, by increasing their activity fee, originated in 1970-71 the student chair, a special teaching position funded entirely by the undergraduates. Several candidates for the position are nominated by the students each term and a final selection is made by ballot.

Last spring, the SEC, headed by Chairperson Sheila Roher, realized that they were having difficulty finding a person to fill the student chair position for the three full terms. For although the SEC minutes of April 17, 1972 make note of the fact that "Sheila Roher reported that so far many letters and suggestions had been sent and discussed by the SEC committee." They go on, "So far the idea of having one person for an entire year

has not worked out very well. Perhaps a lecture series combined with inviting well known people for a shorter period of time would work best." By the next meeting, May 15, 1972, the tone of the proceedings had changed somewhat. Instead of "... special teaching position funded entirely by the undergraduates" we find that, "Sheila Roher read a long list of celebrities interested in doing seminar work (or making brief appearances) at NC under the auspices of the Student Chair. Perhaps 15 workshops could be sponsored. There was some feeling that some sort of ratification by student opinion is needed and also a mode of procedure for a multi-personed student chair."

The list finally presented before the students, all worries of ratification having been forgotten, consisted of such luminaries as Edward Albee, Hebert Marcuse, Lyndon Johnson, Saul Alinsky, David Pini, Lotte Lenya, Sen. Abe Ribicoff, Andrew Sarris, Paul Goodman, and "the losing presidential candidate, (after November)." Their names, plus others, appeared on a ballot given to the students late last year. The only existing copy reads across the bottom, "The above persons have either agreed to come (most, in fact) or..." Here the paper is cut off. The completion of that sentence has been forgotten, along with the exact finish of the voting save that Marcuse polled highest, with David Pini third.

Which bring us, more or less, to this year. Albee, Marcuse, Johnson, Lenya, Ribicoff, Sarris, Goodman, and Rep. John Schmitz having been lost along the way. In their stead, the 10,000 dollar allotment will hopefully insure lectures by Ross Terrill, a leading sinologist (Oct. 28),

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Overruns & Delays

"A cool Oasis on the long trek from the bay to Hamilton Center." That is how the architect has described the new Natural Sciences building as it will be when it is completed. Currently it remains uncompleted and unuseable due to a lack of an occupancy permit.

Several years ago, William and Marie Selby set up a fund, the income from which (approx. \$750,000) was to pay for a Natural Sciences building on the New College campus. The College borrowed some of this money to help build the Palmer (west) Campus dormitories. The building currently occupied by the Natural Sciences Division was originally intended to be an equipment storage area for buildings and grounds.

Last year, \$225,000 became available for continued construction. Obviously this was not enough to build a "classic brick science building by the bay" so it was decided that an addition to the present building would be most appropriate. Part of the plan was to "cover up" the existing building to make it more esthetically acceptable.

Soon after the president authorized construction of the new building last winter, the faculty and staff of Natural Sciences could be seen spending hours designing the interior layout. A contractor was found who was willing to handle the construction. However, in January this plan was dropped and Bruce N. Balk was hired as architect. When asked why this was

done, Charles Hara, New College Business Manager, replied that the architect convinced everyone involved that the contractor method of construction would not be rapid enough to get the building completed by the opening of school.

The new method of construction adopted is known as a Systems Approach. Under this method the school would save the contractors fee by being its own contractor. The Systems approach allows the contractor to place contracts out on a sub-system, such as structural steel, without considering the other systems. This is made possible through a modular design, and by using compatible subsystems.

The modular design also allows great flexibility in the building. The walls, lighting, cooling, etc. are all based on a five foot module design, and can be rearranged as needs change. For example, there will be two classrooms in the south end of the new building during first term, when classes are large, and three during the other terms.

However, the main problem, regardless of the switch in construction methods, is that the building is not ready, and, on top of this, there is a cost overrun of up to \$37,000. The uncertainty in the figures is a problem of semantics, according to Mr. Hara. The latest estimate of the cost of the building is \$262,000, or \$37,000 over the Selby fund. However, Bruce Balk's original estimate, dated January 7, 1972 was \$243,300, which would lead to a overrun of \$18,700.

ROOM CHANGES

9:00	Chemistry I Bioethics	Kirtley Culbertson	Fishbowl* H-3
10:00	Intro. to Exp. Sciences Calculus I Invertebrate Biology Basic Prob. in World Relig.	Staff Smith Tiffany Gross	H-4A Fishbowl* NS-10 auditorium
11:00	Calculus I Multivariate Calculus	Chae Smith	Fishbowl* NS-2
1:00	Physics I	Estler	NS-2
2:00	Finite Math for Soc. Sci. Genetics Biology & Survival Economics	Gay Buri Culbertson Vanderveen	NS-2 H-2B H-3 H-1
4:00	Fortran	Cross	NS-2
All statistic lab sections * except for Fri, Sept. 22		Gorfein	NS-2

At the April budget meetings an additional \$40,000 was appropriated from the operating budget to augment the Selby Fund. Then on May 22, 1972, the architect submitted his revised cost estimate, including additional classroom space, which the Natural Sciences division felt was necessary, in view of the classroom crisis on campus. The cost estimate was \$266,472. The architect attributes this to:

- 1) A Feb. 14, 1972 Architectural Committee decision to negotiate a conventional General Contract, based on AIA Owner Contractor agreement of cost plus percentage.
- 2) A decision to move biology into the new building, instead of physics (Feb. 16, 1972).

This would save moving costs, but increased construction costs, such as casework and plumbing.

- 3) An addition to the building size, as authorized by the College President and Chairman of the Trustees' architectural committee, John MacDonald, to provide classroom space. This decision was dated Feb. 23, 1972.
- 4) An error in the estimate of increases due to inflation of 3.75%

The exact terms of the original contract were unavailable, however, the method of construction was to have been similar to that of the existing building except that the design was more esthetically pleasing and the old building was to be covered up.

"At a time when scholarships had to be cut, and faculty raises frozen, these cost overruns are not merely regrettable, but unforgivable," stated Steve Kirtley, Natural Sciences Liaison to the Architectural Committee.

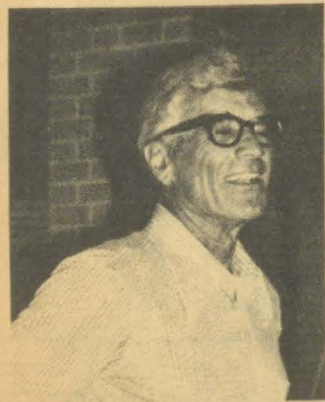
There are also many obvious design faults in the new building. One, which is apparent to anyone who has been near the Nat. Sci. building during the rain, is that the canopy extending in front of the old building is not connected to it. During heavy rains the water pours off the roof between the building and the canopy. Although the canopy will keep you dry, it is almost impossible to get under it.

When asked about this, the architect allegedly answered, in effect, "What do you want, a tunnel? Other faults include the lack of a drain in the floor of the "rat room." Not all the faults are sins of omission, however, as there was an unwanted sink installed in the rat room.

Concerning the delays, John MacDonald issued a statement on September 8, 1972 stating that the carpet-

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Dort Sees Unity



Dallas Dort, Chairman of the New College Board of Trustees, in a recent interview with the New College CATALYST stated that the current administration shake up has probably brought the students and the trustees closer together than since the start of the school. "The office of the President can sometimes be a barrier between the students and the trustees, although it shouldn't be," Mr. Dort said. He emphasized that the trustees wished to continue involving the entire college community in the entire presidential selection process and hoped the students would continue to be actively involved.

When asked about the school's attempt to meet the Million dollar Ford challenge,

Mr. Dort said he felt we were off to a good start but that, naturally, not having a president would severely hamper the effort. The lack of an administration means that the trustees would have to work a lot harder for a while.

The Trustees are looking into gaining a greater national base for New College's fund-raising thrusts. Currently the Carnegie Foundation is being approached. Mr. Dort felt that the National campaign in particular would feel the effect of the lack of a top administrator.

Students are the best public relations people the school has, according to Mr. Dort, and programs like the Community Hosts and Colloquium could do more to raise money than anything the trustees, administration and staff could do. Last year's Colloquium, in particular, gained the College a number of New friends.

When asked about the alumni trustee situation, he replied that two names, Dan Young and Alex Goldstein, would come before the board of trustees this fall. Although the board is under no obligation to accept anyone, however, it is a policy set at last year's meeting. The third student nominated, Fred Silverman, was disqualified because he did not graduate.

The first regular faculty meeting of the school year was held yesterday in the teaching auditorium. In the absence of high administrative officials the meeting was chaired by Dr. Smith.

Dr. Gorfein announced that the new Natural Science building would not be open to classes today (Thursday). It was not known when the building would be ready for use (see Natural Science building article, page 1).

Dr. Gay announced that the Madrigal Singers will meet some time next week to organize. Interested members of the college community should contact either Dr. Gay or Dr. Bates.

Dr. Berggren and Ms. Ferraro reminded the faculty that nominations for the Danforth Fellowships must be made early in the school year.

In some relatively routine business, the faculty approved a motion written by Dr. Bandt, Director of Counseling, and proposed by Dr. Gorfein, opening a position of the Admissions Committee to one member of the counseling staff.

Dr. Smith, speaking for the Presidential Search Committee, reminded faculty to continue suggesting possible presidential candidates, and announced that Mr. Dort, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, will soon be leaving for New York to interview several nominees.

Dr. Dykstra of the President's Advisory Committee stated that Dr. Hoppin has been automatically appointed a member of the PAC, by virtue of her being the only tenured member of the Social Sciences Division on campus this term.

Principal item on the agenda was a discussion of the faculty handbook and an accompanying amendment to faculty committee structure, proposed by Dr. Smith. A lengthy debate ensued over the question of the need for a strong Steering Committee which would coordinate the activities of other committees. In support, several professors expressed concern for the excessive work load of the Faculty Steering Committee, while others objected to the extensive power of the proposed committee. After more than an hour of argument, the faculty passed an amendment which would drastically reduce the powers and duties of the Steering Committee.

Dr. Smith withdrew his motion, which was subsequently brought up again and tabled until the October meeting.

The faculty narrowly passed a motion proposed by Dr. Bates recognizing the continuing existence of a Budget committee representative of the entire community.

Air conditioning is the biggest expense in the Palmer dorms. If you leave your window open, please close the vents in your room.

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BUS TO US, VOLUME 2



More than one-fourth of New College's first-year class arrived in Sarasota Sept. 6 via "Bus-to-Us," a new kind of mobile orientation program which introduced the new students to each other and to the college before they stepped on its campus.

Two chartered buses accompanied by upperclassmen and adult members of the college community left Boston and Chicago Sept. 3, picking up first-year students en route and camping out in national parks and forests along the way. They talked about the college, played musical instruments and sang, played chess, got stuck in the mud, mosquito-bitten and rained upon, and had a great time doing it.

"There were a lot of tears, kisses, and hugs from solicitous parents. There was an overwhelming difficulty for these families to separate, there in the bus station," said Kenna Murray, who rode down on the Boston bus. For many of the incoming students, it was their first experience at camping out. It rained the night the Boston bus stopped at North Carolina's William F. Umpstead State Park in the Raleigh-Durham area. There were shelter cabins, but many of our people slept out in the next morning with their hair straggling down their faces," Kenna commented. "But I understand why they wanted to. It was very beautiful with the rain in the trees, and the sky was curiously light on that stormy night. Many of us stayed up all night talking."

The bus got stuck in the park. Everyone turned to and helped push it out, getting covered with red clay doing it, of which they weren't able to wash off much until they arrived in Ocala National Forest, where there were showers. That night, the mosquitoes were bad, and few of the campers had mosquito bars. "No one complained. These mishaps seemed to draw us closer together, and the basic humor of the students came through," Kenna said. "Our bus driver became a regular part of the group too."

Both buses with 40 aboard Boston's and 26 on Chicago's converged on the Ocala National Forest to spend their last night out. There they were met by a New College contingent driving up from Sarasota, including Mark Calkins, Dr. Phil Bandt, and counselor Michael D. Alexander. The Sarasota group brought along the last meal, which was cooked in the open over campfires.

"Those aboard our bus started acting like a group right away. It was amazing how fast it happened," said Kenna.

We have worried about this newspaper. We don't want to be sued or prosecuted, and we don't want to lose our independence. We hope to do some thorough reporting, and find out a little bit about how New College operates. We hope to distinguish news from opinion and to offer thoughtful editorial commentary. We hope to provide fresh insights, alternatives, workable possibilities.

Of course these are just our ideals, and dreams have a peculiar way of turning into disappointments.

Often, not always.

Student Affairs

Last year, Earl Helgeson, former Dean of Admissions, was appointed Director of the Office of Student Affairs, a new post created this year. What are Dean Helgeson's plans and goals in this new assignment? Why was it found necessary to have an Office of Student Affairs? What, exactly, does the office do?

The background is fairly complicated. Originally, when New College was founded, the idea was that in a total learning community there would be no need to have a dean in charge of students. This did not turn out to be the case.

It was found that within the administrative decision-making process, there was no person, group, or office at the highest echelon representing the students. Student activities and such had trouble getting funds because there was no one whose job it was to ask for them on the administrative level. At one point the Director of Student Services was directly responsible to the Business Manager, Mr. Charles Harra. Thus one had the rather farcical situation of the office that would ask for all money for student services being under the man whose job it is to save New College as much money as possible. Needless to say, things did not work so well under this arrangement.

So, last year, when a study group was formed to examine the administrative structure of the college, it was decided that the Student Services organization should be changed. The result is the Office of Student Affairs, with Dean

Helgeson in charge. The idea behind this office, as Dean Helgeson sees it, is to "pull together a range of activities, and put them under one umbrella." Therefore, the Office is concerned with housing, the food plans, the physical plant office, health services, recreation, and counseling to some extent. Dean Helgeson's office planned the Orientation activities for first year students.

The best description of Dean Helgeson's philosophy in his new position is to be found in the student handbook, *The Usual Bull*. Basically, his major goal in the Office of Student Affairs is to attempt to bring different administrative factions together to create the type of total living-learning community that is the basic goal of the college.

As an administrator, he prefers to give the many different people under him or partly under him a lot of freedom. For example, one of his Assistant Deans, Mark Calkins, is almost solely responsible for the recreation program. The other assistant, Kenna Murray, was totally in charge of the Bus-to-Us program, which was very successful. Dean Helgeson's administrative approach was considered successful in the Admissions Department and should also work here.

If the office pursues its activities on lines similar to those expressed by Dean Helgeson in his handbook article, the Office of Student Affairs could make some real contributions to the college very soon.

Bruce Need

Dairyman Politics

(AFS) Recently-found evidence tends to confirm earlier allegations by Ralph Nader and others that various dairyman's associations contributed \$300,000 to President Nixon's re-election campaign fund in exchange for a government-supported increase in milk prices.

One letter to a dairy farmer, written by William Powell, president of Mid-America Dairy-men, was unusually frank about the pay-off. Powell wrote, in part:

"I have become increasingly aware that the sincere and soft voice of the dairy farmer is no match for the jingle of hard currencies put in the campaign funds of the politicians by the vegetable fat interests, labor, oil, steel and others..."

"On March 23, 1971, along with nine other dairy farmers, I sat in the cabinet room of the White House, across the table from the President of the U.S. and heard him compliment the dairyman on... our involvement in politics via donations to his campaign fund. He said, 'You people are my friends and I appreciate it.'"

Two days later an order came from the U.S. Department of Agriculture increasing the support price of milk to 85% of parity, the government-set base-level price. This order added 500-700 million dollars to dairy farmers' milk checks.

Powell's letter was obtained by a Washington Post reporter and quoted in that paper late in August.

-Marty Schiftenbauer/ AFS

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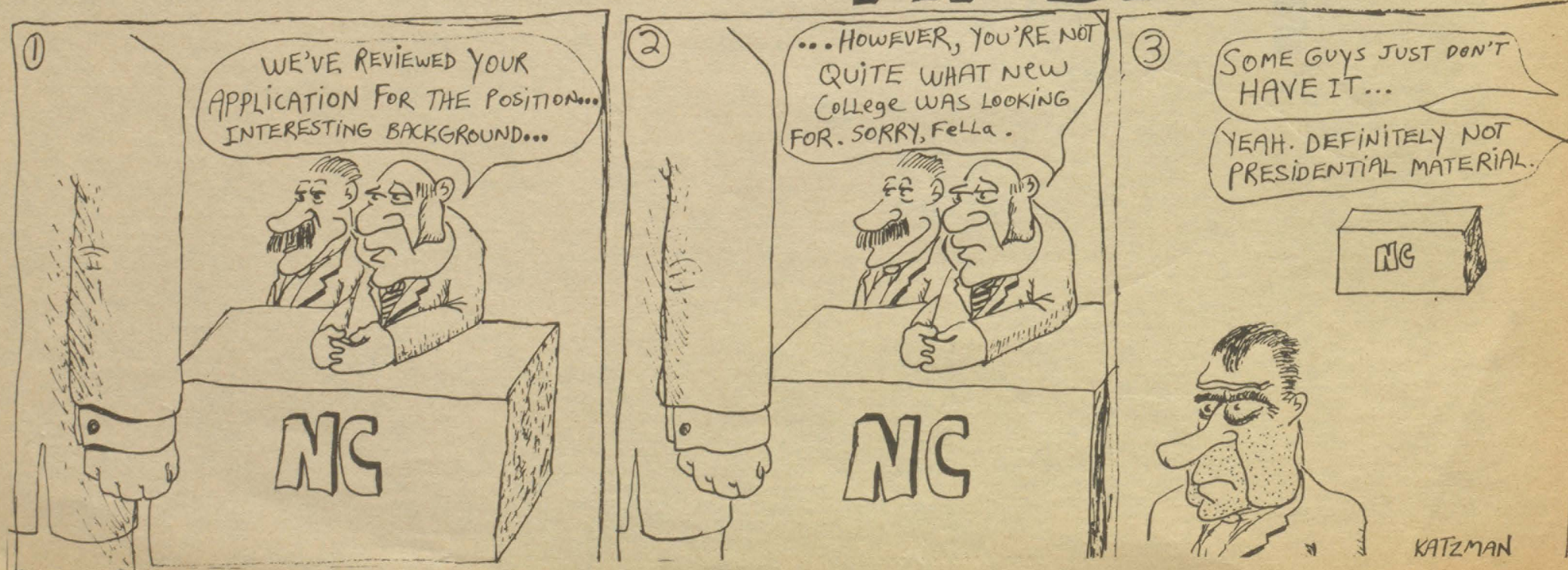
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The Catalyst expresses its deepest regrets
at the death of Hal Cooper,
New College Counseling Staff,
on July 2, 1972.

Sherri McIndoe

KATZMAN

The CATALYST welcomes letters from any of its readers. Unsigned letters will not be accepted.

Dear Editor,

It is preposterous to expect that an organization substantially in debt and on very poor terms with its suppliers could provide exceptional service to its customers. In the publishing industry, orders from bad accounts tend to get lost. Harcourt Brace and Jovanovich was lost. GP Putnam was lost. Holt Rinehart & Winston was sat upon. A number of books had to be brought in through distributors, compounding two problems: 1) The effective operating discount of the store and 2) putting that many more people in between the ordering and the filling and shipping of the order.

A college expecting its students and faculty to do a substantial amount of book-reading has thus ipso facto made a commitment to see to it that those books are supplied. Such a commitment can be stated in terms of finances. New College has not made such a financial commitment. It has rather chosen to dump an, at best, marginally profitable operation onto good old American enterprise, where such enterprise is futile. The College need not make a profit on the bookstore. The College ought to have a bookstore. The College can have a bookstore. If you will call Mr. Harra every day that your book is late.

Chris Van Dyk

Dear Sir:

These are days of frustration. Americans want peace. They have not yet gotten it. Nor will they anytime soon.

America's youth often claims to be the vanguard of a new age of peace. Some have seen the truth and become frustrated. Others will soon follow suit. Americans will not have peace, because they support the very institutions which make peace impossible.

Consider the upcoming presidential campaign. Young citizens looking for peace are rallying behind the honorable George McGovern. They are working "within the system". In fact, by helping to influence elections they are helping to make our republican form of government work.

Which is why peace will not come soon. This system that so many are working in is the very cause of war. Let us suppose that Mr. McGovern is elected. He will then have the power to bomb, to draft, to kill, to wage a war. Anybody who wants peace would not want any man to hold such power.

Yet, the argument goes, McGovern would be better than the present incumbent and the present war. Let us even assume—and this is a dubious assumption in light of his comments about the Middle East—that McGovern would not involve this country in any other wars or military actions. What about when McGovern is gone? Other men will rule, and we will once again be Lyndon Johnsoned into a war.

What one must understand is that the President and Congress have total power. They can do as they please. Those limits that we learned about in high school are farcical. The President can wage war whenever he wants. The Congress can tax without limit. Lincoln suspended habeas corpus in a perfectly constitutional manner. The system allows the politicians to do as they please. All we can do is pray that the politicians do the right things when elected. Fat chance!

Woodrow Wilson pledged peace. Roosevelt II pledged peace. LBJ pledged peace. Some day another candidate will pledge peace, and we'll be in trouble again.

What the lover of peace and life must say—and say loudly—is "The system is all wrong". Changing politicians is no help, because working within the system sanctions that system. To vote for McGovern is to vote for the office of president. A president can kill or surrender at will. Lovers of peace should vote "No" on president.

Or government is in the business of controlling individuals—at monopoly prices. So long as it exists, we will have war, we will have our money

taken from us, we will be told what to smoke, what job to do or not to do, and how to position ourselves while making love. In short, we will be controlled.

This control over the individual is strengthened each time we work within the government. Whether we favor legalization of marijuana or not, all who campaign in the California election to legalize it are testifying that this is a proper area for government activity, that government may rightfully outlaw pot if it wants to. This is wrong.

"But Bill," my friends tell me, "be practical." They do not see that I am being practical. The practical pacifist wants no man to have the legal authority to conduct war, not even George McGovern.

For you conservatives, practicality requires that no have the legal authority to surrender to the Ruskies.

Is it practical to help a man to acquire power that no man ought to have?

This is why I will not vote. I am far too practical. As a non-voter, I am not sanctioning the acts that the government does. Even if Nixon wins the election, I will say that Nixon has no right to the powers of the presidency. You voters won't be able to say that. As participants in the government, you have partial responsibility for what it does. As I have no part in it, I am not responsible for its foolishness.

Do not help this leviathan. Withdraw your sanction. And do it proudly. Suppose they gave an election and nobody came?

* * *

I seldom find myself in the position of recommending Socialist literature, but I just ran across an excellent article on George McGovern. Read "Everything You Always Wanted To Know About McGovern." Then decide if you want to support the system.

- Bill Conerly

Dear Sir:

This morning, at one o'clock, I was attempting to attain that glorious state of relaxation known as sleep. I encountered some difficulties in this endeavor as my attention was most rudely captured by the sounds of music; I believe the term is "rock" music, being played outside my room. Try as I would, I could not escape the sound and, all chance of sleep now being long past, I began to listen to this music.

The first thing I noticed was that the notes produced by what seemed to be a double bass yet were weirdly distorted were being transmitted with what amounted to a startling clarity. It was as if they were not broadcast by the air, as is the normal mode of sound wave transmission but by the very walls. It soon became apparent that this was actually the case.

I pondered upon this fact for a few brief moments, and my fatigue turned to fear as I realized that these sounds were capable of producing that dread natural phenomenon known as sympathetic vibrations. Yes, that same awesome force of nature which Joshua and his band of noble Hebrews harnessed to topple the mighty walls of the city of Jericho; that power which can cause the best disciplined armies to break their pace and meekly walk, rather than boldly march across bridges for fear that the rhythmic tread of their march would cause these horrible vibrations which could cause the bridge to collapse and send them plummeting into the abyss.

As I lay in my bed, quaking in fear, I saw, in a terrible vision, that incredible force shaking the Pei dorms to their foundations and tumbling down this greatest establishment we call New College.

I call on you, the editors of the Catalyst, as men of influence and on all good men everywhere who care for this school to raise your voices in protest and do what you can to end this dangerous flauntin' of nature.

It would be a sad epitaph to New College to say that it was destroyed by the sound of its own voice.

Respectfully,
Donald Garrett Crenshaw

(CHAIR from page one)

Marcede McCambridge, famed actress, Walt Rostow, former top LBJ foreign policy advisor, and nutritionist Adell Davis. In addition, David Pini will conduct five film courses. The latter offerings, consisting of two classes each of the first two terms and one the third, are subject to faculty approval.

The pros and cons on both sides are quite strong. The original idea, that of one full time teacher, was thought best for two reasons. As a semi-permanent member of the community, he/she could give more to the college than someone here little more than a weekend, if that. (Dr. Reichauer will be here for a period of roughly 36 hours, at the cost of a dollar per minute (Get it while you can.) And the effect of having a contract signed by Edward Albee, when applying to the Yale Drama School, would be quite advantageous. (Speakers cannot

be sponsors, except in the case of an ISP.)

On the other hand, a speakers bureau is able to present a wider area of interest (actually five areas). For, while the desire for a film teacher was representative of the student body the year Mr. Pini was one of the chair holder, there were some who did not enroll in his courses. Thus, their money was contributed to a cause which did not include them (some people might conceivably take umbrage at this.) It is felt that this year, between a sinologist, a nipologist, a diplomat, and thespian and health foods expert, there will be something for everybody.

The search for a full time student chair teacher will soon be underway. This year's confusion is the result, not of malicious intent on anyone's part, but rather no intent. According to various SEC members, the pattern was roughly this: Ms Roher

asks for student chair suggestions: no reply. Ms Roher looks for speakers bureau: no opposition. Ms Roher suggests speakers bureau: no opposition. Ms Roher presents list of names to students: some chosen. At present Ms Roher is a locksmith in New York City.

This is government by default. And default is everybody's.

Joseph Swift of Buildings and Grounds has indicated that he will have the common rooms of the Palmer dorms painted if requested to do so by students living in those dorms. He is assuming, of course, that if students agree to have their common rooms painted they will not deface them.

FEMINIST LETTER

"Don't offend any of the women—we don't want any dead fish left in our office."

What occasioned this bit of advice from co-editor Doug Stinson was my announced intention to research The Letter. First-year women received The Letter, written by the New College Feminists, shortly before entering the school. The Letter is reprinted in the adjoining column.

The first issue discussed, concerning the attitudes of New College men toward New College women, is the most subjective and thus the hardest to investigate. I asked twelve women whether they had encountered any of the kind of psychological coercion mentioned in the first part of the letter. Two women said that they had not, that "if a woman is not insecure, if she is strong, she can handle any problems that come up." Another woman, who strongly disagreed with The Letter, expressed the same feelings, adding, "I would never join any feminist group, but there must be something to it—men who go around all the time talking about how superior men are to women must be overcompensating for something." The remaining nine women reported from two to too-many-to-count incidences of tremendous pressure from New College males amounting to psychologically attempted rape.

As for physical rapes, five were reported last year, committed by non-students. (Criminologists recommend at least doubling any number of recorded rapes for a truer estimate, as many are never reported.) Women cannot cross Highway 41, which splits the campus, without being whistled, honked and hooted at. A woman living in a corner dormitory room on West Campus has had to hang a blanket over her window after discovering an elderly man peering in her room one morning.

Conversation between two males, overheard in the cafeteria:

"Who?"
"(mumble, mumble)"
"Really? Does she smoke?"
"No."
"Does she ball?"

Details on some parts in The Letter:

- 1) For a self-defense course for first term, ten weeks, \$200 has been allotted to pay an instructor and costs. No female instructor is available before second term, so first-term self defense will be taught by a male.
 - 2) New College provides a gynecologist for one hour every Monday morning and two hours every Friday, as well as an undetermined amount of time on alternate Wednesdays. This is three hours a week of gynecological care on off-Wednesday weeks for approximately 300 women.
 - 4) The Women's Center Room has been temporarily displaced, due to scrambled space arrangements.
 - 6) An undetermined amount of money may be available for women's activities through the Social Sciences Dept.
 - 7) Professor Peggy Bates will sponsor tutorials in Women's Studies for those interested, but no Women's Studies Program exists now.
 - 9) The faculty is approximately 80% male.
- New College women will meet to discuss these issues every Wednesday at 8:00 PM in one of the H rooms. At this time, women's groups will be organized for such interests as literature, conventional and guerilla theater, art, and study seminars. All student, faculty and administration women are welcome.

Dear Sister,

Something is happening here that you won't hear from other sources (It will be denied by everyone, in fact). We are a group of Feminists who have struggled for women's survival at New College, and we would like to give you the benefit of some of our experiences and concerns.

An immediate problem for women at New College is the physical threat of rape. Although it is a small town, Sarasota is not a safe place to be. New College women have been raped in their rooms, walking across campus, on New College field trips, etc. New College neither takes measures to prevent the rapes or apprehend and prosecute the rapists, nor makes the fact of the rapes known to the student body. This serves to delude New College women and divide them from each other. A more insidious, "legitimate" oppression of women at N. C. is the phenomenon fondly known to N. C. males as "Rape Week", occurring the first week of each new school year. N. C. males take advantage of incoming women's anxiety and desire to be friends to pressure them into sex ("What's wrong with you?" "You must be uptight!" "You must be frigid," etc.)

The whole environment functions to intimidate and divide women. The physical threat (i.e., rape by male students and non-students); the male pressures, male control of opinion, the psychological coercion which is advanced under the guise of liberalism, experimentalism, counter-culture, "liberation" and radical male intellectualism; the male administrative evasiveness, "liberal" tokenism, denial of responsibility; all act to keep women deceived and "in their places". In fact, in dealing with issues fundamental to women's existence at New College, we have found New College "liberalism" to be the most protean and impermeable barrier to movement.

Following are some issues we have dealt with:

- 1) We have tried repeatedly to get a self-defense program for women but New College has not responded with anything adequate.
- 2) After interminable struggle, women persuaded N. C. to provide gynecological care. A male gynecologist comes to campus about three times a term to prescribe birth control pills. This is the New College idea of adequate gynecology.
- 3) The women have set up an abortion loan fund.
- 4) With great difficulty, we have gotten a room for a Women's Center for one term.
- 5) There is no women's dorm, but there should be.
- 6) For women to get money for anything (education, recreation, etc.) is almost impossible. If any money can be gotten, we have a list of Feminist speakers and contact with a women's film co-op.
- 7) As no Women's Studies program exists despite widespread and continued demand, the only option open to women interested in Women's Studies is to contract with a woman faculty member. Half-way measures: tutorials, group contracts, a "living-learning community" in Women's Studies.
- 8) All three divisions have money allotted for speakers who are habitually male.
- 9) The faculty and administration are almost entirely male. Hiring practices are not changing although women protest.
- 10) Women have tried to get together through Consciousness-Raising groups (gay and straight), which help women to realize that their personal problems are shared by other women.
- 11) There is a Women's Action Center in town (above the Florida Theatre at 5-Points), as well as some contacts with women's organizations in other parts of Florida.

The quiet, unobtrusive process of New College liberalism facilitates the quiet, unobtrusive suffocation of New College women.

Because of events that have occurred in the past year, we have found the situation for women here to be intolerable. None of us will be returning in the fall, but we'll be working with women in other cities.

We wish you the best, whatever you decide to do.

Yours in sisterhood,
NEW COLLEGE FEMINISTS

The CATALYST will accept classified advertisements of no more than eight lines at the rate of 30¢ per line.

Needed Desperately: an apartment within three miles of campus, with minimum landlord hassles--Stan Ivester, 355-5400 or Campus Book Shop.

Anyone who has a kitten that he would like to give away: Please contact Tom Murray in Social Science.

For Sale: 25 lbs. dog food. CHEAP. See Doug Stinson Rm 146.

An advanced Spanish course has been formed and will meet Fridays from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in H 4a. The discussions and readings will be entirely in Spanish and concern the reactions of Hispanic writers to the United States.

Interested students should contact Dr. Dru Dougherty in Building A to pick up the reading for the initial class, scheduled for Sept. 22.

RESOURCES

Kenna Murray, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, is planning a Student Resource Guide for publication in the near future. This guide will be a catalogue of student interests and abilities, similar in concept to the Human Resource Guide. It will be organized by activity, and cross-indexed so that anyone looking for other people with similar interests can find them quickly.

The purpose of the guide is to remedy one of the major problems faced by anyone trying to develop the resources of the school; namely the problem of finding what resources there are. Even in a school this small it is impossible for anyone to know the interests of all of the students, and no existing medium adequately conveys this information.

A questionnaire will soon be sent to all students, asking them to list their interests, talents and other pertinent facts. A staff of students will then sort these data and produce the guide. At present the staff numbers only about ten and more are needed. There will be an organizational meeting shortly (possibly Monday night) which interested students are invited to attend.

C DORM

An experimental living learning community of twenty people has been formed in lower C-dorm with the hope of developing a more sensitive and concerned group of individuals than is normally found in dorm life. Its goal: "to develop a consciousness and appreciation for the human being on a personalized level rather than a superficial level subject to the structure of an impersonalized society."

Participants of the community have come together for various reasons ranging from freshman Scott Adelstein's of "curiosity" to returnee Kathy Whitten's of getting to know people better than her experience third term last year allowed. Interpersonal relationships and facility in the assimilation of college life seem to be common reasons for the fourteen freshman participants.

The living room and kitchen areas of lower C have been transformed from the usual asylum look into an artistic innovation of color and cubic division of space. The work was done by art students Diane Ross and Dorothy Marshall as a summer ISP. Recently, the community has added a quadra-phonics stereo system to the festive atmosphere.

Two private tutorials have been conceived expressly for the living-learning community. One, Group Dynamics, is taught by Dr. Rosel and the other, a study of the symphonies of Gustav Mahler, is taught by Dr. Shantar. Class formats are flexible with the hope of creating a bond between the students on the basis of a "shared sensory experience."

The living-learning community was originated by Gary Goates and Tom McGuigan during third term last year. They sent incoming students information about the community along with an invitation to join it. Struggling at present, the group's main task will be that of turning a few nebulous ideals into a working reality.

The community extends a cordial invitation to all curious Novocollegians to look in on their experiment. Polly Juengling

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ing had been destroyed during Hurricane Agnes in Pennsylvania, and had to be re-run. The second cause was that the manufacturer had difficulty with the vinyl coating on the moveable partitions.

He also stated that the air conditioning would have been turned on Tuesday, Sept. 12, and the classrooms would be ready for use on the 13th. "Assuming the furniture arrived, and this is Mr. Harra's department. The remaining partitions will be shipped Sept. 15, and are due to arrive here on Sept. 18.

"Somewhere between Sept. 20 and 22, the balance of the building will be in occupancy.

"The Natural Sciences Department understands the situation and is not disturbed. They are prepared to be cramped for a few days."

However, those classroom are not ready for occupancy (see adjacent schedule changes). The school does not have an occupancy permit, and so it was felt unwise to have classes in the building. An occupancy permit requires, among other things, thirty paved parking spaces.

When asked about the legalities of the school being its own contractor, Dallas Dort stated that if the school could prove the fault lay with any individual sub-contractor, that contractor could be brought to court. However, no one but the school itself is responsible for the entire building. Mr.

recreation

The New College recreational program for 1972-73, although run on a modest budget, offers a wide variety of activities for NC students and needs the help of students in order to function effectively, according to Mark Calkins, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and director of the program.

Mark explained that there are two main groups of activities available to students--those taught by off-campus

professionals and those taught or directed, some on a more impromptu basis, by qualified students. Both groups are financed by the Office of Student Affairs budget. Activities in the first group include swimming, karate, modern dance, tennis, senior life saving, sailing, and gymnastics; those in the second group include (tentatively) soccer, touch football, volleyball, basketball, yoga, weightlifting, carpentry, boxing, ping pong, canoeing, archery, massage, meditation, folk dancing, bike touring, car rallies, fencing, and back-packing. It will take at least several weeks, according to Mark, to organize the entire program completely.

Outings and other special projects will be announced as

NEW POOL HOURS: 7:15 -- 8:00 AM (morning swim)
10:30 -- 5:30 PM
7:00 -- 9:00 PM

Classes: ACTIVITIES

SWIMMING (beginning and intermediate) Mon. & Wed.: 7-9 PM

KARATE (beginning and intermediate) coed; Tues. & Thurs. 7-9 PM; H-1

GYMNASTICS (beginning, etc.) Mon., Wed., & Fri.; 5:30-7 behind the last art barrack

TENNIS (beginning and intermediate) Wed. 12-2 room for nine students: class will divide into two hour groups next week

MODERN DANCE (beginning and intermediate) coed; Thurs. 12-2, Music Room; additional times to be arranged

SENIOR LIFE SAVING begins Sept. 19, Tues. & Thurs. through Oct. 10. 6:00-9 PM. Students interested in reviewing their certification should come to the Sept. 28 meeting. Work Grant students will have priority.

SCUBA Offered by Pat Bird, for certification. Time of first meeting to be announced (later this month). Cost of \$25 includes all equipment. See sign-up in Hamilton.

CARPENTRY look for sign designating initial meeting next week. This will be a series of instructions in using power tools and hand tools.

YOGA see sign in Hamilton or contact Bonnie Simmons.

SAILING persons wishing to use the Sunfish this year will have to be checked out by student instructors. After you have demonstrated to one of them that you know how to operate the winch and the boat, your name will be placed on a list of those approved to check out the tiller assembly from the library. (life belts and dagger-boards will be stored on the dock in a box) If you already know how to sail and use the winch, you still need to be checked out which, in that case, will take place quickly. See signs in Hamilton for list of instructors. If you wish to help instruct contact Mark Calkins.

TRIPS Persons who wish to help in organizing hiking, biking, and canoeing can consult Mark Calkins. He will try to schedule trips focussing on nearby wilderness areas.

CANOING students, faculty, or staff who wish to use canoes individually or for a group activity please contact Mark Calkins.

Harra pointed out that contracts that contain punitive damages for late delivery, must contain bonuses for early delivery. Generally the contractor can always find someone else to pass the blame to, such as "The architect changed his mind again." Mr. Harra seemed to feel it was not worth the legal difficulties. Mr. MacDonald issued the following statement: "Any questions concerning recourse against the contractors are unwarranted; the building is being completed in record time."

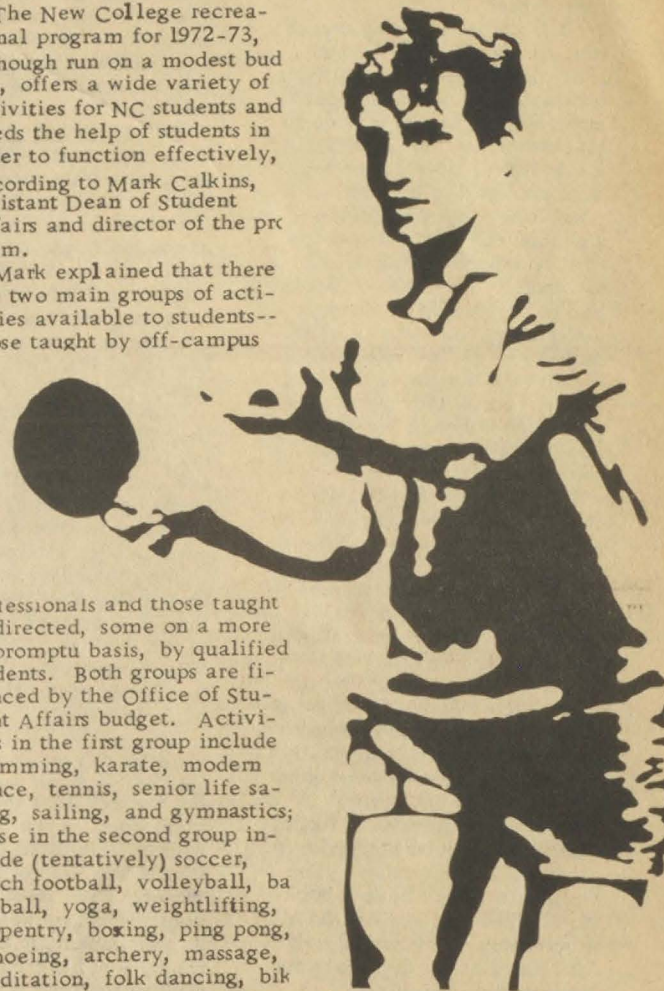
When asked about future construction, Mr. Harra stated that never has everyone been satisfied with any construction

on campus, but that the decisions rest with the architectural committee. "(The Nat. Sci. building construction was) not the way I would have done it if I was the owner, because we all have our personal preferences."

In general, the Natural Science division feels that the architect has been unresponsive to its needs.

The final landscaping plans include a sculpture garden and fountain between the two building. Dr. Steven Kirtley emphasized that the

building was constructed in its present location because the least number of pine trees would have to be cut down.



they arise (for example, an overnight bike trip to Myakka River State Park is being planned at press time for this week-end). A more in-depth description of activities will be posted in Hamilton shortly--if in doubt, ask Mark.

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NEW GYM?

The Student Affairs office has discovered an empty structure owned by New College which would make a "really fine" gymnasium and general athletic facility, according to new Student Affairs director Earl Helgeson.

The structure covers approximately 11,000 square feet, and has a fairly unobstructed concrete floor, which, according to Helgeson, could be covered with athletic flooring for nominal cost. The walls are apparently reinforced concrete with a large number of doors, which would facilitate crowd flow at large sporting events.

When asked how such a large structure could have been "lost," Helgeson replied that the building had been erected by the college for some unspecified other purpose, but that the College had run out of funds to complete the interior and had begun contemplating alternative uses for the expensive structure. He also noted that the building could hardly have been really "lost," as it was situated directly to the south and west of the Natural Sciences building where, as he put it, "it is rather hard to ignore."

Helgeson went on to elaborate on possible plans for the structure, including an all-weather hockey rink and a public bowling alley. He also indicated that the area could possibly be used for some sort of classroom work and, perhaps, a few faculty offices, but that the "primary thrust" of the building's utilization would be toward activities that resulted in some "concrete return" to the school.

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