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Chances Are Good For Accreditation

The college stands a "good chance" of gaining accreditation this year, the faculty was told at its meeting last week.

According to the official faculty minutes, President John Elmendorf reported a team of observers for the accrediting agency were "in general favorably impressed" during their visit two weeks ago.

Elmendorf reportedly said the observers were especially impressed by the achievements of the students and by the caliber and morale of the faculty.

However, Elmendorf told the faculty, the observers made a number of specific negative comments and

suggestions for improvements:

--Perhaps the college urges its students to specialize too early.

--The faculty should not spread itself any thinner over the various disciplines than it now does.

--The attrition rate is unusually high.

--The college should bring in more speakers and visiting faculty in order to counter tendencies toward isolationism.

--Perhaps the college ought to do more to promote and organize intramural sports.

--The procedures regarding faculty appointments, promotions, and tenure seem vague.

--Although the library has been developed admirably so far, the emphasis on independent study makes further expansion somewhat more urgent than would otherwise be the case.

--Students should have more contact with adults.

--Counseling of students could be strengthened.

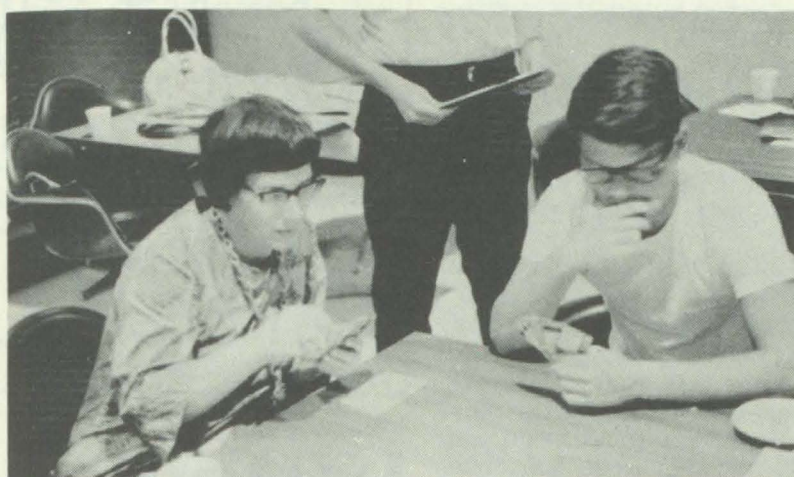
--When new dormitories on the West Campus are completed, the college should consider housing first-year students together.

--The college may be overstaffed with clerical and maintenance personnel.

--The cost to the college of its scholarship and student aid program is seriously out of proportion.

--The pool of applicants from which the college selects its students is too limited. A larger range of applicants should be sought.

Elmendorf's report is apparently a compilation of informal comments from the observers. The college must wait until next month to hear the official report of the observing team and to learn if accreditation has been granted.



Duplicate Bridge Begins

Dr. Corinne Wilson and first-year student Greg David pore over their cards at Wednesday night's inaugural session of New College's Duplicate Bridge Club.

The team of David Gorfein and William Smith came in first on the North-South hand, and Mary Alice Root and Dave Filgas were the top East-West team.

The next game will be conducted October 25.

Sarasota Church

Holds "NC Day"

Sunday is New College Day at the First Congregational Church of Sarasota.

The church has planned for New College students to attend services with couples or families of the congregation, then have dinner with their hosts.

The worship service will include a dramatic presentation of "The Brothers," by Dr. David Napier, presented by a speaking quartet including New College students under the direction of Meredith Schoonover, Director of Christian Education at the church.

New College Students will be picked up by their hosts at 10:15 at Hamilton Center for the 11:00 service.

Free Jazz Concert

Set for Monday

A free progressive jazz concert will be presented to New College students and the general public Monday at 9 pm in Hamilton Center.

The concert, involving musicians principally from the Sarasota area, was arranged by third-year student Sandi Stewart, who obtained an appropriation from the Student Activities Fund to pay for the concert.

Dantorth Nominees

Chemistry major Bob Baughman and math major Harry Felder are the college's nominees from the Class of '68 for the Danforth Fellowships, it was announced this week.

Sex Discussions Start Wednesday

A series of four lecture-discussions on "Sex and the College Student" have been arranged for New College students during the coming month.

Although all students will be welcome, the program has been designed primarily "to help first-year students understand the role of sexuality as part of the growing experience."

Questions from students may be submitted in writing or orally.

All sessions will be conducted in the teaching auditorium.

The topics will include: "The Physiology of Sex," Dr. Vernon Finch, M.D., gynecologist, 2:30 pm, Oct. 18; "Pathology and Disease," Dr. Robert Giordano, M.D., urologist, 3 pm, Oct. 25; "What Makes a Successful Marriage?" Emil L. Codol, marriage counselor, 3 pm, Nov. 1; "Morality, Old and New," Rev. Horace Cooper, counselor, 3 pm, Nov. 8.

Language Policy Set for Review

String Quartet Program Tonight

The New College String Quartet will present a brief concert tonight at 7:15 in Hamilton Center.

The program will include Mozart's "Quartet in E flat major, K. 428," and Brahms' "Quartet in A minor, Op. 51 No. 2."

The resident quartet consists of Paul Wolfe and Anita Brooker, violins; William Magers, viola; and Christopher von Baeyer, cello.

The faculty educational policy committee has begun a re-study of the language requirement, and there is a possibility the requirement will be modified or eliminated.

At this point the committee is "fact-finding," according to committee chairman Dr. B. Gresham Riley, and speculation on the outcome of the study would be "premature."

The committee conducted an informal faculty hearing Wednesday, and Riley indicated opinion was divided.

Riley told The Catalyst a hearing is planned for students interested in expressing their views on the matter in the near future.

He said a particular concern of the study will be to decide whether students should continue to be denied diplomas if they fail to achieve proficiency in a foreign language, even if they have done well in all other respects.

There has been some feeling, among students and faculty, that the present requirement is unfair, unnecessary, or too stringent.

Many have argued proficiency in a foreign language will be very useful to graduates for intellectual if not academic and professional reasons, however.

The Student Executive Committee Wednesday directed the Academic Committee to work with the faculty on this question.

SEC Told Student Appearance, Conduct Create Public Relations Difficulties

Student appearance and "unpopular conduct" has lost the College "thousands of dollars," according to several members of the administration.

Assistant Dean of Students Arthur Miller reported to the Student Executive Committee Wednesday that Dean of Students George Petrie and Vice President Paul Davis had expressed concern about student appearance both on and off-campus.

Miller said Petrie was especially concerned about long hair on boys and bare feet of members of both sexes. Miller said the problem will be more serious when the Development Office takes over one of the Hamilton Center classrooms, and visitors, including potential donors, would be brought to this part of the campus.

Miller said a "real problem" exists, since students generally do not sympathize with problems created by the effect of their appearance on outsiders.

When questioned about the status of the "bare feet" rule in Hamilton Center, Miller said bare feet are at present permitted only in the snack bar and residence courts. He said last year's rule that bare feet are only permitted in Hamilton Center before 9 am and after 9 pm was dropped by Petrie.

In response to Miller's comments, a Public Relations and Admissions Committee was established by the SEC. To be a standing committee, it will explore ways in which students can assist in relations with the public. Third-year representative

Steve Hendricks was appointed chairman of the committee.

SEC Chairman Ted Shoemaker was also instructed to confer with Petrie and request the "best possible alternative" to the present ban on bare feet.

A revision of the present guest

rule, proposed by second-year representative Lee Crawford, was passed after discussion and amendment.

The rule limits students to three guests a night, and requires the proctor interrogate all non-students on campus after 9 pm. Crawford's

motion originally stipulated SEC or SC members sign guest forms, but this provision was eliminated on a motion by Hendricks which passed 5-4.

Later in the meeting, Hendricks moved SEC members not be required to sign open room forms, since such signing is "unnecessary." The motion also passed.

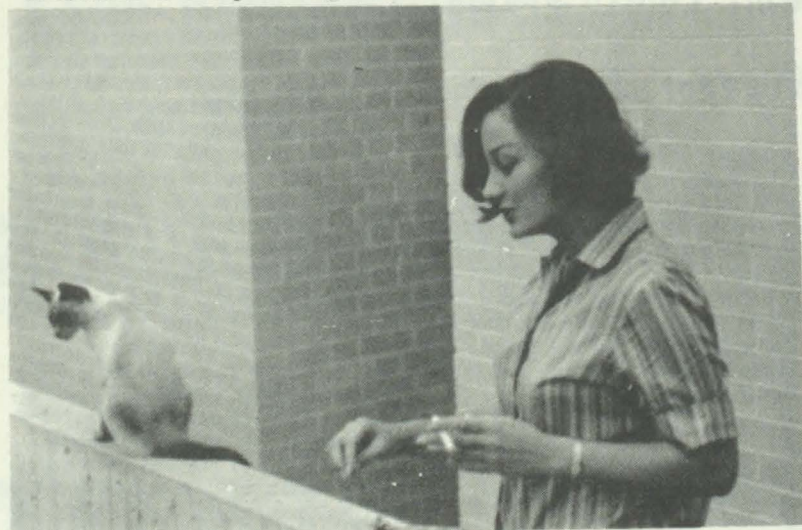
All appropriations voted by the Student Activities Fund Committee, including a controversial allotment for a Peace Rally, were approved by the SEC.

Considerable discussion was prompted by the allocation of up to \$50 to provide transportation for New College students to a Peace Rally in Washington, D. C. The money, requested by second-year student Jon Shaughnessy, would be granted on the basis of \$1 per person up to 50 people.

When questioned by SEC members, Shaughnessy revealed the Rally would include civil disobedience in the Pentagon.

First-year representative John Esak moved the money not be granted for the rally. The motion failed 3-5, with Esak, first-year representative Tom Thompson and third-year representative Laurie Paulson voting in favor.

A motion was then made at Miller's suggestion that the money be approved for students "pursuing their rights of free speech" in Washington. The motion, made by Hendricks, passed 6-3, with (Continued on page 3, column 4)



Visiting Librarian

Miss Marta Luz Orozco, a native of Colombia, is working in the New College library under a special agreement with Librarian Dr. Corinne Wilson and President John Elmendorf. A graduate of the School of Library Science at the University of Atioquia in Medellin, Colombia, she has taken her present job in order to gain experience for a head librarian's position in Colombia.

Dr. Wilson met Miss Orozco during a trip to Colombia last year and offered her a job. Miss Orozco is reference librarian and she expects to stay approximately six months.

Miss Orozco likes the United States and would like to come back in the future. She lives in room 202.

Editorial

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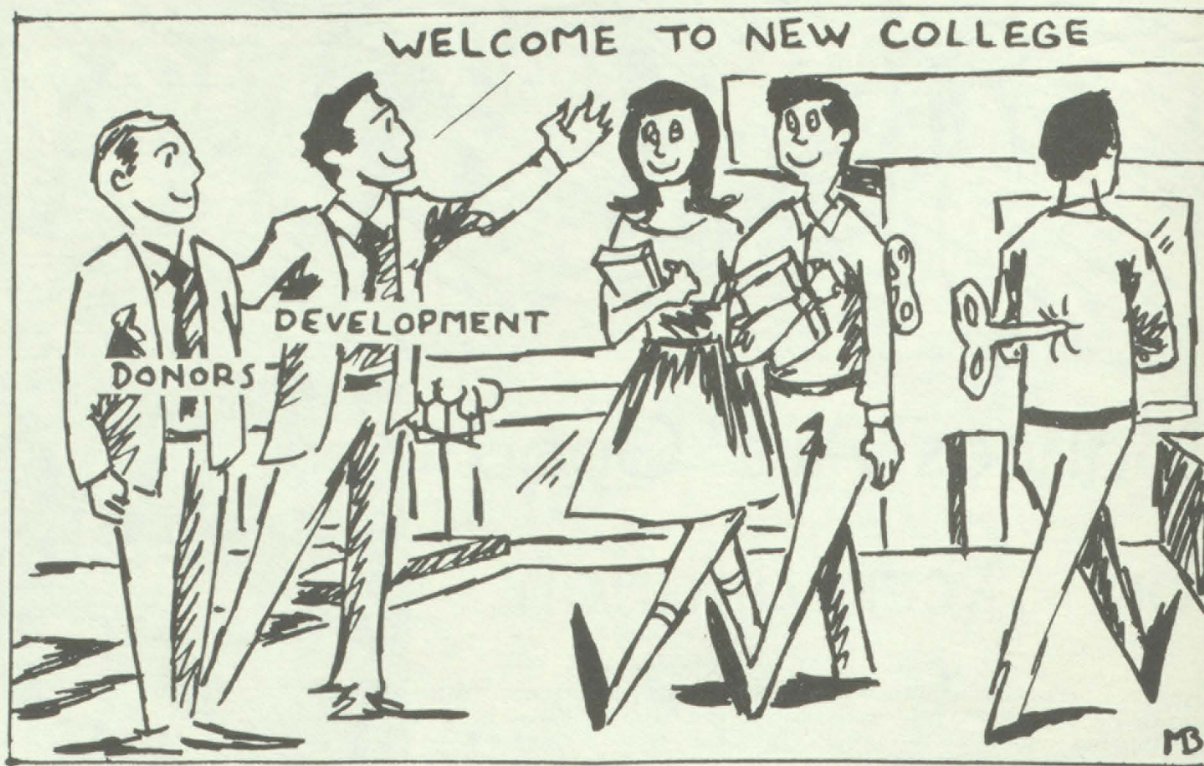
Dean of Students George Petrie said he "didn't expect to be popular" when he took over the difficult post, and his expectations were accurate. He is certainly not despised--students seem unanimous in thinking Petrie is well-meaning, a man of integrity. However, he is widely "un-liked" for what many students consider is a far too paternalistic attitude toward his charges.

"Petrie is the Big Tongue," says one student, obviously a reader of the "B.C." comic strip. Petrie has already come to represent in some student eyes stodgy authority, the elder who does not understand, the anteater whose mere absence sends the "B.C." ant-characters into wild fits of frolicking.

Campus "radicals" have talked seriously of acting to have Petrie removed from his post in favor of a more "liberal" dean. Yet the most damning testimony that a serious "generation gap" separates Petrie from many students comes from Petrie himself. For instance, earlier this year Petrie explained his edict that students dress up for candlelight dinners as a way of preparing students for adulthood. To the student this argument is patently absurd, as no aspect of "maturity" could be more superficial than that of taste in clothing.

Elsewhere, Petrie certainly has demonstrated an awareness of the many serious and difficult problems college students face as persons, and he has demonstrated a willingness to assume responsibility in attempting to alleviate these problems. But his actions inevitably are tinged by a parent-to-wayward-child attitude. He has over-reacted to a situation more than once, being much harsher with particular students than he himself later felt he should have been.

Petrie told The Catalyst more than a month ago the dean's job "is not the kind of thing I'm most anxious to do." We ask Dr. Petrie now to re-evaluate his attitude, not because--at this point--we think he has done a poor job and needs to be replaced, but because there is dangerous friction between him and the students which could defeat the purposes of the dean of student's office. We ask student malcontents to reciprocate. We think much of the present friction is due to an unfortunate and premature loss of mutual respect between parties, and we would like to see a real attempt at repairing this fault before people rush into more drastic action.



Letters

A Fine Situation

To the Editor:

I would like to relate to you a couple of anecdotal incidents for the contemplation and amusement of your readers.

Along about the first week of this fall's term, the College community was confronted with a formidable memo from the distinguished office of the Dean of Students. Contained in this memo were the outlines of a parking regulation and fine system, designed to cope with the massive problem of parking space and traffic flow which has developed at the College in the past three years.

Being a somewhat submissive, and perhaps agreeable fellow I duly registered my automobile, no. 082, and my bicycle, no. 083. Approximately two weeks later I was accosted by your friend and mine Al

Minter, and served with the papers for a parking fine. To my horror, I realized that while I had registered the automobile I drive, I had neglected to do so with the little '54 Chevy which died in the hands of my Roommate (now in France) last Christmas.

It seems that this poor little green Chevy was parked (in the same spot for 3 months) so that it partially clogged the drain to the parking lot storm cellars. In the midst of a pouring rain storm, poor Mr. Minter's staff had sought vainly to move the car, and a flood resulted. Desiring to have the car moved Mr. Minter asked the Dean of Students for the name of the owner. As it was unregistered, apparently it took up \$2.00 of the good Dean's time to find out, hence my fine.

When this rather disheartening episode was over, I thought I'll just play the game, and maybe they'll let me be. But today, I am forcibly brought back into New College's newest bureaucracy, and the potential primary power structure of the whole administration. I received a note from Mr. Meyer (The good Dean's special assistant for parking fines). The note read "Dave--My records indicate NC Reg. No. 083 is for your bike. Why is this tag on your sta. wag.? Frank Meyer." The note was dated 10/9, 4:28, an ominously precise date.

Some advice to those reading this letter: Unless you're a librarian with a green car or a president with a tan one, or anybody else who drives a little white MG, don't park in the turnaround by Hamilton Center. The people listed above are apparently exempt. Also don't park on sewer drains, unless the ACLU will take your case--they'll find a way to get you. And don't put no. 083 on the car that is supposed to have no. 082. That one is worth at least another \$2.00--for Mr. Meyer's classic memo.

I hate to moralize an innocuous letter, but I feel compelled to ask whether all this is necessary? I find the whole thing a bit amusing, but more, I feel a little disgusted. The letter will probably cost me \$2.00 more, as I still haven't registered the little green car--although I have moved it.

I leave you with one thought: perhaps if we dealt with intervention violations on a basis of fines rather than other punishment, the good Dean might be able to control the situation a bit more to his liking. At least it would be a good way to raise money for the college.

Sincerely,
(signed)
David C. Moore

From Hartley

An Open Letter to the New College Community

Dear People,

You all may, perhaps, be relieved to know that my New College education is anything but a deficit for me in medical school. I am finding that my course preparation is as good or better than that of my classmates (including those from the Ivy League schools); the bid advantage, however, comes from the NC educational system. I am finding that I have relatively little trouble picking the material to learn and working in an unstructured system (which Duke's new curriculum is, essentially) while many of my classmates are very worried about the mid-term exams and are forever asking the instructors exactly what material they must know for the test.

As far as specific NC courses are concerned, Physical Chemistry in some form is almost an absolute necessity for medical school. Dr. Buri's course in embryology was also extremely valuable to me--more for the way it was taught than for the actual content. The core pro-

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New College Tension and Anxiety Seen as Products of Ghetto Life

By STEPHEN OLSON

On the surface New College seems a very congenial place, beautiful even, with the palm trees and maze-like courts. Never had I seen such an attractive bunch of people; interesting, intelligent, well-spoken, in such a perfect setting. My first days here seemed unreal, I was so deliriously happy. Now after a month, I'm uncomfortable--I've gotten a feeling for the anxiety and tense searching that is so often behind the smiling or preoccupied faces.

I thought at first that the undercurrent was just adolescence and that the cause was my classmates' immaturity. Since then I've experienced the peculiar malaise myself and must think differently. I've been in enough tough situations by now to know that I keep my head pretty well. I don't tend to anxieties and I'm not immature. Now that I know them better, I don't think my fellow students would show up immature in other

situations either, so maturity can't be the key.

I don't think the students here are more maladjusted or susceptible to emotional problems than is normal in any group of this general intelligence level. In fact, the admissions people have supposedly selected for integrated and motivated students. I don't believe, therefore, that maladjustment can be behind the oppressive emotional atmosphere either.

I believe the explanation is in the intimate atmosphere itself, and the sort of emotional resonance that occurs in groups. The best illustrations of this effect are mobs, panic-stricken crowds and theater audiences in which individuals unconsciously feel and act as a group.

The students here are unusually perceptive and sensitive to others and must react to each other because of their closeness. The living quarters, cafeteria and classrooms are all in a very small area. The further reaches of the campus don't expose the students to the outside, and actually the students don't have to leave the campus except to do their laundry. Sarasota has little other than the theater and museum to attract most students and these are within walking distance. The contacts a student generally makes off-campus are in the intellectual community since the feeling among the townspeople is often hostile to the school. The result of this close, ghetto-like feeling amounts to actual physical segregation, which wouldn't be bad if the ghetto were preferable to the outside.

Academically, the ghetto is preferable. The intimate conditions and freedom within do make a good learning environment. Emotionally, however, the lack of contact with normal life and non-academic people leads to disproportionate attention to the personal and interpersonal problems of the students inside the ghetto.

The students naturally would be very much involved whether they were here or not in their individual

problems of growth and change during these years. At New College, however, the framework is absent which a family, a job or the structured studies in a more conventional school would provide for the students. The individual must orient and direct himself in a deliberately permissive environment during the most self-critical time of his life. Since each student also has close friends ready to apply their analytic minds to his problems, it is no wonder that there is a feeling of anxiety and searching in the students.

Of course, growth and change are necessary. They are essential to every human being throughout

Golf Course Crowds Prevent NC Use

DeSoto Lakes Golf Course will no longer be able to accommodate New College student golfers due to crowding of its facilities, according to Recreation Co-ordinator Frank Meyer.

DeSoto, whose membership has grown fivefold since its original agreement with New College, has been allowing special use of its facilities to students.

Diving Course

A special course in scuba diving will be available to students if there is enough interest, according to Recreation Co-ordinator Frank Meyer.

Meyer said he is working on arrangements with Arnold Tresh of Venice to teach a 20 hour course (10 lecture, 10 in the water) evenings in the college pool.

The course, which would normally cost \$20, would be offered free. Interested students should sign the sign-up sheet in the snack bar.

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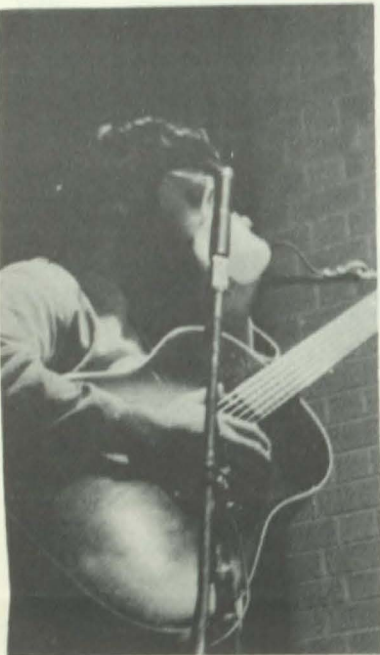
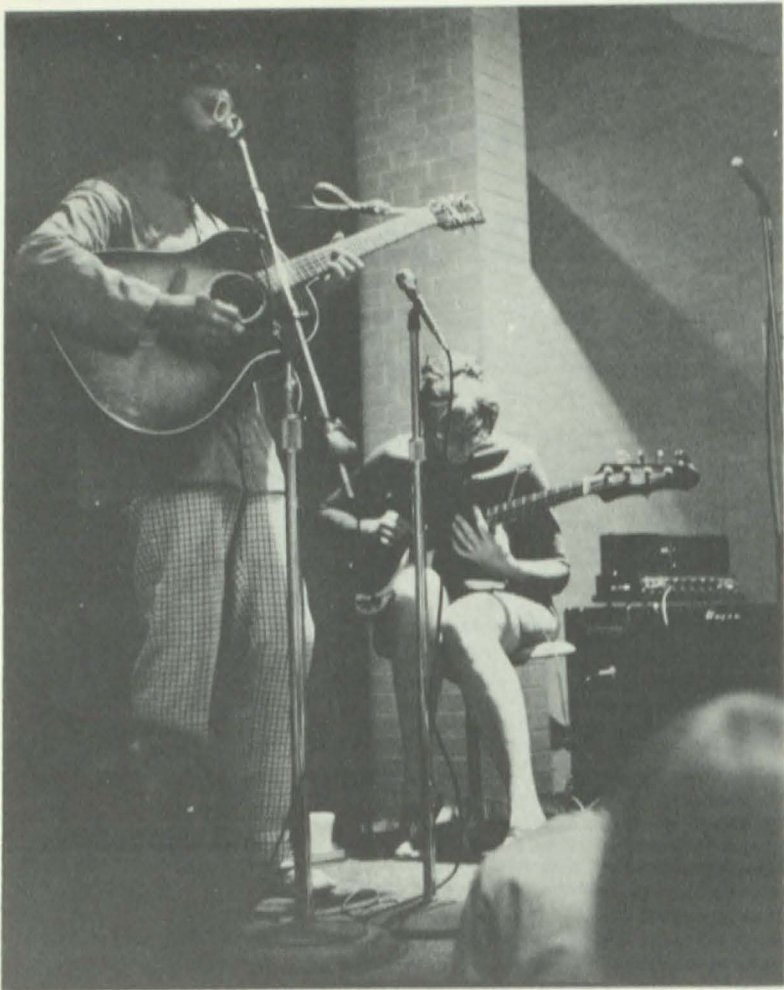
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Transportation Needed For D.C. Peace Rally

Students to Debate Guaranteed Income

More than 30 people from the Sarasota-Bradenton area reportedly are ready to participate in next week's peace rally in Washington, D. C., if only they can find transportation.

According to spokesmen for the Sarasota Committee to Stop the War, only four cars have been obtained for the trip so far.

Those interested in attending the rally from this area include students from New College and Manatee Junior College and faculty members of New College.

They would like to leave Sarasota next Friday morning and return Sunday night. They would appreciate any help they receive in obtaining adequate transportation.

The rally will begin with two march groups—one to the White House and the other to the Pentagon. Some of those who march on the Pentagon will attempt to enter the building and commit acts of civil disobedience.

In other discussion, the SCSW decided at its meeting to look into the possibility of bringing an important peace figure to speak in this area. Professor of Theology Dr. William Hamilton said he would write to Dr. Benjamin Spock, with whom he is acquainted, and ask him to come. Spock, who first acquired public notice as a pediatrician, has been a leader in anti-war activities in past months.

Five New College students will participate today and tomorrow in the University of Florida Discussion-Debate Tournament in Gainesville.

First-year students Rose Stetler and Nick Munger, second-year student Charles Vekert and third-year students Kenji Oda and Dan Hagarty will speak on the tournament topic "A Guaranteed Annual Income."

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SEC Interest Said Wide

The Student Executive Committee has a legitimate interest in all areas of the College, including "personal areas," the College Council agreed at its meeting Wednesday.

Student Executive Committee Chairman Ted Shoemaker reported to the SEC Wednesday the consensus of the Council was the information on the working conditions of the college maintenance workers was withheld because of the "personalities" involved in the student investigation of these conditions.

Shoemaker said Vice President Paul Davis, who refused to disclose the wage information, stated he would probably give out such information in a similar case in the future.

Reportedly, Davis' refusal stemmed from the participation of second-year student Jon Shaughnessy in the investigation.

In other College Council action, Dean of Students George Petrie called for changes in the intervisitation rule, to make the rule "unhypocritical and consistent." He said the present rule is not being enforced strictly enough.

Other members of the Council, including President John Elmen-dorf, expressed satisfaction in general with the present rule, and said intervisitation would not be a topic of discussion this year. Petrie declared himself dissatisfied with the discussion.

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Students Should Apply For Committee Posts

Students interested in becoming members of faculty committees should notify Larry Alexander, Supervisory Committee Chairman, by 6pm Wednesday.

Five faculty committees have indicated they will accept voting student members. An election for student committee members will be held only if the number of students indicating interest in serving on each committee exceeds the number of available positions.

The number of positions open to students on each committee was announced at the Student Executive Committee meeting Wednesday. Available positions include: Educational Policy Committee, Dr. Gresham Riley chairman, one student; Library Committee, Dr. Jon

Culbertson, one; Architectural and Physical Planning, Dr. Douglas Berggren, two; Lectures and Community Relations, Dr. George Petrie, two; and Computer Study, Dr. Harry Crouch, one.

The SEC voted Wednesday all students on faculty committees will also be members of related SEC subcommittees.

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