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Debate Team Wins

A team of five New College students took first place last weekend in the University of Florida's Discussion-Debate Tournament. First-year student Nick Munger took first place in individual competition. Members of the team were, left to right: Munger, Dan Haggarty, Kenji Oda, Charles Vekert, and Rose Stetler. The topic of the discussion was a guaranteed income.

Davis : Student Dress Hurting Fund - Raising

An estimated 300 members of the college community heard Vice President Paul Davis claim last night that "student appearance and dress and, to some extent, student behavior, are having a paralyzing effect on the fund raising effort of the college."

In a special all-college meeting called by the Student Executive Committee, Davis described various "facts of life" of fund-raising and suggested students "compromise (their) rights of self-assertion" in superficial matters such as dress.

SEC Chairman Steve Hendricks opened the meeting by explaining the purpose of the meeting was to present the problems of fund raising directly to the college community.

Hendricks noted students and faculty were particularly concerned with fund raising after recent reports that student dress and behavior had cost the college "thousands of dollars" in potential gifts.

In his lengthy talk Davis said the college is dependent to a great degree on the local community for its funds, and that local people in general "do not like to see students with long hair, beards, and bare feet."

Davis emphasized the administration does not question the right of students "to affect any kind of hair and clothing styles that appeal to them."

He added, however, that students should recognize the right of "potential friends of the college" to withhold financial support for any reasons they see fit.

Davis put the problem in the context of the college's history, and noted New College is a radical departure from the expectations of the earliest backers of a college in Sarasota.

He told the audience of students, faculty, staff, and trustees that the college was considerably undercapitalized when it opened its doors. In addition, due to the fact that New College is new, unaccredited, and private, many sources of funds normally open to colleges are temporarily closed.

All of this means the college is forced to depend on gifts and grants for about 75% of its operating funds, and "by far the greater portion of our gift and grant income has come from the local area."

Davis assured the audience "we seek money wherever it can be found," but he maintained the local community would continue to be the main source of gift income through the near future.

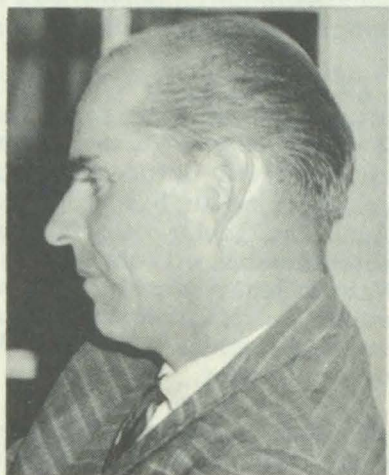
Davis ended his talk by touching cautiously on the subject of student activism. He emphasized he was not seeking to intimidate activists, but noted "it would be unrealistic to ignore the fact that some of the political activity now being engaged in by New College students is damaging to the college."

Referring to those who prepare campus publications identified with New College and which circulate outside the college, as well as to political activists, Davis cautioned students to face "honestly" what he termed a problem of ethics and equity.

"When the college as an institution does become involved in the minds of people in the community with the political activity of a few," he said, "the repercussions affect not only the students directly involved, but all other persons connected with the college."

Following Davis' talk, which was well-received, President John Elmendorf and Board Chairman Dallas Dort briefly echoed Davis' statements.

These were followed by a two-hour discussion involving questions and comments from the floor. Numerous students and faculty offered suggestions for bettering relations with the community ranging from involving students in the fund raising process to publicizing student community action work.



Davis

Some observers, however, were openly hostile or critical of Davis' talk, claiming his arguments were exaggerated or that closer ties with Sarasotans would not solve the public relations problem.

Soccer Team

Begins Practice

The New College soccer team, coached by first-year student Miguel Tapia, is practicing Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons in the field east of the barracks.

According to Tapia, who played professional soccer in Mexico City before coming here, the New College team may eventually play other area schools and colleges. Both students and faculty members have been working out with the team.

A practice game will be held Sunday afternoon, to which the public will be invited. A first team will be selected at that time.

Shorter Pool Hours

To Go Into Effect

New pool hours will go into effect Monday due to cool weather and decreasing use of the east campus swimming facilities.

The pool will be open and attended by lifeguards from noon to 5:30 pm and 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm on weekdays, 10:30 am to 5:30 pm and 6:30-8:30 on Saturdays and Sundays.

According to Recreation Co-ordinator Frank Meyer, the pool will be heated beginning probably the end of this month.

SEC Urges Anti-War Students Not To Show Banner at Rally

Students traveling to Washington, D. C. this weekend to participate in the peace rally were "strongly urged by the Student Executive Committee at its meeting Wednesday not to carry a banner with the name 'New College' at the rally."

The motion by third-year representative Larry Alexander, which was passed unanimously, read: "The SEC, being strongly concerned with the possible consequences of the display of a banner bearing the name 'New College' at the forthcoming demonstration in Washington, strongly urges that such a banner not be displayed by the Sarasota Committee to Stop the War."

The motion was made after discussion of reported plans by SCSW Chairman Jon Shaughnessy to carry a ten-foot banner identifying the group with the name of the college. It was also reported Shaughnessy intended to call a local paper so that pictures may be taken of the group when it departs.

Several SEC members expressed concern with the effect of such actions on the college, especially in light of the reported fund-raising difficulties student dress and conduct have created. It was felt Sarasota citizens would be particularly aroused if the group implied they were representatives of the college.

SEC Chairman Ted Shoemaker pointed out the Board of Trustees has issued a statement setting down instances in which faculty members can identify themselves as representing New College, and stated such a statement could also be contained in the Student Code.

Assistant Dean of Students Arthur Miller said a faculty member "might be fired" if he carried such a banner. Miller accused Shaughnessy of "giving no indication" he considers New College more important than his (Shaughnessy's) personal political gain.

Alexander's original motion directed the Washington group not to carry the banner, but Miller suggested such a directive would not be justified. The wording was then changed to "strongly recommend."

In other action, Miller reported Dean of Students George Petrie had no objection to the arming of the proctor at the discretion of Security

Patrol chief Bob Ritchie. Miller said Proctor James Murphy always carries a gun.

Miller also reported Petrie had agreed to allow bare feet in Hamilton Center before 8:30am and after 9:00pm. Miller stated Petrie had requested students not to lie on the couches in Hamilton Center. He said the possibility of placing couches from College Hall in the snack bar or some dormitory room was being discussed.

Miller reported Petrie had no objection to the three-person limitation being removed from the Open Room rule. Later in the meeting, the SEC voted to remove the limit.

A girls' room, containing hair dryers, ironing boards and other equipment will be placed in the old television room in the 200 court, Miller said. Miller said the room would not ordinarily be open to males. Miller also said there are presently two guest rooms in the dorms for prospective students and guests of the college.

Means to insure that students sign out when they leave college overnight were discussed. It was agreed Petrie should place a sign on the sign-out card file stating the file (Continued on page 3, column 4)

Peace Vigil Set At Draft Office

A Peace Vigil will be held tomorrow from 3:30 to 5pm in front of the Federal Building in Sarasota by members of the Sarasota Committee to Stop the War.

The silent vigil will protest the draft and the War in Viet Nam. It is being held in front of the Federal Building because that building contains the offices of the Selective Service. Students interested in participating in the vigil should contact first-year student Bob Goza.

In other SCSW business, committee members attending this weekend's peace rally in Washington, D. C. agreed to accept a Student Executive Committee recommendation that they not carry a banner identifying the group with New College.

An SCSW banner will be carried by group members, however.

Faculty Committee Vote Today

Students will vote today to choose students representatives on two faculty committees.

Due to the large number of students indicating interest in the committees, students will vote for representatives to the Educational Planning Committee, chaired by Dr. Gresham Riley, and the Architectural and Physical Planning Committee, with Dr. Douglas Berggren, Chairman.

Students will vote twice for representatives for each committee.

One student will be elected to the Educational Planning Committee and two to the Architectural Planning Committee. The number of student representatives on each committee was decided by the committee itself. If a majority of votes is not gained by any student running, a runoff will be held.

Those indicating interest in serving on the Educational Policy Committee were: third-year students John Peters, Bob Baughman, Irying Benoist, Lee Wallingford, Judy Segal and Gary Williams,

second-year student Lee Harding and first-year student Brian Peterson.

For the Architectural Committee, students will choose among: third-year students Hilary Blocksom and Nancy Redick and first-year students Mike Egerton, Phil Shenk, Barry Baltzley and John Esak.

Voting will take place in the Reception Center from 1:30 to 6:30.

No election was necessitated for the other faculty committees accepting student members, since the

number of interested students did not exceed the number of positions open.

Second-year student Don Aronoff will serve on the Library Committee, chaired by Dr. Jon Culbertson. Second-year students George Duffee-Braun and Kit Arbuckle will be members of the Lecture and Community Relations Committee, with Dr. George Petrie, Chairman. The student representative to the Computer Committee, with Dr. Harry Crouch, Chairman, is second-year student Lee Crawford.

Editorial

Proxy Issue

We think the Development Officers are fooling themselves if they think a few haircuts will significantly ease the college's fund raising problems. One faculty member called complaints about long hair and bare feet "proxy objections" for more fundamental dislikes. We think the analysis is accurate.

Those potential donors who are "turned off" by unkempt hair would in all probability be even more disgruntled to learn students are demonstrating against the draft and the war. If a student is busy "subverting" the local high school students by encouraging protest against the establishment, it will matter little to the students' parents that the New College activist is clean-shaven. Indeed, it is probable that many people object to long hair and sloppy dress precisely because those characteristics have become associated with radical social and political activity.

To say that the Development Office has focused on a proxy issue, however, is not to maintain that it has no issue at all. It is inconceivable that any superficial face-lift will be decisive one way or the other, but it is certain that an image-conscious student body would help in a small way. We don't think a particular potential donor who finds long hair terribly objectionable will change his mind by getting to know the New College student for what he really is, but any improvements in community understanding gained through better communications is bound to be to the college's benefit in over-all terms.

For this reason we were pleased with the meeting. Students and faculty did, as President Elmendorf hoped, go away from the meeting a little bit thoughtful. There has been an awakening of community consciousness that we find encouraging. Development officers will always have a tough time selling New College to Sarasota, we're afraid. That is a "fact of life," to borrow the vice president's phrase, and the problem of improving community understanding should be solved for its own sake and on its own merits.

Only Students, Proctor Can Report Violation

Only the proctor or another student can report a violation of the student code, with the exception of the rule covering littering and defacement of college property, the Student Court decided at a recent meeting.

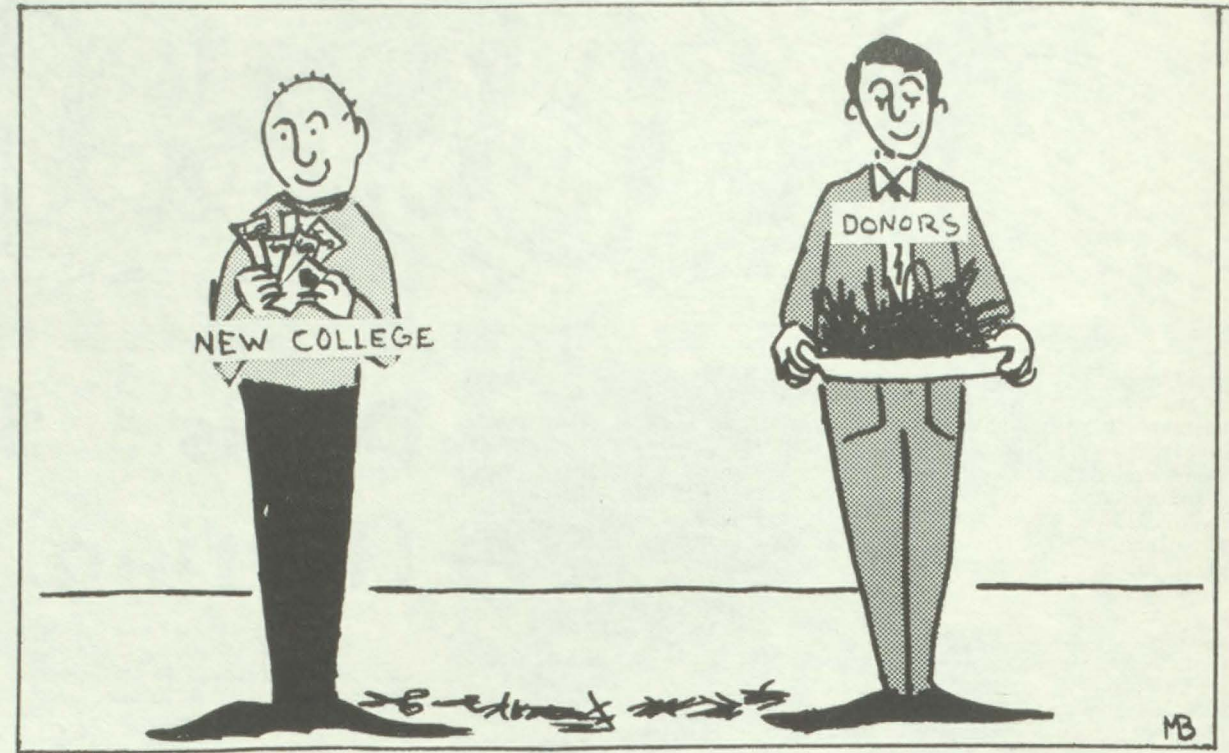
According to a mode of procedure adopted by the Court, a validly reported violation is an infraction of the student code recorded in the official report of the proctor, a signed statement by a student that he has witnessed an infraction of the code, or a signed statement by any member of the college community that he has observed physical evidence of a violation of Rule 5, covering deliberate littering, defacing, or destruction of college property.

In other action, the Court ruled the proctor or an SC member accompanying the proctor may not eavesdrop on students to gather evidence. Specifically, the proctor or SC member may not listen within the alcoves of the doors. Evidence of violations of the student code gathered in the course of the proctor's routine activities will generally be admissible before the court, however.

The procedure for issuing warrants was also outlined by the Court. The court ruled a warrant will not be issued by a Student Court member without reasonable evidence of a violation. A warrant will be issued: in cases where the proctor can identify by name a specific violator; where the alleged violation involves an off-campus guest or other non-student; and where a description beyond "male" or "female" can be given.

In other cases on which a warrant is requested, the Court ruled the SC member will accompany the proctor to the scene of the alleged violation to "corroborate the existence of reasonable evidence of a violation before issuing the warrant." The SC member may remain at the scene for five minutes.

The Court also ruled it is the responsibility of the Student Prosecutor to investigate reported violations in cases in which the identity of the violator is not clear. The Prosecutor may bring charges against the alleged violator at the conclusion of his investigation.



Latin, South American Projects Will be Aided by NC Students

Students wishing to undertake Independent Study projects in Latin or South America this year will be able to work under New College students currently studying in these areas.

Steve Nohlgren, a first-year student last year, is currently attending

the Universidad Madre y Maestra in Santiago de los Caballeros, Dominican Republic, and will help coordinate field work for students desiring to study there.

The Universidad has offered to provide room and board for up to six New College students in the

dormitories of the school for the study period starting November 22. Dr. Paul Stoakes, representative of the Agency for International Development, who confirmed the Universidad's offer, suggested students interested in improving their language proficiency or in doing projects in social sciences or humanities be selected.

The Universidad is a new co-educational, four-year liberal arts college in the Dominican Republic's second-largest city. Transportation cost is \$85, with \$50 for incidental expenses recommended.

Dick Ogburn, a second-year student last year, is in Bogota, Colombia on a one-year teaching fellowship at the Bi-National Center, and has agreed to work with New College students during the Independent Study period.

Estimated cost for transportation to Colombia is \$100, with an estimated living cost of \$100.

Intensive Spanish will be offered students wishing to participate in either program. Interested students should contact Mrs. Mary Elmendorf.

NC Tutoring Program Under United Need

A special New College tutoring program to help local Negro children will be operated through Sarasota United Need rather than through the Negro school system, according to the student who runs the program.

Second-year student Don Aronoff told The Catalyst yesterday the Booker School officials "kept putting things off" after initially approving the tutoring program.

The program, which aims to help Negro children catch up on basic school skills, will deal with students contacted through SUN.

Aronoff said more tutors are needed.

Each tutor will spend 1 1/2 hours per week with his tutee, on a Tuesday or Friday. Most of the children are at the elementary or junior high level.

About 15 New College students are currently involved in the program.

Lit Supplement Needs Material

The Catalyst Literary Supplement still needs material in order to publish its first issue of the year.

Short stories, poems, essays, book reviews, photographs and drawings should be submitted to third-year student Laurie Paulson or second-year student William Hedrington.

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Viet Vets Tell of "Discrepancies": "Something Is Wrong with This War"

By GLENDA CIMINO

--Columbia University

The Independent Committee on Vietnam (ICV) had obtained permission from the University to hold a meeting in Schermerhorn Hall. About eighty persons, mostly Columbia students, gathered in the large lecture room. As usual, the speakers were speaking out against the war in Vietnam. But this group was a little special--not "draft dodgers" or "conscientious objectors" or "peaceniks" (choose your terms according to your attitude), but three guys who had had a slightly more personal encounter with the war: Vietnam veterans.

"We call ourselves Vietnam Veterans Against the War," Mark Donnelly explained. "Jan Crumb, Dave Braum and I began to get organized on Memorial Day, June 1, 1967. Jan is the coordinator of the group. We have about twenty active members. Already we have received over a hundred letters from other vets expressing either a desire to join us or at least approval of what we're doing. We operate out of New York, but there are other vets organizing similar groups in Tennessee, Wisconsin, and Illinois. I think we have the right to speak out. After all, we served in that war."

Paul Rockwell, a young English teacher and assistant editor of *The West Side News*, a local paper, introduced the speakers. He didn't look like the stereotyped public image of the "Anti-war demonstrator." His blond hair was cropped close, and he wore a blue suit, white shirt and dark tie.

"One thing that disturbs me," Mr. Rockwell stated, "is the elitist character of the war in Vietnam. I used to think of war as a collective act. Now war seems to be an instrument of foreign policy. Not many people were 'drafted' into the American Revolution. Many people support this war because they don't have to participate. Maybe one of the best ways to stop the war is to make everybody join it. Otherwise a kind of spectatorial lust grows in people. And of course, some people are making a profit out of the war."

"America is the only nation that has troops on every inhabited continent in the world. Our war-like attitude even affects day-to-day language. Look at the names of our cars--Cheetah, Jaguar, Sabre. Even detergents--Salvo is advertised as 'the dirt bomb--blasts dirt to smithereens.'"

Dave Braum described his initial involvement in the war. "I was in Vietnam from 1962 through late 1964. I joined the army because I couldn't afford college. I decided I would try to do it well, and I trained myself to be one of the best soldiers the army ever owned. I became a helicopter crew chief. In the first year I was shot down twice."

"When I went to Vietnam I didn't have any particular political views. I was amazed by how primitive the country was. I wouldn't even say they rate the name of ox-cart society. They don't have that many cars. At that time, I can't say we cared too much about the South Vietnamese. We just wanted to get home in one piece. Everywhere I saw poverty, destruction, and fear. Vietnam used to export 14 million tons of rice a year. This year, they had to import 12 million. And they're not just eating that much more. Lots of it I know was destroyed by the U.S. One general looked at some rice fields and said, 'Destroy it. They're not eating that rice, they're giving it to the Viet Cong.' He ordered it all burned. People are starving over there. They eat the garbage out of army garbage cans."

"Discrepancies tell me there is something wrong with this war. I had to live through it. Once I had a reconnaissance mission to investigate a destroyed hydroplant. When I saw what it was I was sick. Two old women with a hand-operated plant connected to a rice paddy. And there are too many mistakes. 'That's a V.C. village,' pilots are told. 'Bomb it.' So they bomb it, and then it turns out that there were maybe four V.C.'s and the rest civilians. Well, maybe the pilot can't judge, but whoever's giving that order ought to be able to. If I thought it would save 10 thousand American lives, I'd torture my mother. But I don't believe this cause is just. The statistics are all wrong. From '61 to '64 the U.S. reported 630 American dead. I personally picked up fifty dead American bodies in my helicopter, and there were 25 helicopters in my unit alone. The figures couldn't be right."

"And the V.C. haven't got the only torture tactics. I saw ten Viet Cong prisoners tied up and lined in a row, while South Vietnamese soldiers got into an American tank with an American officer looking on and ran over their heads." (At this point a man in the audience with a heavy German accent asked, "What did you do, just watch like the officer?" Dave replied, "I vomited. Nothing I could do or say would've stopped it.")

Mark Donnelly expressed much the same opinions as Dave Braum. "I joined trying to get to Italy," he said, "and ended up on a carrier. Didn't see too much killing and bombing--but we all knew when a pilot didn't come back. On the carrier we didn't have a true appreciation, you might say, of the war."

"But I can't accept the logic of the 'counter-insurgency' idea--winning the hearts and minds of the people. We are killing more innocent people by accident than the V.C. are killing on purpose. I don't think there's any justification for having three fire bomb areas. They drop pamphlets warning people to get out of the areas beforehand--but how many Vietnamese peasants can read?"

Jan Crumb stated that he joined the army in 1962 with the hopes of making a career of it. "They sent me to West Point. I resigned. Now I'm here, and I guess you see what we're trying to do."

"I went to Vietnam as an 'adviser.' The only briefing we were given when we left was how to get on the plane in San Francisco... Usually a soldier will tell you, 'I'm here to stop communism.' But he seldom knows how, or why, or why in Vietnam rather than somewhere else. You can get shot if you refuse to go on patrol. I just quietly stopped carrying a weapon. One guy I knew just took his rifle in one day and threw it on the ground and said, 'I've had it. I quit.' His tour of duty was almost over."



Glenda Cimino is a graduate of New College who is currently a sociology student at Columbia University.

anyway and they let him go on home. But everybody can't do that. Some guys desert, but they can't ever come back to the States

--that's rough if you have a family or a girl."

Several people in the audience wanted to know what Americans "over there" think about the anti-war and anti-draft movements. "Well," Dave replied, "when I came back to America it wasn't that big. I'd heard about the peace movement. Personally I guess I resented it, at least at first."

"My impression," Jan added, "was that most people felt, 'if I'm here, why aren't they here, too?' with undertones of 'let them come over here and I'll take their place in the peace demonstration.'"

"I think it's important that vets will risk being called 'peaceniks' and take the stand that the war is morally wrong. We have to get past the propaganda they are getting over there. We've got to let them know that we're not doing what we're doing to keep ourselves out--we've been there--but to bring them back home."

SEC

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would not be opened except in the case of an emergency.

On the recommendation of the Student Court, the SEC voted that misinformation or the absence of information on guest sign-in and open room forms would constitute a violation of the guest sign-in or intervisitation rules.

Miller also said Development does not plan to move into a classroom in Hamilton Center, contrary to reports printed in *The Catalyst* last week.

He also said lights for the dormitory and parking areas were being given test installations on a trial basis.

SEC members made no objection to the appointment of Eric Thurston as chairman of the Recreation Committee, Ruth Ann Stange chairman of the Social Committee, and Shoemaker chairman of the Ad

Hoc Committee on the Bill of Rights and the Room Understanding.

Shoemaker said as chairman of the committee, he was investigating the possibility of student rooms being considered the students' private property.

Stange said she is planning a Halloween Dance with a live band, to be held in Hamilton Center.

Food Committee chairman Ellen Tisdale said a letter from the national headquarters of Servomation Mathias had been received asking for evaluations of food and food service, and requested written comments from students.

Miller commented food in the past week had been the worst in the college's history. Shoemaker agreed to express student dissatisfaction over the food to Kitchen Manager Thomas Estep.

This couple is:

- A. Studying a Greek restaurant menu
B. Rehearsing lines for a play

- C. Attending a college History course
D. None of these



C is correct. The couple in the picture are students on a field trip in Athens during the Fall 1966 semester with World Campus Afloat-Chapman College.

Ruth Ann Speelman, from Oakland in northern California, a sophomore from Foothill College, studying liberal arts, has transferred credits earned aboard the floating campus to her home campus and has resumed regular classes. Stan Smith lives in Glendora, California, attended the floating campus while he was a senior Philosophy major at Chapman's main campus. Now he is engaged in graduate studies in Chapman.

As you read this, more than 500 students, representing 200 colleges and universities throughout the country, accompanied by a distinguished faculty, already have embarked from New York for the Fall 1967 semester which will take them to ports in

Europe, Africa and Asia, returning to Los Angeles via Honolulu.

Students are now enrolling for the Spring 1968 semester which will depart from Los Angeles to engage in shipboard study supplemented by visits to ports in Peru, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil, Senegal, Morocco, Spain, Greece, Turkey, Yugoslavia, Italy, Portugal, The Netherlands and Great Britain, terminating in May at New York.

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locations throughout the United States, ETS said.

Results of the National Teacher Examinations are used by many large school districts as one of several factors in the selection of new teachers and by several states for certification or licensing of teachers. Leaflets indicating school systems and state departments of education which use the examination results are distributed to colleges by ETS.

On each full day of testing, prospective teachers may take the Common Examinations, which measure the professional preparation and general cultural background of teachers, and one of 13 Teaching Area Examinations which measure mastery of the subject they expect to teach.

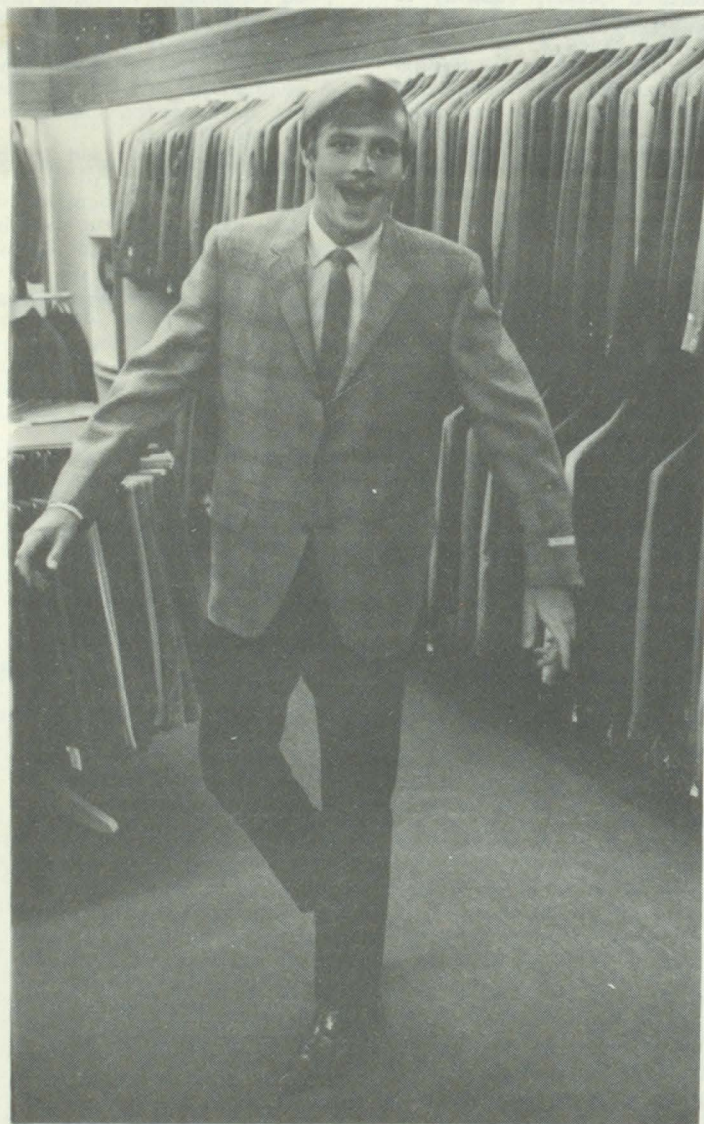
Prospective teachers should contact the school systems in which they seek employment, or the college, for specific advice on which examinations to take and on which dates they should be taken.

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Funeral in Sarasota: I

It had been many months since I, as Secret Agent 68 of New College, had received a call from my chief, the enigmatic faculty member known only as ARB. I had, however, received an unsatisfactory evaluation from him. And so, on that afternoon not long ago, when I found a note in my mailbox directing me to ARB's secret office, I assumed that academics would be the topic of discussion, never dreaming I was about to enter the most incredible, dangerous case of my career as New College Secret Agent 68.

I knew that ARB's top secret office was no longer located under the shallow end of the swimming pool, and thus proceeded to the barracks area near the old laundry room where I thought the secret office was. Inside the site of the office was a large rat. My first thought was that it was ARB, in one of his cunning disguises. "You rat," I said, "Why didn't you tell me you'd be disguising your true identity?"

The rat, however, didn't answer, so I surmised it wasn't ARB, and went outside, rather bewildered. A student, just returning from soccer practice, saw me. "Are you looking for something?" he asked. "Yes," I replied, "I can't find ARB's secret office."

"Oh," he said. "That's in Hamilton Center now. You have to reach it by going through the liquor cabinet in the President's Dining room. Didn't you read the Handbook?"

I told him I hadn't, and went off to the Private Dining Room, and found that the liquor cabinet did, in fact, have a false back. Pushing it open, I went through, grabbing a bottle of Scotch as I went. The cabinet's false back led to a long, winding chute, down which I shot at what seemed an alarming rate of speed. The chute took me into the very bowels of the building itself, past the President's wine cellar and into a small office. I landed with a thud in front of the desk of the man who had sent me on so many perilous missions in the past, causing me to risk my life pursuing dangerous criminals who invariably threatened the very existence of the college itself. The work was of the greatest danger, but how could I think of my own life? Some students with work grants couldn't find any kind of job at all.

ARB finally spoke: "Did you get here all right?"

"Yes," I answered, "but it must be a lot more difficult to leave."

"There's another exit," ARB said. "Now, about that evaluation, you see, I was going through an identity crisis at the time," I began, "and my sandals had just worn out and..."

ARB interrupted me. "This is a matter more serious than your academic difficulties."

"My God," I said, aghast, "it must be a catastrophe."

"That's right," ARB replied. "You see, the very existence of the college is threatened."



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I yawned. "Not again," I said. "Now look," said ARB, his face becoming a stony mask, "this is undoubtedly the gravest crisis ever to face this institution. It concerns finances..."

"Oh yes," I broke in. "I heard about that. The college is losing a lot of money in donations because the students don't dress properly, and have bare feet and all."

"No, no," said ARB, "all that's a front to disguise the real problem. It's much, much more serious than that."

"What is the real problem?" I asked, stunned.

"Well," said ARB, leaning back in his chair and gazing into space. (Actually, it was a wall of his office.) "Do you remember when the Campbell's soup company gave the college all that soup, and it was stored in the barracks?" ARB asked.

"Oh yes," I said, vividly recalling that incident.

"Well," ARB went on, "it wasn't soup at all, but gold bouillon."

"What!" I exclaimed, taking a drink of the Scotch I'd stolen from the President's liquor cabinet, to calm my nerves.

"Yes," said ARB, "that gold bouillon, the existence of which was kept a top secret, was actually the college's monetary reserve. It constituted the college's very financial foundation. And now, that gold is missing."

"You mean the rats got that too?" I asked.

"No," he shouted. "Don't you see? It's been stolen."

"Stolen!" I exclaimed, shocked, "but who could have done it?"

"We just don't know," ARB said. "That's what you, as Agent 68, will have to find out. Not only must you find out who stole the gold, but you must recover it as well, or else..."

"The very existence of the college will be threatened," I said.

"Right," said ARB. "Do you have any ideas on who could have taken the bouillon?"

"Could it have been KOOS?" I asked, naming the dread agency Keep Out Of Sarasota that had attempted to destroy the college on several previous occasions.

"Possibly," said ARB. "Whoever it is, he wants nothing less than the college's destruction. This will be a very dangerous mission. Do you think you can handle it?"

"I think so, sir," I said. I got up, still grasping the bottle of Scotch, and went out the way ARB indicated, through a trap door in the ceiling, reached by standing on ARB's desk. A flight of stairs brought me to another door, and I was outside. I'd scarcely had time to think of my mission when suddenly my bottle of Scotch was shattered in my hand. I hit the ground. A bullet had shattered the bottle, a bullet I had no doubt at all was meant for me.

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