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Faculty Invites Students To Aid Seminar Planning

The faculty curriculum committee has invited the entire college community to discuss plans for the third-year seminar program at a meeting Monday night at 7 in the Music Room.

Background material on the senior programs of several schools somewhat similar to New College academically have been placed in the Reference Room of the library, and interested parties are urged to look into these materials before the meeting, according to Dr. Rollin Posey, chairman of the faculty committee.

"Members of the committee have now completed visits to a number of colleges," Dr. Posey said in a notice to students. "Their investigations show that many colleges which have a reputation for leadership in education have programs in the senior year to consider concepts of knowledge in a broader range than is usually possible in the formal study in a single discipline."

This indicates the validity of the great issues seminar approach, Dr. Posey reasoned. "The methods of approach, however, differ considerably, and it is particularly these methods that the committee wishes to discuss with the students."

Allen Whitt, chairman of the student curriculum committee, told The Catalyst yesterday his committee will have prepared some counter-proposals to the great issues idea, which he described as "unsuitable" three weeks ago.



Catastrophe Averted

Tension floods the crowd as a catastrophe was averted at the construction site on the east campus Saturday when prompt action stopped a leak in a one-inch hot water line.

The leak was discovered simultaneously by several students who noticed the absence of hot water for their shower. (Fortunately it was Saturday or the leak might have gone unnoticed for an entire week.)

Estimates of actual damage were not immediately available.

Recall Petitions Stir Campus-Wide Debate

The principles and the particulars of the attempted recall of six members of the Student Executive Committee were the subject of vigorous debate throughout campus this week.

Recall petitions were presented last week for first-year representatives David Allen, Steve Hall, Kenji Oda, and Steve Waterman, and against second-year representatives Bill Chadwick and Karl Prendergast. Although only a handful of students signed the petitions, many became quite vocal in taking a stand on the issue.

Appoint Prof

Laszlo Deme has been appointed Assistant Professor of History at New College, beginning in September 1966.

Professor Deme received his University Diploma, the equivalent of a PhD, from the University of Budapest in 1955. He then taught Hungarian and comparative literature and world history at the Gymnasium of Szatmar. In 1956 the Hungarian Revolution forced him to flee to the United States.

In 1957 he entered the graduate school of Columbia University and in 1959 received his MA in history. He is now completing work on his PhD at Columbia, while acting as assistant professor of history at the University College of the State of New York at Geneseo.

Professor Deme's special field is modern European history; his minor field of interest is the diplomatic history of Europe.

During his initial graduate work, he was research specialist on the Information Desk of the New York Times.

His honors include scholarships from both the University of Budapest and Columbia.

Choir To Meet

A meeting of the newly organized choral group will be held Wednesday at 3:30 pm, according to David Moore.

He said a place will be announced later. The meeting will be conducted by the new appointed choral director Jerry Meachen.

Moore also said tentative plans call for choral activities to be offered as a regularly scheduled class next year.

Faculty Clarifies Academic Policies

The faculty has clarified the academic obligations of students. A statement of these obligations will be published the first of the week, according to President John Elmendorf.

Produced by the faculty, the statement represents "really no change in what has been done this year so far," the president said.

The philosophy behind the establishment of student obligations, as expressed in a preliminary draft of the statement to be released, is: "To a very large extent the student at New College is expected to maintain a high level of effort to educate himself without the constant nagging of academic obligations."

On the first-year comprehensive tests, a student will pass or fail entire divisions, rather than single subjects, but only those subjects which were failed need to be made up.

This is a major change from previous rules and is one of several clarifications contained in the statement.

The purpose of the change, College Examiner Dr. John W. French explained, is to "allow for students' blind spots." Under the new rules a student deficient in physics, for example, but knowledgeable in other natural sciences would probably not have to make up physics in his second year.

If, however, a student scores a low failure in physics and is close to failure in all other natural sciences, the faculty of that division could fail the student in the entire division, although only physics would have to be retaken.

In further clarification the faculty approved or reapproved the following:

*Failure in two divisions of the first-year comprehensive will normally result in dismissal.

*Term evaluations may be the basis for warning notes to parents and students, but they will not affect a student's good standing if comprehensives and independent study projects are satisfactory.

*A late or unsatisfactory independent study report or a failed division of the comp will be cause for a review of that student's record by a faculty committee, composed presently of the president, college examiner, and the three division heads. If the committee decides, on the basis of independent study reports, comps, term evaluations and "any other factors affecting academic performance," that the student is not working, "or for other reasons is unlikely to reach graduation standards in the normal period," he will either be dismissed or asked to stay a fourth year with financial aid curtailed.

*A second-year student may take no more than two major-field qualifying exams.

*The third-year program will include two independent study periods, a senior thesis and a final comprehensive examination.

*First-year students will normally spend both independent study periods on campus.

Students To Give Evening Concert

Cheryl McWhorter and Paul MacNeil will collaborate in a musical presentation at tonight's Forum, 7 pm in the music room.

They will be accompanied on the piano by Miss Phyllis Rupprecht, piano instructor at Rollins College.

For Cheryl, the program will serve as part of her April study project. A Flutist, she will play Mozart's "Flute Concerto Number 1 in G Major" in addition to Enesco's "Contabile et Presto." Paul will play Brahms' "Clarinet Sonata Number 2 in E Flat Major."

Both students are Floridians: Cheryl from Miami, Paul from Sarasota.

Stanford to Allow Campus Drinking

Students at Stanford University are allowed to drink alcoholic beverages in campus residences, if they are 21 or older, under a new policy established May 10.

According to an Associated Press report quoted in the Oregon Daily Emerald no alcohol will be sold on campus, however.

Stanford president Wallace Sterling, the report says, acted on authority granted to the university's board of trustees.

Announcing the new policy, Sterling said, "The university believes that the development of self-discipline, individual responsibility and respect for the law will be enhanced by entrusting to the students a greater responsibility for compliance with state law and by removal of complete prohibitions which are not enforceable in practice."

SEC Asks Administration To Enforce Occupancy Rules

The Student Executive Committee approved Wednesday a letter to the administration which stated Capt. Ralph S. Styles "should continue to act as he has in the past" regarding enforcement of the conditions of occupancy.

Chairman David Allen, who drafted the letter, said it is "not within SEC jurisdiction to enforce the conditions of occupancy."

The committee did recommend, however, that the SEC be used as a "liaison between the administration and students" in matters concerning the conditions of occupancy.

Sam Black, faculty advisor to the SEC, urged strong wording be used in the letter to insure the SEC will be consulted whenever punitive measures are taken.

Dean of Students Robert Norwine said his office would probably handle all such problems since Styles cannot take direct action against students because he has no jurisdiction.

Allen also recommended in the letter provision 12 and 13 of the conditions of occupancy, which concern campus visitors, be omitted since the SEC has established regulations for the registration of visitors.

Second-year student Allen Whitt, who was present at the meeting, recommended to the committee the constitution be amended to have two elections during each year "so as to have fairer representation and more effective government."

A motion made by Steve Waterman to put the suggestion up for a student vote was defeated 5-2, with one abstention.

Ray Enslow moved to amend the SEC modes of procedure to make the term of the chairman a full year and to make provisions for his removal and for his replacement in the event of his absence or recall.

Steve Hall moved to amend the motion to create the position of vice chairman. The amendment passed 7-1.

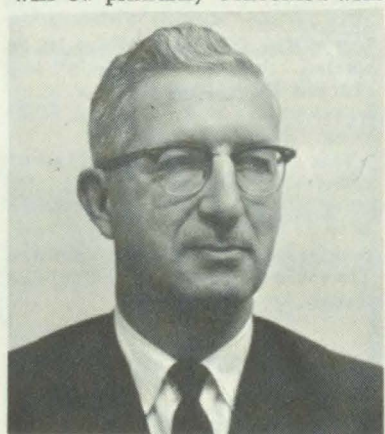
The motion was then tabled on a motion by Chuck Hamilton which passed 4-2. Enslow indicated other amendments to the modes of procedure would be proposed at the next meeting.

Chairman Allen told the com-

Former FBI Man Joins Staff

A former Federal Bureau of Investigation special agent has been named to the staff of the Development Office.

Lester C. Wilhelm, who served with the FBI from 1940 until his retirement May 1, has been appointed Development Officer. He will be primarily concerned with



Wilhelm

deferred giving, tax matters, and general development.

During his career as a special agent, Wilhelm served in Washington, D. C., New York, N. Y., Springfield, Ill., Butte, Mont., and most recently in Miami, Fla.

His duties included assignments in security matters, supervisory duties in connection with Selective Service violations, foreign traffic control, government employee loyalty, and in criminal investigation. Wilhelm also received assignments to inspect the operation of FBI offices in Baltimore, Md., Washington, D. C., Boston, Mass., Albany, N. Y., San Juan, Puerto Rico, and Miami, Fla.

A native of Baltimore, Wilhelm was graduated from the University of Baltimore with a bachelor of laws degree

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Editorials

Curriculum Debate Of Vital Concern

Monday's open meeting of the faculty committee in charge of studying the senior seminar program should be of vital concern to every student. At the meeting, committee members will report what they have found at other schools in terms of an integrated senior program. In addition, this might be the only opportunity students will have to express their views before a decision is made.

Three members of the student curriculum committee-- Esther Lynn Barazzone, Sam Treynor, and Allen Whitt-- have raised serious doubts about the advisability of a great issues seminar of the type envisioned by the faculty. Whitt has told The Catalyst the group will be prepared to attack the great issues concept and to offer alternatives Tuesday.

But what about the rest of the students? Will we be ready to intelligently discuss the issues and form opinions? The students on the curriculum committee have devoted much time and thought to studying the third-year program, but most of us, sadly, are only vaguely aware that a problem exists.

The faculty committee has placed materials on the senior programs at other colleges in the reference room of the library. The Catalyst urges all students to look through these materials in order to gain some basic understanding of the problems at hand. In this way, we hope, much of the off-the-cuff debate that characterizes any meeting of students can be eliminated.

It is indeed unfortunate that students and faculty must decide such an important academic issue just three months before the decision must be implemented. Students cannot afford to react with a cynical apathy, however. If ever students need to be actively concerned, this is it.

A Vote of Confidence And Two Debts

Failure of the several petitions to recall members of the Student Executive Committee is, in effect, a vote of confidence by the students in their representatives. We hope the SEC will consider it as such and continue the trend of progress exhibited at its last meeting with renewed energy and zeal.

Two debts were contracted by this indirect vote of confidence. The first of these is that of the students to the members of the SEC. By indicating their satisfaction with the members of their government, the students pledged their support of past actions and current policies. We hope the students will give voice to this support in the future. Strong, vocal support can do much to strengthen any government--ours included.

The second debt is that of the student representatives to their constituents. They should do their best to live up to the confidence expressed in them and to continue to serve to the best of their ability the interests of all the students.

Some unpleasantness was created by the initiation of recall. We feel, however, that this is not the most important nor the most lasting effect. Of greatest importance is the thought and consideration given to the question of student government by both the members of that government and those who are governed. The SEC is stronger now than before. Its members have had occasion to examine their role in student government and the students have had occasion to examine the quality of their government.

We hope this thought and consideration continues.

SEC Asks Administration

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mittee he thought a section of the SEC constitution should be amended to be more in line with the way recall petitions are actually used. He said the procedure should be that any petition with the required signatures should compel the supervisory committee to prepare a ballot.

As the provision currently stands, whetherto order an election is left to the discretion of the committee.

In other action the SEC approved six alternates to the SDC. They are John Cranor, Dale Hickam, Ken Moore, Dave Moore, Kay Moller and Nancy Redick.

Reports were heard from several

committees. Kenji Oda, of the supervisory committee, reported the failure of the eight recall petitions posted Saturday. Karle Prendergast, of the Student Activity Fund Committee reported the allocation of \$30 to a student magazine and \$20 for refreshments for tomorrow's informal dance.

Steve Waterman, of the house committee, reported he had sent follow-up memorandum to Capt. Styles regarding previous memoranda he had sent. He said he had not yet received a reply.

Present at the meeting were Allen, Oda, Hall, Waterman, Hamilton, Enslow, Prendergast, Chadwick and Dunsworth.



Letters

Proposes SEC Changes

To the Editor:

Everyone around here knows something's wrong with government and the student response. Never have I seen any student government so concerned with itself and yet so widely screamed at. I think people here are willing to try their present state of maturity out on the world. However there are so many issues to take care of first, we don't have time to simply act as we see fit. I shall propose a student government which will satisfy this need and still be effective. I propose no more than a minimum of rules be set. They should be a simple declaration of what the college establishment cannot tolerate. These rules would be those which are forced on us by drinking laws, insurance companies, and general safety. With this minimum of rules, the SEC becomes a real representative of the student body. It has no structure to follow so it acts as it hopes the student body wants it to.

All their minutes would be published. This would allow students to keep a running record of who is really representing their views. Petitions to recall everyone would always be circulateable.

What about the SEC? The purpose of this whole plan is to take the long curly wigs of SEC members and let them decide what they want. Infractions would be tried with realistic interests in mind, no one would care about justice, structure, or formality. If there's nothing to be settled, then the SEC needn't feel obliged to re-hash the old intervisitation thing for the 4,000th time. They'd just leave.

This plan is not a proposal to be followed to the letter; it is strictly off-the-cuff and only a declaration of what I think would best keep people from each others throats. There are many scarred and twisted throats around here.

(signed) Bill Ralphs

Plan Pool Party

The Social Committee is arranging for a swim-and-dance party scheduled for 9 tomorrow night by the college pool.

At a meeting Saturday, the committee decided to place Abby Allgood, Karle Prendergast, and Kenji Oda in charge of handling the details. The Student Activity Fund Committee Tuesday gave the Social Committee \$20 to pay for refreshments.

According to committee members, the money will be used for potato chips and punch. A phonograph will be set up at the pool-side, and students are invited to bring their favorite records.

Also discussed at the Social Committee meeting were tentative plans for a large-scale beach party later in the year. The matter was tabled, however, until more information could be obtained.

Praise Not Justified?

To the Editor:

It isn't that I'm in the habit of looking gift-horses in the mouth, Tom, but I feel I really should take issue with your editorial encomium of my services on the SEC. Your praise was qualified, but hardly enough.

For one thing, the simple fact is that it takes little talent and effort to keep a record of what is said and done by the SEC. Which is not to say that it hasn't done anything, but only that my job requires no more than a minimum of effort and bureaucratic leanings.

In addition, it should be made clear that much of the blame for the recent shift in responsibility regarding pet registration is mine, not the SEC's as a group. The students really haven't taken pet registration rules seriously, but neither have I sought out the owners of pets and reminded them of their duties.

My only hope, Tom, is that I might be able to deserve your praise if the SEC were to become a more businesslike and effective body. All of us would work better if the habit of conscientious effort were once to be instilled in us. At least, this is what I prefer to believe. In this connection, I am largely in agreement with the ideas of Ray Enslow that were reported in last week's issue.

And while I have the floor, I would also like to add my second to the petition that Ray is currently circulating. The move to recall several SEC members seems to be based on exceedingly minimal acquaintance with the qualifications and achievements of the people involved. Editorial prods I can easily condone, reforms like Ray's I heartily agree with, but this move to recall seems to me to be quite ill-founded and unwise.

I would like to close with a word on motives. If it weren't likely to be misconstrued as false modesty or toadying self-deprecation, I would describe myself as an eminently expendable member of the SEC. My post has its importance, but the post and the man are quite separable. I even fear that this letter may be taken wrongly, especially since the appearance of the forum by Raeburn and Pini. I am not currying their favor, nor am I trying to get out from under the editorial thumb. It is simply a matter of honesty and of trying to clear up some current confusions.

(signed) Tim Dunsworth

Defends Editors

To the Editor:

This seems to have been a week for public pronouncements. First, various members of the SEC felt called upon to defend their integrity, interest, and attendance records. Then, two students published a tract that was more a personal attack on the editor of The Catalyst than a genuine attempt

to offer alternatives to The Catalyst's editorial stand. I think several points made in this tract need to be answered.

The editor of a student newspaper is not "a voice for and mirror of student opinion." The editorial policy of a newspaper cannot and should not reflect any opinion except that of the editor and/or editors of the paper. A newspaper that lets itself be influenced by the opinions of the community as a whole or significant individuals in that community has sacrificed its independence and effectiveness. The editorial staff of an independent newspaper has no obligation to consult anyone whatever before taking a position.

It is necessary for a newspaper to crusade, as the question is asked in the publication, because that is the job of a newspaper. A newspaper has the facilities, and the responsibility, to investigate issues, find out facts, suggest solutions. A newspaper that refuses to crusade is hardly worthy of the name. And it is appropriate that The Catalyst crusade in the area of student government rather than in "academic policies and other matters of significance" because the issue of student government is seen to be of primary importance at this time. If academic policies were presently crucial issues, then no doubt The Catalyst would crusade about academic policies.

Certainly there has been occasional carelessness in the amount of editorial opinion that has strayed into the news columns of The Catalyst. And perhaps recall is not an appropriate measure at this time. But at least students, because of The Catalyst's crusade, have been made aware of their governmental bodies, and members of these bodies have been forced to consider themselves and their fellow officers and the status of student government itself at New College. And this is an accomplishment no petty personal attack can minimize.

(signed) Lawrence Paulson

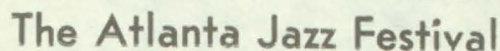
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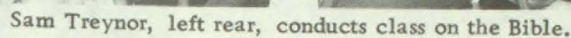


"Among the artists scheduled to appear on opening night are trumpeter Louis Armstrong and his group;

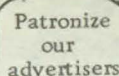
A program for children will be presented Saturday afternoon, and local jazz talent will be featured Sunday afternoon.

Students interested in the synchronized swimming should sign up now, Odell said. Also, he said there was a possibility that a second life saving class will be available later in the term.

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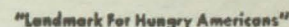
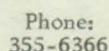
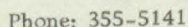


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Here tonight.
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To touch the stars
Except for solace.
I cannot move--
To move is painful,
And if you speak
I will not hear
Your greeting.
I cannot think,
Though I remember.
I feel nothing
But the gentle quietness
Of the summer breeze
Lifting and letting fall
Though
It is May.

I am a watcher
Here tonight
Suffering
The verses of September
To sing to me,
Remembering
Warm waters
Of the Gulf
(And silver fish
Just below
The surface.)
On this first day
Of the year
I meet
My comrades.
Wondering
A wind that blows
Differently here,
That warmth
And smell of flowers,
Lights and tiled
Walks
And the sun
Going down
And greeting the bay
With color.

I am a watcher
Here tonight.
When it is
Much too far away.
September
Is a hopeful month
But now
All that died
In the cell
Of winter
Does not resurrect.
All that died
In the cell
Of winter
Stays buried
Blessed with flowers now,
Cared for, but
With less diligence
Until
The roses
Lie thirsting
On the grave.



Paulson

I am a watcher
Here tonight,
Daring the Spring
To tempt me with
Her fragrant hair
And touch me.
There is no path
Down to the bay
Where the sun
Still leaves
A blessing
For the night.
There is no place
For the soul
Of September
When the Gulf
Was silver
And I met
My comrades.
And if it is
That there will be
Another birth--
Some other path
Down to the waters
And a day
That takes me
By its hand
To touch the light
It is not now.
I am a watcher
Here tonight.

Final Draft Test Set For June 24

Applications for the final draft deferment test are available in the College Examiner's office. The test is scheduled for June 24, and the deadline for application is June 1.

The nearest testing site will be Manatee Junior College in Bradenton.

The test date will be the fourth of a series. Only three test dates were originally scheduled by the Selective Service, but the fourth date was provided for the thousands of college students who failed to apply for the others.

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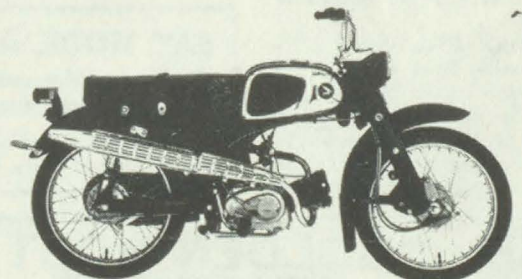
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