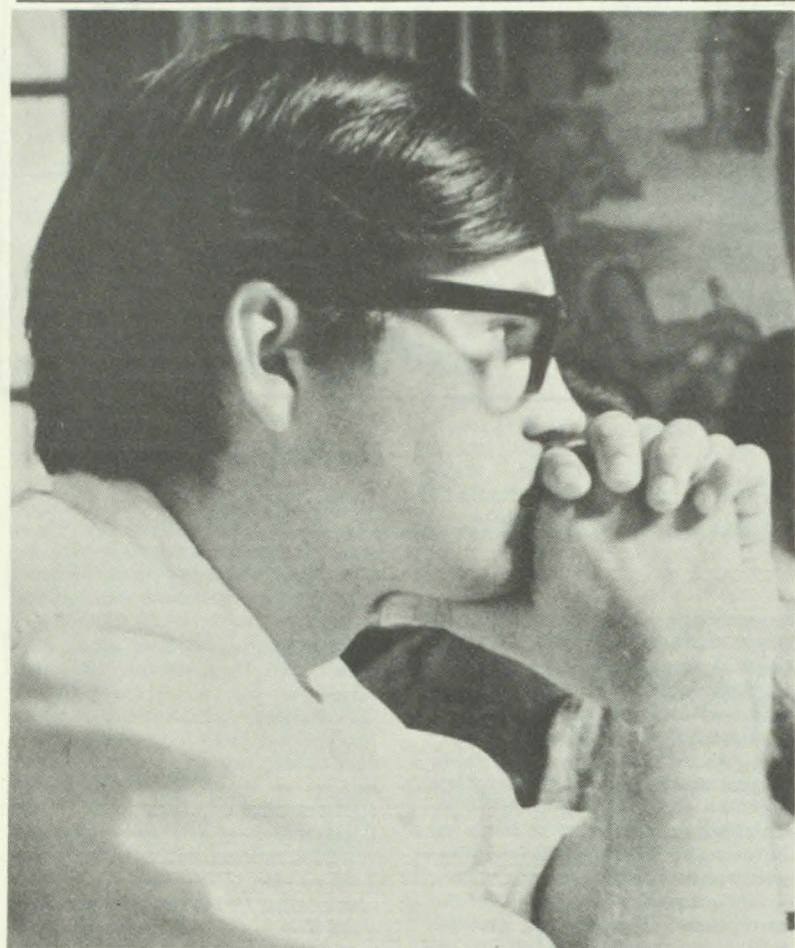


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Cassell

Faculty Tells Cassell He May Not Return

Second-year student Mike Cassell, chairman of the Student Executive Committee, has been informed "upon the recommendation of the Academic Council and with the reaffirmed consent of the Faculty... that he will not be permitted to return to the College in January."

According to a statement issued yesterday by Dr. Peter Buri, Chairman pro tem of the faculty, Cassell was dismissed for failing to turn in a satisfactory Independent Study Project report from the second independent study period last year.

Cassell, who the report says had twice previously failed to submit a satisfactory Independent Study project report, was told by the faculty after its meeting Sept. 14 he would be dismissed from the College unless he submitted a satisfactory report by Nov. 25.

"He has failed to meet this obligation," Buri's statement said. When contacted early this morning at his home in Canton, Miss.,

Cassell said he had not yet received the letter informing him of the action. According to several faculty members, the letter was mailed this morning after it was discovered Cassell had already left campus. Several faculty members said they thought he was still on campus and would therefore be informed of the action before the news leaked out.

Obviously shocked and stunned by the news, Cassell said, "I don't know yet what I will do." He repeatedly emphasized his desire to contest his dismissal and remain in school saying, "It means too much to me" not to try and stay in.

Cassell said he would contact college officials soon and indicated he "might fly back" in order to talk with them personally.

According to Dr. Arthur R. Borden, Chairman of Humanities Division, Cassell signed for an independent study project with philosophy professor Dr. Douglas Berggren but then undertook to write an original musical composition for choral director Jerome Meachen without officially changing.

The composition was judged unsatisfactory by Meachen, Borden said, and Cassell was told to "consult properly" before reworking his project. Cassell was told a satisfactory project would be his "ticket of admission" when he returned to school in September, Borden said.

On his return in September, the reworked composition was read by Meachen, Professor Paul Wolfe and music tutor Christopher von Baeyer and again judged unsatisfactory. The faculty then told Cassell, after its meeting Sept. 14, he must have a satisfactory project in by the

end of the term, Borden said. Cassell was urged to change projects and was given a free choice of new advisers, according to Borden. Cassell chose to work in philosophy with Dr. Gresham Riley, assistant professor of philosophy.

When Cassell handed in the paper on Nov. 28, it was judged unsatisfactory. And, according to Borden, "that was the end."

Another paper written by Cassell and termed "minimally satisfactory" by Riley was received too late to alter the decision of the faculty and the Academic Council, Borden said.

According to Buri, "events after Nov. 28 were reported to the faculty but they did not change the decision."

Various members of the faculty and administration expressed regret over Cassell's dismissal (see Letters, page 2). Nearly all of them cited Cassell's leadership abilities as evidenced by his activities in student government.

Buri said, "I personally regret his being dismissed because things are shaping up in student government. To have this kind of upset now is a setback for student government."

"I should have preferred," Buri went on, "that the 'ticket of admission' policy have been enforced to the letter."

Vice president Paul Davis, releasing the official statement in President John Elmendorf's absence, said the dismissal was "strictly academic" and added "I personally am extremely sorry. I had the greatest admiration for the diligence with which he approached the job of chairman of the SEC."

Transcripts Will Record 'Honors' On Exams, Projects

Distinction between "honors" performance and "satisfactory" performance on the three major exams and second-year independent study projects will be recorded on graduates' transcripts.

Dr. Robert Knox, secretary of the faculty, said yesterday the faculty completed its work on the form of the transcript Wednesday when it voted to include the distinction.

Performance on first-year comprehensive examinations, second-year qualifying examinations and the baccalaureate examinations will be rated either honors or satisfactory. Second-year study projects

will be included but first-year projects and all seminars will not be so graded.

Less than satisfactory performance on these requirements for graduation will be recorded as "incomplete" until the student improves his performance.

First-year study projects will be recorded either incomplete or satisfactory. No distinction in performance will be made, Knox said. He said the faculty omitted the distinction on the first-year projects in order not to discourage students from working in areas other than those in which they are strongest.

Senior projects will also be rated honors or satisfactory, Knox said. In addition the transcript will include a description and an evaluative statement of the senior project.

The faculty's action concludes several months of work on the transcript which has undergone many revisions of form during that time.

Only satisfactory work in seminars will be listed on graduates' transcripts. Provision was also made to include a student's areas of proficiency both inside and outside his major fields.

Areas of proficiency include any bodies of academic knowledge a

faculty member knows a student has obtained.

The transcript, as it is designed by the faculty, "can list tutorial relations. Any area in which a student has done work can be listed," Knox said.

SEC Will Recognize Binding Initiative

Members of the student Executive Committee voted Wednesday to consider the results of Tuesday's voting binding on the committee.

The action came after much discussion in which some members of the committee argued the vote would not be binding and others argued it would require a change in the constitution in order to be binding.

Second-year student Laurie Paulson, who circulated the petition for the initiative vote, defended the vote as binding on the SEC anyway under the terms of the provisions for student initiative in the constitution.

The motion was made by first-year representative Katie Smith.

Only one member, second-year representative Kenji Oda voted against the motion. The five other members present, including Harry Felder, proxy for absent Jerry Neugarten, all voted for the motion.

Earlier Paulson had objected to the SEC allowing Felder the privilege of voting. Paulson argued on the grounds of the unconstitutionality of proxies. Felder was granted voting privileges despite Paulson's objections.

The ballot will allow students to vote for a directed interpretation of the constitution not allowing proxies or for an interpretation allowing proxies but asking for a formalization of the procedures for their use.

Some members of the SEC maintain proxies are legal under the constitution, even with its provision for alternates, because proxies are not specifically excluded.

Carroll To Speak

At Forum Tonight

Robert Carroll, president of the Sarasota branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, will speak at the Forum tonight on the racial situation in Sarasota and the recent Florida gubernatorial election.

A former teacher and newspaper editor, Carroll held important positions with the campaign staffs of gubernatorial candidates Scott Kelly and Robert King High.

He joined Kelly as administrative assistant in August, 1965, and then served in that same capacity for High after Kelly was defeated in the first primary in 1966.

Carroll was elected to his current position with the NAACP two weeks ago.

Carroll is the first and only Negro commissioner on the Sarasota Housing Authority and the only Negro on the Sarasota Community Goals Council.

He is chairman of the Newtown Community Civic League's Community Improvement Committee, which has presented a 12-point improvement program to the City Commission.

While a student at Florida A & M, Carroll helped organize the Tallahassee bus boycott, which marked the beginning of the civil rights movement in Florida.

This fall he directed a voter registration and education project in Sarasota's Negro community.

Rooms Will Be Searched For Recording Equipment

A room search will be made Monday, Dec. 12 to recover recording equipment missing from the language lab and other parts of College Hall, according to Kenji Oda, chairman of the House Committee.

The search will be conducted by Oda, Al Minter and another student, and will be made in connection with Planning Officer Ralph Style's office.

At the SEC meeting Wednesday, Assistant Dean Arthur Miller reported a Wollensack tape recorder, several headsets and microphones, as well as reels of tape were missing. Terming the disappearance of these items "mass theft," Miller asked for a room search. Miller discussed

denying students full access to audio-visual equipment owned by the college.

After a discussion of the proper parties to conduct the search, it was finally agreed Oda should make the search with a member of Style's staff and another student, in order to insure that no student rights would be violated.

Oda emphasized that at no time would personal belongings be searched. He stated only equipment clearly the property of New College will be taken.

Oda said no disciplinary action of any sort would be taken against those persons in unauthorized possession of college property.



First-year student Ellen Tisdale spoke to the Student Executive Committee Wednesday about the so-called "Tisdale Compromise" or open room policy. Listening to her proposals are, r. to l., Lee Crawford, Harry Felder, Jon Shaughnessy, and Kenji Oda. See story on page three.

Editorial

Unnecessary

The dismissal of Mike Cassell is a loss to the college in many ways. We agree with those members of the faculty and administration who have cited Mike's leadership abilities in praising his efforts for student government.

We regret Mike's dismissal most, however, because it was unnecessary. No one questions Mike's ability to do a study project acceptable to the faculty. But on the other hand, leniency is a dangerous thing. A little leniency at first implies a little more...and a little more...and a little more.

If the September "ticket of admission" deadline had been enforced--perhaps the "ticket" would have been forthcoming or the question amicably resolved in some other way. And the grief of the last "last chance" would have been avoided.



Letters

Proxies

Pro

To the Editor:

In deciding whether or not to allow SEC members to appoint voting proxies, students should consider the following:

(1) There is no either-or question concerning the use of elected alternates versus appointed proxies. The constitution as it stands allows for both, and it is my contention that the practicalities of government requires that both be recognized.

(2) Alternates serve a vital function by providing a means for obtaining a quorum when more than four (but fewer than eight) regular SEC members are unable to attend a meeting.

(3) To argue on the basis of point two that proxies are thus superfluous, as some have, is a non sequitur. Proxies serve the purpose of representing particular SEC members and, indirectly, the students, whenever those SEC members are unable to attend meetings.

I fail to see the logic of the contention that the use of proxies undermines the concept of representative government. I would rather be represented by the hand-picked proxy of an SEC member who received 30 votes in the elections than by an alternate who might have received, say 10 votes as an "also-ran."

Also, if students have so little confidence in the good judgment of their representatives that they refuse to allow them to choose a personal substitute, then few self-respecting students, I think, would run for SEC.

Further, to say there is no check on what proxies do is ridiculous. The regular SEC members (plus any seated alternates) present at any one meeting can vote to extend individual proxies the vote. As is the case with the actions of the regular SEC, students can reverse any decision of a proxy on the SEC indirectly through the pressure of public opinion or directly by initiative.

(4) Certainly the use of proxies should be formalized. I agree, for example, that Charles Raebum should not have been allowed to

vote as a proxy member of the SEC on the Kennison issue after he had voted as a Judicial Committee member.

But the fault there lay with the regular SEC members for giving Raebum the vote. The principles behind the use of proxies remain valid.

Of course, the problems pop up, such as: if all three alternates are seated to obtain a quorum and the seven absent members send proxies, can there be a 12-man SEC? Shouldn't proxies be given voting privileges on individual issues rather than for entire meetings?

But these are relatively minor procedural questions that can quite easily be cleared up.

(signed)
Kenji Oda

Con

To the Editor:

Students have had few enough opportunities to influence directly the policies and decisions of the Student Executive Committee. As a result, the SEC has grown into an attitude of general disregard for the opinions of students. For this reason, the opportunity presented by Tuesday's binding vote on proxies is both rare and welcome, and should be taken advantage of. More than this, however, it presents an opportunity for students to vote to do away with a practice both undemocratic and unconstitutional, and one that has been allowed for long enough to prevent the institution of a truly representative student government. The intent of the constitution of the student government is clearly

An Open Letter To Mike Cassell

To the Editor:

We would like this open letter to make known our appreciation for the initiative and ability Mike Cassell has shown as Chairman of the Student Executive Committee and as Chairman of the student membership of the President's Inauguration Committee.

Mike became SEC Chairman in a period of active discussion between the students and the administration. We feel it a clear credit to Mike that he could represent complex areas of student opinion as he con-

sidered administrative views, all the while maintaining his honesty with each body.

Mike's excellence in extracurricular achievement deserves to be commended officially. We only regret that New College has lost a member who could have chosen to fulfill his potential by academic achievement as well.

(signed)
Robert J. Norwine
Dean of Admissions/Students
Arthur M. Miller
Assistant Dean

Hopkins Announces Resignation

Assistant professor of biology Thomas Hopkins this week tendered his resignation from the faculty effective May 1, 1966.

Hopkins will take the same po-

sition at the University of West Florida in Pensacola, Fla., when that school opens in the fall of 1966.

Elmendorf Calls For Conference

President John Elmendorf has called an "All-College Educational Planning Conference" for a general review of the New College educational program.

Scheduled for Jan. 14, the conference was called "with the object of developing guidelines for constructive revisions and additions" to the academic part of New College.

In a memorandum to the college community, Elmendorf proposed five topics for consideration: the present three-year curriculum in its totality; a restudy of the nature of the first-year program; the nature of the "major" including the problem of the time factor in selecting a major; the role and nature of the comprehensive examinations; and the duration of the program, with particular attention to the third year and time beyond the third year.

Vice president Paul Davis, speaking in Elmendorf's absence, ex-

pressed the hope the student Academic Committee will meet before Christmas to "begin to get some of their ideas together."

Davis said the agenda of the conference is "wide open at this point. The topics proposed by the president are not exclusive." He said it is "desirable" for student opinions to be channeled through the student Academic Committee.

Some of the changes agreed upon at the conference can be made immediately, Davis said. Others will have to be approved by the board of trustees.

The trustees will meet in a special meeting Feb. 23, the day after Elmendorf's inauguration as president. There will be no trustees at the conference, according to Davis.

Saying "one of our primary concerns should be a regular review of what we are doing (academically)," Davis indicated this conference will be the first of a series of similar ones.

to establish alternates to take the place of absent members, although there is an unfortunate ambiguity in that document's provisions on this question. Alternates are certainly more democratic than proxies, since they received the fourth largest number of votes in the class election for SEC representatives. Proxies would not need to have received any votes whatever, anywhere. Anyone can be a proxy, as long as he is seated by a vote of regular SEC members, and this practice not only can lead to injustices, it already has. Proxies provided the margin of victory in the Kennison expulsion recommendation (later rescinded in a secret meeting), and the infamous Raebum double-vote is quite well known to students.

Robert's Rules of Order, a book the constitution requires the SEC to consult in any question not provided for in the constitution, is quite clear on the matter of proxies, no matter what SEC members contend. "As any one can dispose of his stock to any one else, there is no objection to his appointing anyone as his proxy. But the case is very different with many unincorporated societies of a social, benevolent, or religious character... Their membership cannot be transferred by the members like stock, and therefore they should not be allowed to appoint any proxies who are not members of the organization." (p. 200) There can be no positive good in retaining proxies, except perhaps in the momentary convenience of SEC members. There can be, and has been, positive harm.

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The 'Kennison Affair'

To the Editor:

Well, the Bob Kennison Affair is over. He's left the campus, so there is no more to discuss--they tell me. I can think of a lot of things left to discuss.

For instance, without going into great detail, there are the criticisms raised in last week's edition of The Catalyst--the validity of proxies, the justice of letting one person vote twice, the admission of hearsay on an equal footing with fact (if there were any facts in the case; I don't know)--I will leave unnamed my SEC representative who, when I asked him, "Did they really admit hearsay?" replied, "Sure--but most of it was true." (I can't help wondering just how they knew.) Then there is the question of the justice of punishing largely on attitude, or punishing extra severely because Kennison was about to leave anyway.

I would like to ask some questions of my own: Why should the fact that Kennison was not present be taken against him? Maybe he was needed in the kitchen. Why was there no one there solely to represent Kennison? Surely if this affair were supposed to be a trial, then the idea that Kennison should have had someone there to answer charges, object to the admission of hearsay, and maybe even introduce a few reasonable doubts, is not totally absurd.

Finally: Why has all discussion ceased? The issue is not dead just because its central figure is gone; on the contrary, the time to establish a just and legal trial procedure is now. Why not set up a small committee to draw up such a procedure, and then subject it to the ratification of the students, the SEC, or both?

I do not quarrel with the verdict itself; I am appalled at the irresponsibility and expediency which seemed to prevail. I quarrel with no particular member of the SEC, but I am surprised at the glibness reflected in the minutes.

Nothing will change, of course. I am a fool to hope. We will all return to our respective ruts; Kennison and the whole affair will soon be forgotten, if they are not already. But maybe--just maybe--our crisis of integrity has only begun.

(signed)
C Gates

JC Head Explains Steps

To the Editor:

It is really a shame that after students have been recipients of a privilege for a very short time, they suddenly start considering it a right. Up until now, the Judiciary Committee has been consistently lenient in most of its decisions. Hence the interjection of "Imminent Social Probation" where social probation would normally be in order.

But students are wrong in expecting us strictly to follow these steps like clockwork. I hope that this is the last work on the subject. For one offence, a student may receive any punishment, but will probably receive anything, including expulsion, but will probably receive social probation or, very rarely, imminent social probation which is a warning that expulsion may be very close as social probation is imminent. For three offences, a student may receive anything, but

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SEC Reverses Kennison Decision

The Student Executive Committee, acting on the recommendation of a special ad hoc committee, Wednesday reversed its earlier recommendation to the Dean of Students that first-year student Robert Kennison be conditionally expelled.

The ad hoc committee met Saturday and based its recommendation on the consideration of "new evidence," according to committee spokesman Kenji Oda.

Oda reported to the SEC the ad hoc committee felt Kennison's previous conviction had been based on "much circumstantial evidence" and "the facts do not warrant his expulsion."

In accepting the ad hoc committee's full recommendation, the SEC placed Kennison on social probation "for the remainder of his stay on campus."

Although Kennison is no longer enrolled here as a student, he was on campus for the ad hoc committee's hearing and is aware of its decision.

The ad hoc committee was appointed and chaired by SEC chairman Mike Cassell and consisted of

SEC members and proxies present on campus.

Kennison, members of the Judicial Committee, and selected guests were invited to attend the hearing, but the meeting was not public.

In other action the SEC amended the open room policy passed last week which allows students to interview after hours provided their rooms are officially "opened" to the proctor.

The amendments allow card games and other "non-academic" activities, and change directions to the proctor on the procedure for checking such open rooms.

Assistant Dean Arthur Miller reported the administration's position on the open room policy had changed. Miller said the Dean of Students' office has no objections to card games, but parties should be undertaken "with care," in reference to the use of alcoholic beverages.

Ellen Tisdale, who suggested the general outlines for an open room system, was present at the meeting, and asked why the resolution passed last week required the proctor to

remind students when open hours are over.

During the discussion that followed Miller suggested some students might wish to end open room interviewation before the hours were over and would thus be disturbed by the proctor making his rounds.

A motion was passed changing part three of the resolution to read, "The proctor shall check the room periodically while the room is open."

Acting chairman Steve Hall said there would be a provision on the open room forms for students who wish to close their rooms before hours are up.

After some discussion it was decided not to limit the number of rooms that could be open at any one time.

The open room system will go in to effect as soon as the SEC can run off official open room registration forms.

Con

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The SEC will not voluntarily limit its own power--SEC members themselves have stated this. Without any student initiated action, the SEC is the sole interpreter of the constitutionality and legality of its actions. Without the students, there can be no check whatever on the power of the SEC. A majority of students must vote in this first student-initiated election to make the results valid. No matter how they feel about this issue, students concerned with the dangers of unlimited power and the right of students to participate directly in the actions of their own government should vote, and see that others do, so that the results of this election, no matter what they are, will at least count, and be acted upon.

(signed)
Lawrence Paulson

Letters

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will probably be recommended for expulsion.

Warnings last for the rest of the year. Imminent social probation and social probation have arbitrarily fixed limits.

If someone still does not understand, please see me. Let there be no more occasion for harsh punishment.

(signed)
Stephen Hall
Judiciary Committee

Marvelous Manuscript

To the Editor:

I congratulate you for being the first to bring to modern light the document entitled "A Modest Proposal," certainly an article of revolutionary stature. I trust that great care is being taken to preserve the manuscript, and that samples of the paper and the ink are being sent to laboratories for carbon 14 dating and chemical analysis, for the precise dating of the manuscript is of utmost importance. This document will be of extreme interest not only to historians of education, the system under proposal having previously been unknown to exist before comparatively modern times; but

even more, this document (especially the manuscript with original spellings) is a marvelous discovery for scholars of the English language. Being no such scholar myself, I can only choose a few examples at random to illustrate the great importance of this document. In the second line, this usage of "efficiency" involving the possibility of degree is unlisted in the OED before 1858; in the fifth line, this attributive usage of "lecture" in the combination "lecture hall" is not listed at all in the OED, but the combination "lecture-theatre" is first listed for 1854--the combination "lecture hall" was previously thought to be of very modern origin; in the second column, the words "utilizing" and "amenable" have the dates 1858 and 1845 for their present usages, respectively. But even more amazing than the vocabulary is the phraseology; I will not try to tackle this complex area to give examples. This manuscript will certainly be the origin of countless man-years of scholarly research before its mysteries are fully disentangled, and again I congratulate Ray Enslow and The Catalyst, whose names will be indelibly engraved in history.

(signed)
William Thurston



SEC representatives Lee Crawford, l., and Jon Shaughnessy, r., and proxy Harry Felder vote to change last week's SEC ruling to "expel" Robert Kennison.

Fine Arts Institute To Hold Open House

The New College Fine Arts Institute will conduct an open house tomorrow at the Sanford House. A number of area artists and members of the institute faculty have been invited to attend.

Beginning at 1:30 pm, visitors will be given a guided tour of the institute's new home.

Contractor Affirms Feb. 15 Target Date

The general contractor for Hamilton Court construction has reiterated his intention to get the project done by Feb. 15.

Robert Graham, head of Graham Contracting Co., "assured everybody the contract will be completed by the deadline, according to Planning Officer Ralph Styles."

Graham met with Styles, representatives from the project's bonding company, and their lawyers Wednesday to discuss progress on the construction.

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Cagers Win First Game 71-61

New College's basketball team made an impressive season's debut Monday night, defeating the Oyster Bar 71-61 in a Sarasota Men's League game at Riverview High School.

Sparked by the play and leadership of player-coach Jim Strickland, the team demonstrated talent and drive that will be crucial in their attempt to improve on last year's 4-10 league record.

Strickland, who plays professional baseball, pumped in 31 points and in general led the team offensively and defensively.

Third-year student Tom Lesure and second-year student Larry Alexander, leading scorers for New College last year, also scored in double figures, with 12 and 14 points, respectively.

Second-year student George Finkle made some sparkling defensive plays before fouling out in the last quarter.

A full squad of 12 players suited up for the game, and everybody got a chance to play, as with 55 seconds left and an 11 point lead, Strickland cleared the bench.

Significantly, Strickland was able to rest his starters periodically; the team last year could not afford to do so.

The starters this year include Lesure at center, Alexander and assistant Coach Pete Odell at forwards, and Strickland and first-year student Steve Knowles at guards.

(Knowles turned in a spirited performance while notching seven points, but third-year student John Cranor is expected to give him a tough battle for his starting spot when Cranor returns to campus in January.)

New College's next game is set for 9 pm Monday against Ebersole Sod Farms at Riverview High. Spectators are welcome, and the college bus will be available for transportation.

This week's game started slowly for the New College cagers, as cold shooting forced them into an early 5-1 deficit.

As the game progressed, however, New College began to dominate the boards and the tempo of the game.

Oyster Bar was forced to shoot from the outside for the last three quarters, while Strickland and company got hot and scored inside.

The Oyster Bar, which was at a manpower disadvantage in terms of height and bench strength, played doggedly, however, and the outcome was not clear until the final minutes.

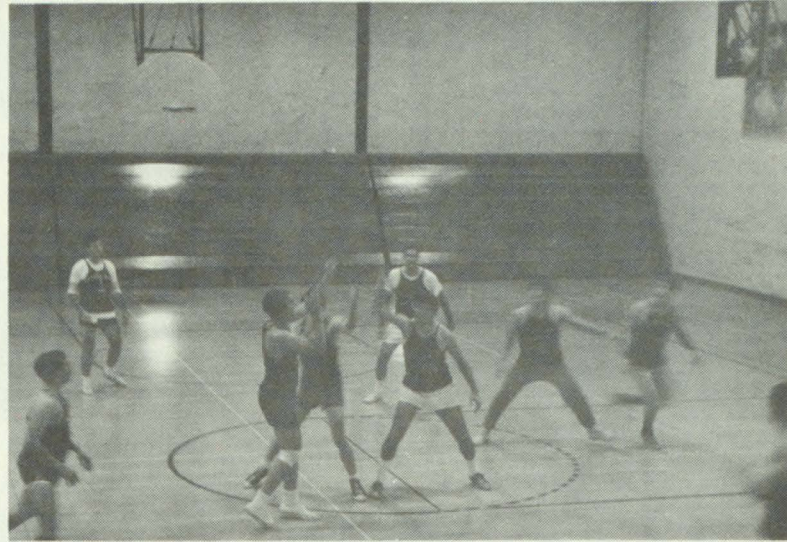
New College's 71 points is a team record for regulation play.

Strickland's 31 points failed to top Lesure's club record of 38.

New College				Oyster Bar			
G	F	T		G	F	T	
Strickland	13	5-5	31	Ringo	7	3-5	17
Alexander	6	2-4	14	Cripe	4	7-10	15
Lesure	5	2-3	12	Looney	2	1-1	5
Knowles	3	1-5	7	Morgan	1	3-4	5
O'Dell	1	0-3	2	Mulligan	2	0-2	4
Norwine	1	0-1	2	Smithers	0	1-3	1
Finkle	1	0-1	2	Bixler	7	0-4	14
Brookins	0	1-1	1				
Totals	30	11-23	71	Totals	23	15-29	61



Exhausted New College cagers pause for a breath and a look at the scoreboard during a time-out. They are, l. to r.: Pete Odell, Tom Lesure, Larry Alexander, Dean of Students Robert Norwine, Jim Strickland, and George Finkle.



An Oyster Bar player shoots, as members of both teams maneuver for a possible rebound.

Wrestlers Place In Invitational

Competing as representatives of the Luttrell Wrestling School in Sarasota, four New College students placed at an invitational wrestling tournament Dec. 3 at the St. Petersburg YMCA.

First-year students Mac Greene and Bob Kennison took first-places in the 145 lb. and heavyweight divisions, respectively.

First-year student Ken Maruskin and second-year student Dick Ogburn won second-places in the 154 lb. and 177 lb. divisions respectively.

Greene, Maruskin, and Ogburn form part of a New College team that is competing today in an open tournament in St. Petersburg.

At last year's open tournament a New College team took three firsts, two seconds, and two third-places in their competitive debut.

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