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Language Requirement Is Abolished But Language Faculty May Also Go

Language Program Is Re-affirmed

In one of a series of four related motions, the faculty yesterday unconditionally abolished the language requirement for the class of 1968.

According to another motion, the language requirements, if any, for the classes of 1969 and 1970 will be decided by the individual divisions before the third term.

The motions passed were:

---That the language program at New College be retained and offered by qualified instructors.

---That the present language requirement be abolished.

---That no student in the class of 1968 be held to any language requirement, with the exception of language majors.

---That prior to the start of the third term, all students in classes other than the graduating class be informed as to the language requirement, if any, for their program of study.

The general motion on the language requirement, the second of the four passed, was voted on by secret ballot. The motion passed 29-13.

This vote indicated a dramatic change of faculty position on the language requirement. The first vote on the requirement, earlier in the term, showed the faculty split evenly for and against the rule.

The first motion, affirming a language program at New College, was apparently in response to a move by President John Elmendorf to refuse to re-hire the language faculty if the requirement were abolished. Members of the language faculty received notice last week their contracts would not be renewed, barring extenuating circumstances. (See related story.)

For third-year students, the faculty vote means they will under no conditions have to fulfill a foreign language requirement to qualify for graduation. Not only will the Modern Language Association examination not be required, but a reading test on material in their major field will be dropped from the baccalaureate organization.

For first- and second-year students, the question of a language requirement will be decided by individual departments. If a language test is required in any major, it will not necessarily be the MLA exam.

Observers speculated that the decision of the Board of Trustees, which meets Friday, on the abolishment of the language faculty, will determine if stringent requirements are established for any fields.

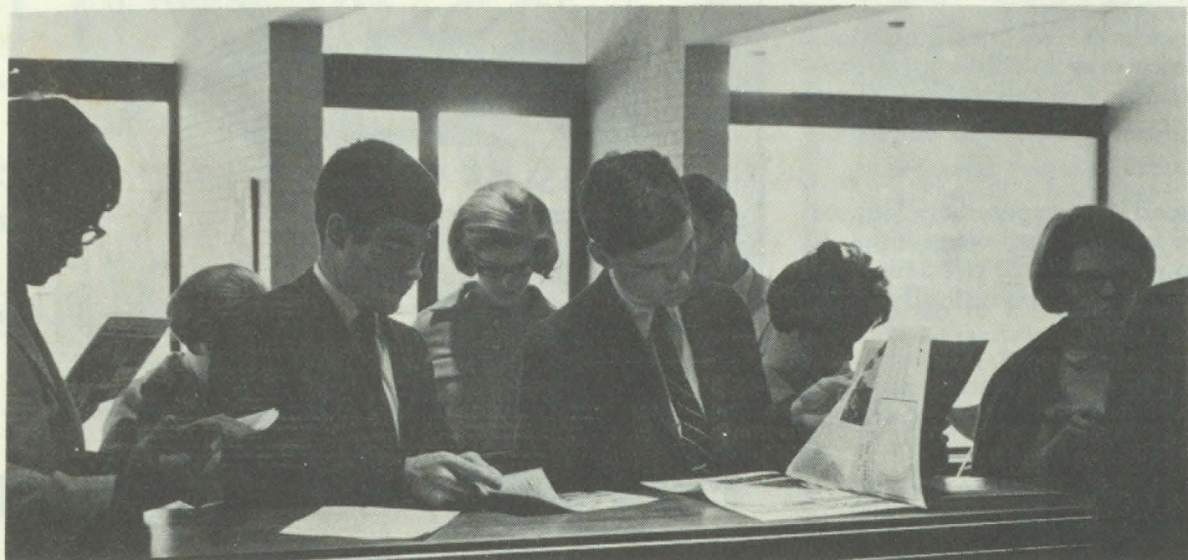
Contacted after the meeting, Elmendorf said the action of the faculty was "entirely predictable" and supported his contention that language study at New College is "not generally effective."

DeKoster Reinstated

Following a recommendation by the Academic Review Committee, the faculty voted yesterday to reinstate conditionally first-year student Richard de Koster.

De Koster was suspended by the faculty at its last meeting because of an unsatisfactory Independent Study Project, despite a recommendation by the ARC that he be allowed to stay.

A letter printed in The Catalyst last week charged substantial unfairness in the De Koster case.



LATIN AMERICAN VISITORS

A delegation of six Latin American graduate students, guests of New College for a ten-day stay, accustom themselves quickly to New College life as they read The Catalyst in Hamilton Center. The students are concluding a stay of several months in the United States under a program of The Experiment in International Living. (See story, page 2.)

SAC Invites Students To Submit Complaints

In an apparent attempt to increase its influence and effectiveness, the Student Academic Committee this week asked students to bring before the SAC any "legitimate" grievance for action.

In a statement issued this week, the SAC said "after long years of unintentional obscurity," the committee "finds it advisable to let some light in on its formerly semi-shrouded activities."

Acknowledging the SAC "has no real power, i.e., no voice in decisions pertaining to a student's academic standing and tenure," the SAC nevertheless "may possess some influence, if only by marshalling the forces of truth and morality," the statement read.

The SAC outlined three methods students might employ to bring about SAC action. First, students may attend regular meetings, held Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in the Fishbowl, and present grievances personally. Second, they may communicate their grievances to a member of the committee. Finally, they may present grievances in writing, making use of a suggestion-complaint box "soon to be established" in Hamilton Center.

In its meeting this week, the SAC passed the following resolution, for presentation to the faculty: "Although we are uncertain of the intent and reasons behind the recent actions by the administration concerning the language faculty, we feel that the methods employed have been detrimental to the de-

velopment of confidence and respect among the college community."

The statement was in apparent reference to the fact that notices were received last week by members of the language faculty that their contracts would not be renewed, barring extenuating circumstances. (See related story.)

In other business, new members were elected by the SAC. They

are: first-year students Susan Buckley, Charlotte Carter and Forrest Byers, and second-year students David Rottman and Sam Morris.

It was announced that a tabulation of course evaluations submitted to the SAC by students would be available in the reference room of the library, and each faculty member would receive a tabulation of evaluations submitted for his courses.

Reception, Dinner For NC Associates

A reception and dinner for approximately 60 New College Associates and their guests will be given Monday evening by New College students.

The reception will begin at 6:30 pm in the Court of Palms. All students are invited, and representatives of the student Public Relations Committee will man the reception tables. Several student rooms will be open for guests to visit.

Dinner for the Associates will follow the reception at 7:30 pm in the main dining room of Hamilton Center. After dinner, a program featuring the New College Choral Guild and members of the Speakers' Bureau will be presented. Giving after dinner speeches, impromptu speeches and oral interpretations will be second-year student Rye Weber and third-year students Nancy Hall, Dan Haggarty and Sandy Sanderson.

Students are hosting the reception at the request of the Development Office.

The New College Associates is a group composed of nearly 65 families, mostly from Sarasota and Manatee Counties, who have pledged a minimum gift of \$1000 per year for the college. The group was organized two years ago, and to date \$2,540,500 has been realized from individuals who are now members of the Associates.

Many members of the Associates have provided individual scholarships for students, and current plan-

ning by the group includes the creation of a student loan fund and the establishment of a hospitality committee to arrange for student visits into homes.

The advisory committee of the Associates consists of: George K. Storm, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Clark, Mrs. C. Whitney Bouden, Wrisley B. Oleson and Mrs. Thomas Robins, Jr.

The Development Office, which works directly with the Associates, urged all students to attend the reception "in support of the ongoing program of the College."

Odell Leaving To Be UW Dean

Admissions counselor Peter Odell has submitted his resignation in order to accept the position of Director of Admissions and Dean of Freshmen at the University of Wisconsin at Green Bay.

The appointment becomes effective in September. Odell will leave New College at the end of the school year.

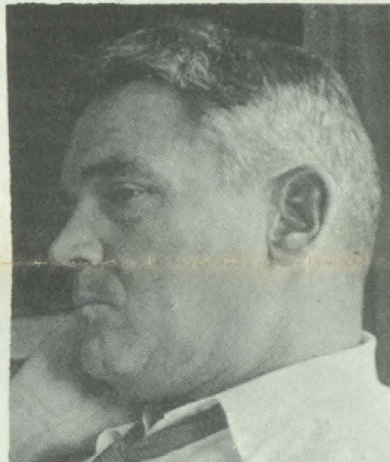
Odell came to New College in September of 1965. That year, he was recreation coordinator. He became a member of the admissions staff in September, 1966, and also instructed in Spanish.

Staff Is Fired By Elmendorf

A storm of protest from both faculty and students was unleashed last week when plans by President John Elmendorf to do away with the entire language faculty next year, possibly contingent on the faculty language rule vote, were made known.

Some members of the language faculty, specifically those who have not already submitted their resignations, received notices last week that their contracts would not be renewed, barring extraordinary circumstances.

When questioned, Elmendorf revealed he did not believe it would be economically efficient to employ a language faculty if the lan-



Elmendorf

guage requirement is abolished.

Calling language study at New College "desultory and gloomy," Elmendorf said a language major may be a "luxury we cannot afford." The president cited studies indicating the rudiments of a language can be learned as well through a series of tapes as in a class with a live instructor.

Elmendorf said at other colleges where a language requirement has been abolished, attendance at language classes drops an average of 50 to 75 per cent.

"I'm prejudiced in favor of languages because of my training," Elmendorf said, "but I'm a realist, too. We can't hire a language faculty for five full-time majors."

Elmendorf cited the previous vote on the language requirement, and several student petitions, as evidence language is not supported at New College. He said he had reached an agreement with the Board of Trustees on the issue.

When asked if the situation would change if the language requirement was supported by the faculty, Elmendorf said the entire situation would be re-examined if such support is shown.

Students were told about the president's intentions at dinner Saturday. Third-year student Cheryl White, a language major, described the situation, and urged students to protest to faculty members.

The predominant student feeling over the announcement was indignation, and many students expressed the opinion the move was a "pressure tactic" designed to force the faculty to approve the language requirement.

Most faculty members questioned rejected the theory that the action was a pressure tactic, but insisted the issues of the language faculty and the language requirement could and would be separated at the meeting.

The necessity of a language faculty was stressed by most faculty members interviewed. Dr. Willard Humphreys, Associate Professor of (Continued on page 4, column 3)

Editorials

Language Decision

The decision reached by the faculty on the language requirement is a fair and honorable one. While relieving Seniors of the burden of uncertainty over the requirement, it nonetheless leaves the door open for possible language requirements for the classes of 1969 and 1970, in areas where it is deemed necessary.

We have never believed knowledge of a foreign language is necessary in all academic areas. However, in certain disciplines, it is desirable, if not essential. The flexibility achieved by the faculty decision seems particularly in keeping with traditional New College educational policy.

In addition, we are glad the faculty did not let themselves be diverted in their consideration of the issue of the requirement by the doubtful status of the language faculty. That issue threatened to make the entire question impossible to resolve.

On that issue, by the way, we offer the following opinion: that the luxury of a language major may in fact not be possible for New College at this time. For this reason, there may be some justification in cutting back the language faculty somewhat.

However, we are not convinced that tapes are adequate substitutes for actual instructors in all cases. Certainly, it would seem more desirable to retain one or two language faculty members, if it is at all possible economically, than none at all.

And we have yet to be convinced that economy measures at New College, at this time, must take this very drastic form.

Conspiracy

A letter in last week's issue of The Catalyst raised a number of provocative questions. At least, we thought it did.

In her letter, Katie Smith asked that she be corrected, if anything she said was incorrect. And we expected some of our questions, at least, to be responded to.

Unfortunately, even a letter as provocative as Miss Smith's failed to disturb the calm waters of student and faculty apathy.

Of course there was reaction. Several people informed us we'd printed lies, had not gotten the story right. But these individuals were faculty members, and since the letter largely involved happenings at a faculty meeting, of course they couldn't say anything for publication, or say much of anything at all, for that matter.

But if Miss Smith, and ourselves, are wrong, shouldn't we publicly be taken to task, since the questions raised were raised in public?

We're more convinced than ever that faculty meetings should be opened to students, and soon, if for no other reason than to help overcome the conspiracy of silence.

Latin American Students Arrive for Ten-Day Visit

By KATHY GRAVES

New College is acting as host to six Latin American students who arrived yesterday for a ten-day visit.

The guests, all graduate students, are concluding a stay of several months in the U.S. during which time they have visited Louisville, Kentucky, Putney, Vermont, Boston, New York and Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Bradford D. Ansley heads the area EIL Committee which is coordinating the visit. Mrs. John Elmendorf is project chairman, and Irving Benoist, third-year student, is acting as student chairman.

This will be the first time the students have had an opportunity to live with host students and become closely involved with a college community in the United States.

Alejandro Yum, group leader and engineering student from Universidad del Norte in Chile, is rooming with Allan Jaworski. Alejandro has been director of a university student group working in community development.

Rooming with Tom Lesure and Rick Stauffer is Luis Stramwasser, first-year student in the medical school at the University of Chile. Luis has expressed an interest in U.S. politics and economy.

Law student Renan Fuentealba is staying with Jerry Neugarten. Renan is studying at the University of Chile. His father is a Chilean senator.

Oscar Zambrano, another medical student, this time from the National University in San Marcos, Peru, is rooming with Dan Haggarty. Oscar has an interest in university problems.

Miguel Tapia and Richard Keucks are hosting Fernando Romero, student from the National University of Engineering in Lima, Peru. Fernando has expressed an interest in economics and modern music.

Alicia Bomchil, only woman in the group, is staying with Joan Schmabel and Susan Sleater. Alicia is studying biology at the University of Argentina and has interests in music, piano, flute and theater.

A planning committee consisting of Mrs. Elmendorf, Dr. Corinne Wilson, William Furlong, Woodruff Bryne, Mrs. Millie Ellis, and students Jerry Neugarten, Joan Schmabel, Ann Rogers, Kenneth Peppers, and Irving Benoist have prepared a full schedule for the Latin American students.

Last night, after dinner at the Ansleys', the students were guests at an open house at the Elmendorfs'. A beach picnic is planned for Saturday afternoon and a dance for Saturday evening. On March 11, the students will attend a perform-

ance of Moliere's "Tartuffe" at the Asolo Theater.

It is the hope of the planning committee that the students will see how a small U.S. college functions, attend classes, and meet American students during their stay at New College.

When asked about her impression of United States citizens, Alicia said, "They are all very different from each other. At Harvard people were concerned about world affairs but in Louisville they were more worried about the basketball game." She also said that affluence seems to have made many Americans inactive and unexcitable.

Letter POUND OF CURE

To the Editor:
(for prevention of disease only)

Presumption is met by presumption: the Student Court should have its Fascist head fixed.

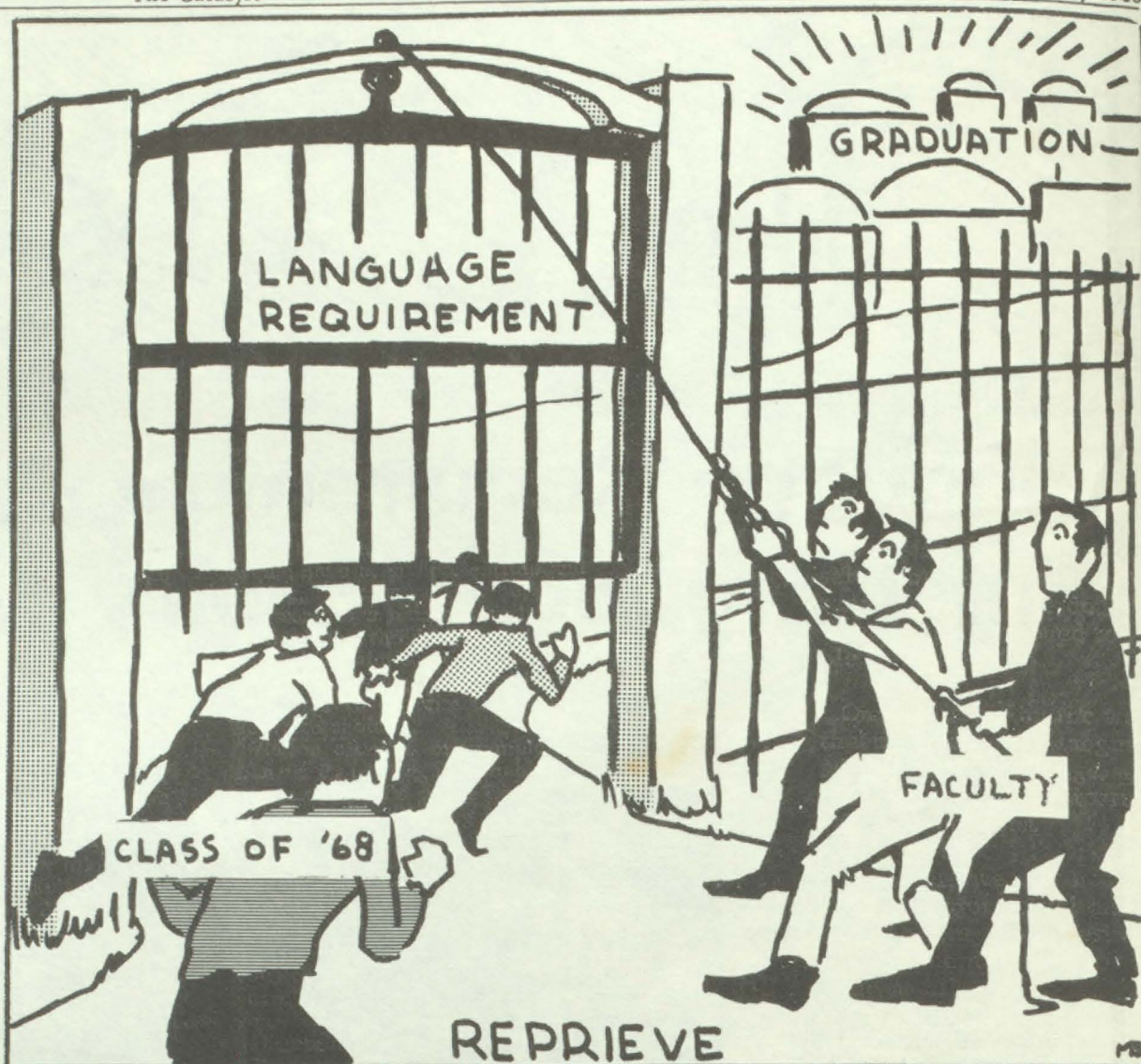
(signed)
John H. Peters

Letter NOT PERSONAL

To the Editor:

The idealistic flame will die without hopeful fuel. Unfortunately, a few people saw my letter of last week as an attack of a personal sort on various people; this was not at all its purpose. Today a student told me that Richard's adviser felt I had done her an injustice, that she was the sole person to stand up for Rich in the faculty meeting last Valentine's Day. I sincerely hope this is true--I wish very much to believe that someone stood up for him. Since I would rather believe that my several sources were mistaken, I apologize to Miss Hassold, and to anyone else who may have been, or who may feel he has been, wronged.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Katie Smith



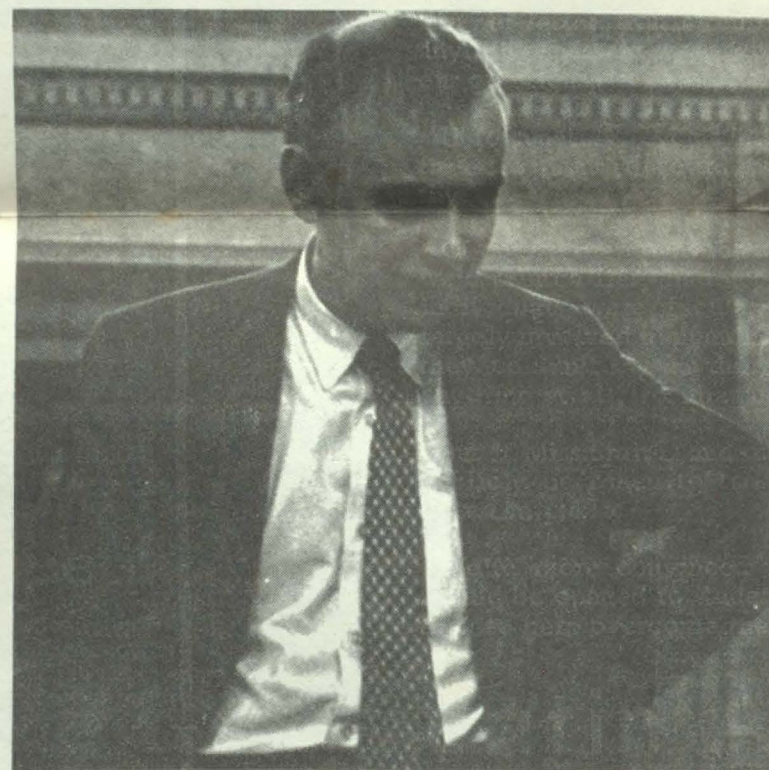
Nobel Prize Chemist On The Life Of Science

By EDNA WALKER

"Rebellion has to come at the right time, or it's totally futile," said Nobel-prize winner Dr. James D. Watson at a talk in the Music Room Tuesday night. Watson was a co-winner of the Prize in Physiology and Medicine in 1962 for the discovery of the structure of DNA, the basic component of the gene.

Speaking to an audience composed mainly of students and faculty, Watson discussed his reasons for writing his recent book *The Double Helix*. He said his purpose was not only to tell an interesting story, but to write about "science as a way of life."

Since a scientist wants to find out things that are not known, Watson said, he must have a different attitude from those before him. He must reject the viewpoints of those in authority, since they have not led where he wants to go, and do his own thinking.



Watson

Watson stressed, however, the importance of having a basis for the rejection of former teaching, saying, "You can only reject your professors when you know as much facts as they do." One must spend time gathering facts, and hope that an inspiration will come at the right time.

Calling this basic learning "gathering clues," Watson observed that he had spent a quarter of his time in the library when working on DNA. His search for knowledge, he said, was stimulated by the fact that the library was one of the heated buildings in Cambridge.

Watson stressed the importance in scientific thinking of continually revising hypotheses, saying that most of one's ideas are wrong. Speaking of a fellow Prize winner, (Continued on page 3, column 5)

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Letter



Letter
THANK YOU
Dear Members of the New College
Community,

(signed) DeLancey Kimberley Dangerfield

Parcels Banned At Bookstore

Beginning this week, students entering the book store were told they had to leave books and parcels outside, in shelves provided for that purpose.

Manager Mrs. Paula Gulak said the regulation was the result of thefts that have plagued the book store since the beginning of the school year. She said about \$200 in merchandise has been stolen since the end of third term last year.

Mrs. Gulak indicated students have generally complied with the new regulation, although it has apparently not been met with unanimous favor.

She said it was too soon to determine if thefts are being reduced by the regulation.

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he said, "The reason most of (Dr. Francis) Crick's ideas were wrong was that Crick had ideas."

Writing these feelings in a book would have been "pretentious and boring," Watson said, so he wrote his story as a narrative to let the readers draw the moral. Unfortunately, he said, some people have drawn the wrong moral, thinking he meant to criticize the people he wrote about.

Watson cited as an example Dr. Linus Pauling, "probably the greatest chemist of the century." He observed, "Pauling is mad at me for writing the book, because I said he made a bad blunder. He says he didn't make a blunder, he was wrong."

Watson also had advice for students: "Never learn anything that you won't use within the next three years, just because it's 'good for you,'"

He remarked of his own students, "These students come up and they call me 'sir,' and when they do that I generally lose all interest."

SEC Holds Short Meeting

The Student Executive Committee met for only a few minutes last night, due to a lack of business and the absence of Assistant Dean of Students Arthur Miller.

There was no dissent by SEC members to the appointment of second-year student Charles Vekert as chairman of the Forum Committee.

It was reported priorities for the allocation of single rooms have been assigned.

Collins Man Will Speak

Attorney William Boyleston will address a meeting of students interested in the campaign of former Governor Leroy Collins for the United States Senate Monday at 7pm in the private dining room.

Boyleston will answer student questions about Collins' platform, and attempt to form a Collegians for Collins group at New College. Several such groups have been formed at various campuses in the state.

Collins, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for Senator, is generally considered a liberal.

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Bridge Win

New College was the winner of a monthly traveling trophy in its duplicate bridge league this month.

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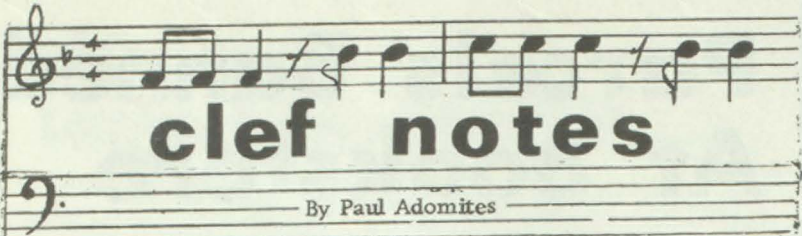
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BASIE CONCERT

The Count Basie concert last Friday night at the Manatee Junior College Gymnasium was a classic example of how good music should be played. The "new" Basie band (new in that it has more young players now than ever) is not a highly innovative one, but frankly I didn't care, and neither did the audience. When a band can play great old sounds in its own unique way, and enchant you with superb musicianship and nostalgia, who cares whether they are "up to date" or not? Nat Hentoff recently reviewed the new Basie orchestra, and remarked that they had become machines, had lost the old fire and spontaneity. To some extent, he is right. But the magic of Count Basie has always been his unique sound, and as long as that sound remains, Basie's boys will remain deserving of the title of greatness. Some of the vigor of his earlier groups has been lost, to be sure. Perhaps the spark isn't there any more. But that doesn't diminish the quality of what the band is playing.

I have always been a reed fan, and the smoothness of the Count's saxophones is still astonishing to me. But the great, driving trumpet section really stood out last Friday. Gene Dough, the first trumpeter, is a high-note man with real taste and technique. Richard Boone, a trombonist, had several smooth, lyrical solos. The old standbys, Eddie "Lockjaw" Davis on tenor, Marshall Royal on alto, and Freddie Green on guitar, played the way they have been playing for years, i.e., great. Lockjaw holds a unique position in the Basie coterie, in that he is the only tenor man Basie has had since the all-time great, Lester Young, who doesn't play the way Lester did. The reason for the recurrent use of Lester-sounding tenors was that many of the riffs Basie uses as tenor solos were a result of the creative mind of that tenor virtuoso, "the President." But Lockjaw has his own style, and it is a superb one.

The only real drawback I felt about the "new" Basie band was the drummer, Harold T. Jones, a very young man who plays just a little too loud for a jazz orchestra. He really belongs with a group which is amplified, so that he won't drown out the other musicians. He stomped on several excellent solos during the course of the evening.

The Count has had a tradition of hard-playing drummers, but men like Sonny Payne and Charlie Parsip had much more technical ability than Mr. Jones. A drummer can be one of two things to an orchestra: he can be "undemeath" it, in the sense that he can be the unifying force in it, or he can lead it, i.e., he can swing so far above the others as to pull them along. An example of the latter would be Buddy Rich in his new band, of the former, Grady Tate (no matter whom he plays with) or Roy Haynes.

Basie's men played their standard book, a lot of old standards, and some relatively new songs. The music ranged from "Satin Doll" to "Yesterday", the latter of which was made up of a vocal by a new singer with Basie (whose name I couldn't catch) and a superb arrangement. The new vocalist had the big, mellow tone of Billy Eckstine, and the blues sense of Joe Williams. Granted, he wasn't innovative, but he was excellent. The Johnny Mandel modern classic, "The Shadow of Your Smile," had been arranged better than I've ever heard it. It is a great song, but one hears so many awful arrangements of it nowadays, especially when brass enter the picture. But the Count's book had it with an enchanting flugelhorn lead, and the most tasteful reeds and muted-brass backup that has ever come along.

In short, Count Basie and his orchestra played the way they have always played, with great class and polish. It is truly one of the greatest orchestras ever. The crowd, which filled the MJC gym, looked like the type of people one would see at a PTA meeting, for the most part. They were middle-aged adults who had grown up with the Basie sound, and chose last Friday night to dabble in some nostalgia. It was a great feeling to see the older generation really grooving, foot-tapping and finger-popping (and ear-lobe tilting, as Duke Ellington would say) with some great music. The younger members of the audience were few. Perhaps this means that the Count, in not moving forward, has stepped back. Of course, it just might mean something about the youth of the area. Enough of perhaps. The concert was absolutely great. Long live the Count.

Protest

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Philosophy, termed the firings "deplorable." He said a language major is an essential part of any Humanities program.

Chairman of the Humanities Division Dr. Arthur Borden agreed a language faculty is necessary, and contended languages cannot be learned as well from tapes as from live instructors.

Spanish Tutor Woodruff Bryne, one of the language faculty who received notice, said the abolition of the language faculty was a "drastic move," and suggested the abolition of the language requirement might, in fact, improve voluntary attendance at language classes.

Professor of History Dr. George Mayer, along with several students, deplored the "undemocratic" nature of the move.

Despite the vote by the faculty that the language program be retained "with qualified instructors," (see related story) the fate of languages at New College is still in doubt.

The Board of Trustees meets tomorrow, and it is up to that body to approve budget appropriations. If no money is voted for a language faculty, it will not be hired, despite the faculty motion.

Elmendorf told The Catalyst last night attendance at language classes now that the requirement has been abolished will be assessed before any decision is made. He indicated that it may be many months before this study is completed.

For Sale

The Catalyst would like to sell one of its I.B.M. Executive model typewriters.

The machine, which has an extra-long carriage, is in "pretty good" condition, according to Editor Laurie Paulson.

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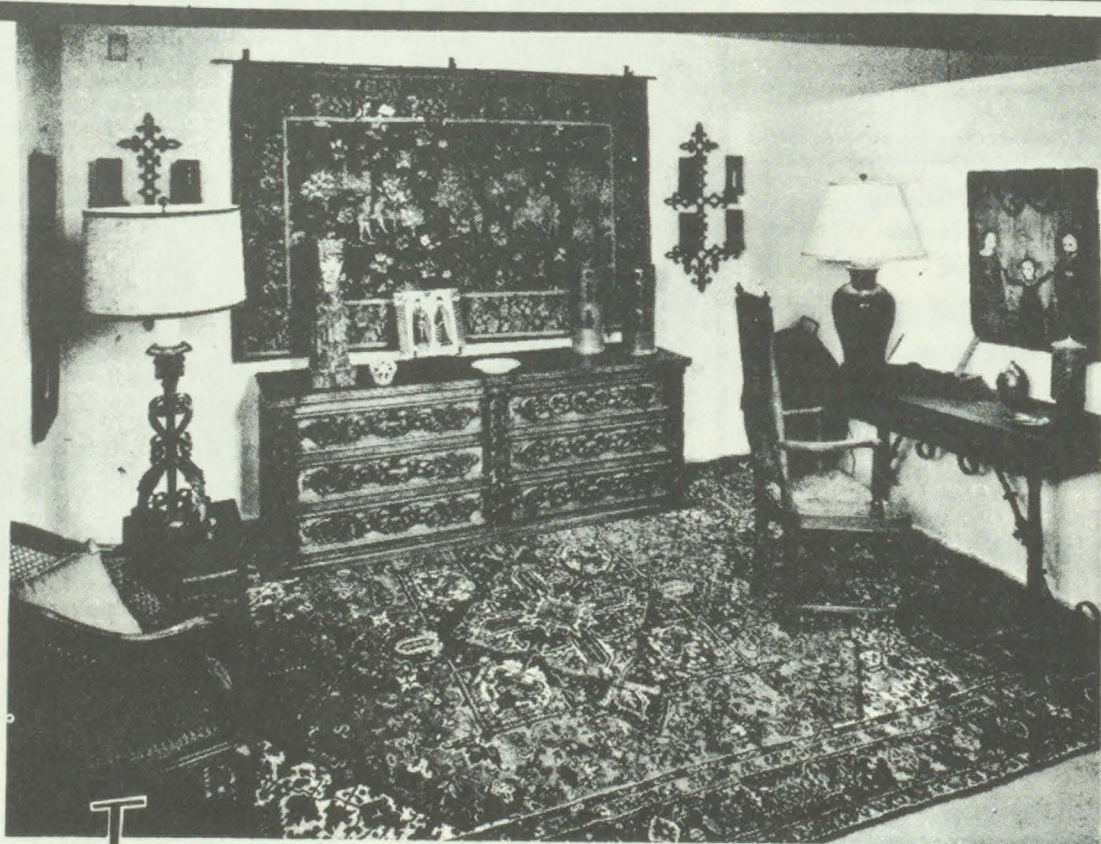


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